

40 Howard Street
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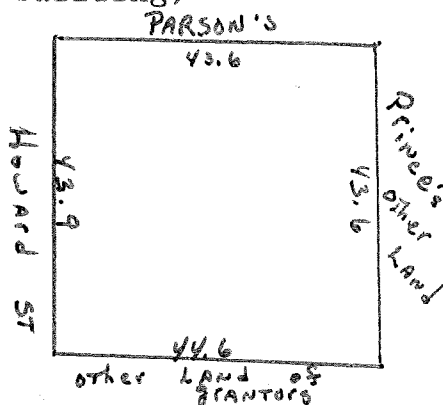
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This one story pitch roof house was built for John Prince Jr., mariner, in 1852.

The land on the east side of Howard St. was formerly occupied by Haraden's ropewalk (cordage factory), which fronted on 18 Brown St. and extended the length of Howard St. down to the river. (the north river was much wider and covered most of what is now Howard St. extension) In the book "Salem and the Indies", James Duncan Phillips describes a ropewalk as "a building as long as the longest rope desired, and for long cables this meant something like two hundred and eighty yards (740'); thus a ropewalk was a conspicuous object in the landscape. They also had to be straight. In the earlier days they had been shorter, but increased with the size of ships". The Haraden family ran this walk for many years, Jonathan Haraden, was a distinguished privateersman of the Revolution, with a reputation in France and Spain as well as at home. When the 32 gun frigate "Essex" was built in 1799 Haraden made the ropes for the mainmast.

In 1843 Haraden's heirs sold the ropewalk and piece by piece it was moved to the north parish in Danvers. After the removal of the ropewalk the land was divided and sold by house lots, one of which John Prince Jr., teamster purchased from Jonathan and Andrew Haraden, ropemakers, on Sept. 11, 1843, for \$300. (no building)



John Prince owned a house and land at 27 Williams St. and this lot abutted his backyard. The first mention of a house on the Howard St. lot is in the mortgage taken May 20, 1852 by John Prince and his wife Sarah from John Howard, conveying their house and land on Williams St. and also the lot of land and dwelling house on Howard St., the same conveyed in book 339 page 81. (book 461 page 57) John and Sarah financed the building for their son John Prince Jr., for the Salem tax records for the year 1852 show John Prince Jr. age 32 taxed for unfinished house valued at \$500, at number 26 Howard St. (since renumbered #40)

Know all Men by these Presents, That We,
Jonathan Baraden and Andrew Baraden both of Salem
in the County of Essex Rope makers:

in consideration of three hundred dollars to us paid by

John Prince junior, of said Salem: Testator

the receipt whereof *We* do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell, and convey unto
the said

Prince his heirs and assigns a certain parcel of land in
said Salem and bounded as follows. *viz.* beginning at the Northwest
corner of his land by Williams Street which is Northeast of the
lot hereby conveyed, running Westerly by land of Parsons and measuring
forty three feet six inches to Howard Street, then Southerly by Howard
Street bounded Westerly thereby forty three feet nine inches then
bounding Southerly on other land of said Grantors forty four feet
six inches, and then running Northerly by said Princes other
land and bounded Easterly thereby forty three feet six inches,
with the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging:

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted premises to the said Prince

and his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever. And *We*
do covenant with the said Prince

his heirs and assigns, that *We* are lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises;
that they are free of all incumbrances;

that *We* have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Prince,

And that *We* will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Prince, his
heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In Witness Whereof, We the said Jonathan and Andrew and we Sally wife of said Jonathan and Augusta
wife of said Andrew who in consideration of one dollar paid them hereby release to said Prince all their several rights of dower in the
same have hereunto set our hands and seals this eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of us,
Jno. Glen King;
Lydia Anne Lee.
Sarah H. Rose.

Essex, ss. Sept. 11th. 1843. Then the
above-named

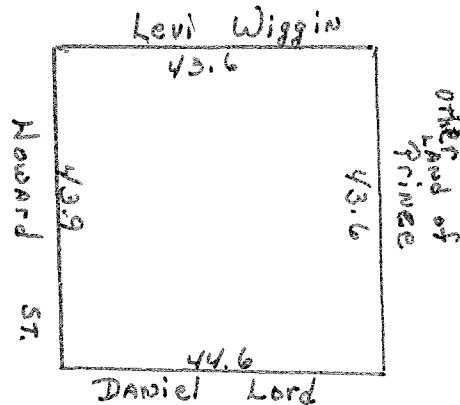
Jonathan Baraden and Andrew Baraden severally
acknowledged the above Instrument to be their free act and deed,

before me, Jno. Glen King. Justice of the Peace.

Jonathan Baraden. seal.
Andrew Baraden. seal.
Sally Baraden. seal
Augusta Baraden. seal

John Prince Jr., mariner (b. 1820) married Hannah B. Collins (b. 1826) daughter of James Collins, ropemaker. The couple are listed in the 1850 federal census as living with the Collins family at 14 English St. They probably continued to live there until their new house was completed in 1852. Two children were born to the couple; John Albert born 1850 and George B. born 1853.

On March 7, 1859, John Prince, baker and Sarah his wife sell to John Prince Jr. mariner land and buildings for \$550;



subject to a mortgage of \$500 to John Howard Jr., this day to be cancelled. (book 600 page 299)

The 1860 census lists John Prince Jr. age 40, mariner; Hannah B. age 35; John A. age 9; and George B. age 7.

On Feb. 21, 1864 John Prince, master mariner, died at the age of 44. The property was left to Hannah and her sons. (Probate #50958)

The 1870 census shows John 19, laborer, (now the head of the family) Hannah B. 40, (Hannah seems to be getting younger) and George B. 17, grocer.

On Aug. 7, 1875 both boys have come of age and sign over their rights to the property to their mother, Hannah. On Aug. 21, 1875, Hannah mortgages the property to the Salem Five Cents Savings Bank for \$1,300, the same land conveyed by Haraden to Prince, book 339 page 81 and to my late husband John Jr. book 600 page 299 and to me by heirs John A. and George B. on Aug. 7, 1875. (book 935 page 19)

Nov. 28, 1876, book 967 page 131 states: Henry J. Cross, treasurer and collector of taxes, assessed and certified the sum of \$22,68 was on Oct. 4, 1875 as a proportional part of charge of making a certain main drain or common sewer in Howard St., to be paid by Mrs. John Prince, alias Hannah B., as person benefited by said drain. The assessment was not paid within 3 months after demand for non payment. An auction was held, no person bid, then in behalf of the city of Salem, Henry J. Cross purchased the estate for \$26.18.

The 1880 census shows living at #26 Howard St.:

William Evans	-age 50-	occupation, tobacconist
Elizabeth Evans	" 45	his wife
Joseph Evans	" 27	son, clerk in office
Hannah Prince	" 50	boarder
John A. Prince	" 30	boarder, teacher

On Feb. 1902, Hannah B. Prince dies, in her will made out Aug. 12, 1894, she leaves:

to Earle S. Prince	\$5	
Ray W. Prince	5	all of Washinton D.C.
Fern H. Prince	5	

the children of my deceased son John Albert Prince
To my son George Bickford Prince all the rest of the estate.
(Probate # 89874)

Salem News, Feb. 21, 1902; Hannah Prince, widow of John, died at the age of 76 years 6 months 29 days. The funeral will take place from her late home at 40 Howard St. She had suffered from heart trouble for some time but ate supper with her son George, apparently well as usual. Later in the evening when Mr. Prince again called on her, previous to going to his own home, he found his mother dead on the couch. Her husband died several years ago, she leaves one son.

The property was rented out for a few years, some of the tenants were:

1905	Arther F. Willey, foreman,	house 40 Howard St.
1905	" " " "	" " " "
	Mrs. Maria Osborne widow of David	" " "
1915	Annie M. Mead	house 40 Howard St.
	Joseph Mead, teamster,	" " " "
	William Mead, laborer,	" " " "
	Mrs. Rena Peirce	" " " "

On Mar. 7, 1912, George Prince died and left all his estate to his wife Ida M. Prince. In the probate of Ida's estate #127750, she leaves two sons Percy S. and Harold S. Prince, all her estate:

Cash	\$522.50	
Real estate	house and land 37 Buffum St.	\$3,200
	house and land 40 Howard St. subject to mortgage of \$1,300 and another mortgage of \$250	

On Aug. 9, 1921, the city of Salem released their rights in the property it obtained under deed of Henry J. Cross, treasurer and collector of Salem, to the heirs Harold and Percy Prince. The city council authorized the release July 28, 1921.
(book 2490 page 494)

The same day Harold S. Prince of Danvers and Percy S. Prince of Barrytown N.Y. sold to Julia and Bridget Donahue, of Salem the land and buildings at 40 Howard St. subject to a mortgage given by Hannah B. Prince to Salem Savings bank Aug. 1875.
(book 2490 page 495)

The Donahue sisters were two little old Irish ladies that went everywhere together, when they walked downtown, a piece of paper could not fit between them they were so close.

On Oct. 1, 1957, Julia and Bridget Donahue drew a deed putting the property in the names of Julia and Bridget Donahue and Eleanor and Robert G. Ambrose as joint tenants, the land and buildings, subject to a mortgage to the Five Cents Savings Bank, the same conveyed to us by deed of Howard Prince et al, Aug. 11, 1921, book 2490 page 495. (book 4407 page 312) (Eleanor and Robert Ambrose are brother and sister, cousins of the Donahue sisters)

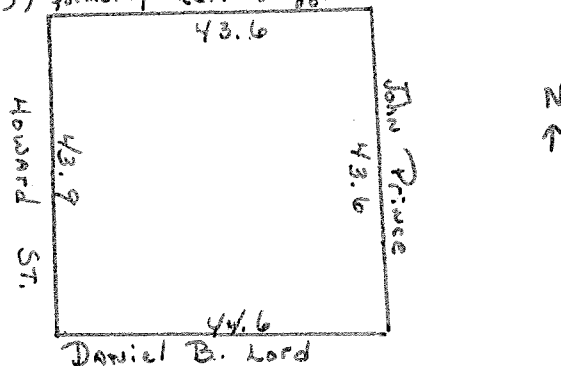
Oct. 29, 1958, Eleanor and Robert G. Ambrose, of Salem, sell to Honora M. Hayes, land and buildings, 40 Howard St. the same conveyed to us by Julia Donahue et al, Oct. 1, 1957. Julia Donahue died June 18, 1958 and Bridget Donahue died June 19, 1958. (book 4509 page 153)

Salem News, June 18, 1958: Julia Donahue of 40 Howard St. a retired employee of Wilkinson Counter Co. of Salem died early today after a long illness. Surviving is a sister Bridget.

Salem News, June 19, 1958: Double funeral of Julia and Bridget Donahue, daughters of the late William and Mary (Cleary) Donahue. (they died as they had lived, together everywhere)

Oct. 25, 1961, Honora M. Hayes of Salem sold to David E. and Honora M. Hayes, husband and wife, the same premises conveyed to Honora M. Hayes by Eleanor Ambrose et al, 40 Howard St. also land and buildings 8 Mall St. (book 4833 page 167)

David E. Hayes and Honora M. Hayes, husband and wife, tenants by entirety sold to Kenneth E. Lindauer of 21 Cabot St. Salem. (book 6457 page 745) *formerly Levi Wiggin*



portion of premises conveyed to us by Honora M. Hayes on Oct. 25, 1961.

(Reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds, all probate numbers can be found in Probate Court, both located in the same building on Federal St., Salem)

