

111 Federal Street

Built in 1793 by Abner Goodhue, Blacksmith

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The house at 111 Federal Street is located in one of the most architecturally prominent neighborhoods in Salem. The surrounding houses are a testament to the late eighteenth century, when the United States was still in its infancy. The Federal style was a popular architectural trend, and is reflected in the house as well as many others on Federal Street. The house was built in 1793 by Abner Goodhue, a Salem blacksmith. Tax records list the year of construction clearly, and also note the fact that a shop existed either as part of the house or as a separate building on the property [See *attached tax record for 1793*]. Goodhue had purchased the land in March 1792 from John and Sarah Warden, who had purchased the plot from Edmund Bickford. Goodhue lived in the house until 1830. Unfortunately, street and name directories did not exist until 1836, making it difficult to determine what other family members may have lived in the house at this time.

In 1830, the house was purchased for \$1200.00 by James King, who is listed as a "gentleman" in the deed. He probably lived in the house until 1838, when he probably died, since James King, administrator of his estate, conveyed the property to Elizabeth, James' widow. In May of 1838, the property was auctioned off to Joel Bowker, who owned the property until 1855, when Rufus Gifford, a carpenter, purchased the property for \$1575.00. Two years later, the property was transferred to George Brown and James Gifford for \$1.00 plus "trust contained in an indenture." This means that that the cost of the house included an "indenture," which probably meant a work arrangement between grantor and grantee. It appears as though the owners of the house between 1838

and 1864 did not live in the house, but welcomed tenants instead. The *Salem Directory* lists the owners as living in other houses in the city.

It is only during the 1860's that the *Salem Directory* begins to list the occupants of the house. In 1864, as the Civil War threatened to tear the United States apart, Alpheus Crosby and his wife, Martha, moved into the house. Alpheus Crosby was a prominent member of the community, since he was the principal of the Salem Normal School, which was founded in 1854 with the mission of educating women for teaching careers. The original building where Crosby carried out his duties is located on Broad Street. Salem State College is the direct descendent of the Salem Normal School. Crosby lived in the house until his death in 1874 [*Salem Directory*, 1864, 1869, 1876--see attached article on Alpheus Crosby].

In 1879, the house came under the ownership of the Chisholm family, who would live in the house until the 1950's. William Chisholm bought the house from Martha Crosby in 1879. The Chisholm family is representative of the shift in Salem's economy in the late nineteenth century. Whereas in the earlier half of the century a career at sea was common, by the 1890's Salem was part of the trend toward industrialization. William was employed as a currier in the leather trade, which was booming in this period (especially in Peabody). The job of the currier was to tan leather. Unfortunately the *Salem Directory* does not list William's wife. However, his two sons, Wallace and William, Jr., are listed. William Jr. was employed as a clerk at W.C. Packard & Co, Furniture [*Salem Directory*, 1884]. Wallace was employed as a clerk at the Salem Savings Bank. Wallace would spend the remainder of his life in the house, raising a family with his wife, Edith. He also rose through the ranks at the Salem Savings Bank, so that by 1940 he was a Vice-

President and a Trustee of the bank [see attached advertisement-*Salem Directory*, 1890-91, 1893-1894, 1897-1898, 1899-1900, 1910, 1920, 1924, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950]. Wallace died in the late 1940's, and Edith lived in the house until the mid-1950's.

The house number fluctuated during the period 1874 to 1896. The 1874 *Map of Salem* shows the house as located at 109 Federal Street, which it was to remain until the late 1880's, when it briefly became 119 Federal Street. Since 1896 it has been 111 Federal Street.

In 1950, ownership of the house passed into the hands of Joseph and Mary Hanley. The *Salem Directory* does not list their occupations, but does list the names of those who were tenants in the house. In the early 1960's, Raymond and Helen Krajewski lived in the house [*Salem Directory*, 1960]. Raymond was employed as a machinist at General Electric. In the 1970's, Mary continued to live in the house after the death of Joseph earlier in the decade [*Salem Directory*, 1970, 1975]. In the early 1980's, Mary lived in the house with tenants Clyde and M. Evelyn Knapp and Mark and Debra Schory [*Salem Directory*, 1980]. In the mid-1980's, Ronald and Helen Jedraszek resided in the house. Ronald was employed as a civil engineer [*Salem Directory*, 1986].

In 1992, Leslie and Paul Tuttle purchased the house, and are the current owners.

DEEDS

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book 153, Leaf 272

Grantor: John Warden, Housewright and Sarah Warden (land purchased from Edmund Bickford)

Grantee: Abner Goodhue

Consideration: £43 (pounds)

Date: March 7, 1792

ECRD Book 258, Leaf 164

Grantor: Abner Goodhue

Grantee: James King

Consideration: \$1200.00

Date: August 1830

ECRD Book 305, Leaf 294

Grantor: John King, Administrator for the estate of James King

Grantee: Elizabeth King, wife of James

Consideration: ~~\$1200.00~~

Date: May 1838

Grantor: Elizabeth King

Grantee: Joel Bowker, Merchant

Consideration: ~~\$1289.00~~

Date: March 1838

May 1838: Abner Goodhue, Jr. sells Federal Street property as well as other properties from his father's estate at public auction to Joel Bowker (wife Lucretia) for the sum of \$1.00 (see also Bowker/King transaction of same month).

ECRD Book 511, Page 292

Grantor: Joel and Lucretia Bowker

Grantee: Rufus Gifford, Carpenter

Consideration: \$1575.00

Date: April 20, 1855

ECRD Book 552, Page 278

Grantor: Rufus and Sarah Gifford

Grantee: George Brown and James Gifford

Consideration: \$1.00 plus "trust contained in an indenture"

Date: May 18, 1857

ECRD Book 555, Page 142

Grantor: George Brown (wife Lucia)

Grantee: James Gifford, Carpenter (wife Marcia)

Consideration: \$3000.00

Date: July 2, 1857

ECRD Book 656, Leaf 93

Grantor: Alpheus Crosby of Salem

Grantee: George Ropes and Joseph A. Ropes of Salem

Consideration: \$1500.00

Date: October 8, 1863

ECRD Book 1026, Page 226

Grantor: Martha Crosby, Widow

Grantee: William Chisholm

Consideration: \$4000.00

Date: November 5, 1879

ECRD Book 1417, Page 56

Grantor: William Chisholm

Grantee: Wallace Chisholm

Consideration: \$1.00

Date: April 1, 1893

ECRD Book 2279, Page 389

Grantor: Madaline M. Briggs of Danvers

Grantee: Wallace A. Chisholm and Edith C. Chisholm of Salem

Consideration: \$1.00 and other valuable considerations

Date: March 6, 1913

ECRD Book 3726, Page 454

Grantor: William Chisholm of Marblehead

Grantee: Joseph G. Hanley and Mary A. Hanley

Consideration: for consideration paid

Date: March 20, 1950

ECRD Book 10716, Page 164

Grantor: Mary A. Hanley

Grantee: Norma Doucette and Agnes J. Carty, Trustees of 111 Federal Street

Consideration: less than \$100.00

Date: February 4, 1991

ECRD Book 11346, Page 278

Grantor: Agnes J. Carty of Amesbury and Norma Doucette of N. Berwick, Maine

Grantee: Paul and Leslie Tuttle

Date: June 18, 1992

HOUSE RESEARCH AND PLAQUE APPLICATION:

Date: 9-9-97

Name: Leslie & Chip Tuttle

Address: 111 Federal St

Telephone Home: 744.1991  
Work: 744.4446

Name of Property Owner(s):  
Leslie & Chip (Paul) Tuttle

When and From Whom Property Acquired:  
Agnes Hanley June 1902

Age of Building if Known:  
approx 200 years

Any Additional Information Which May Be Helpful:

Houses to be researched must be built prior to 1914.

A deposit of \$100.00 must be paid before research can begin.

Price is \$175.00 for house research and plaque and includes one year's household membership to Historic Salem, Inc. \$165.00 for Seniors.

I did some preliminary research on the house.  
Attached please find a copy of my notes. Unfortunately  
I've misplaced a couple of pages of my notes.

Leslie & Chip Tuttle

FYI. The house # appears to change at some point. I recall con



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Real Estate

1793

21

Bank of Montreal 1

30

Bank of England 2

Bank of America 1

Bank of the South 1

Bank of the West 1

15

Bank of the North 2

15

Bank of the East 1

Bank of the Middle 1

Bank of the West }  
Bank of the North }

250

James Smith 1

15

Stephen Smith 1

Bank of the West }  
Bank of the North }

200

~~James Smith~~  
~~Stephen Smith~~ }

Bank of the West }  
Bank of the North }

25

James Smith 1

25

Stephen Smith 1

Bank of the West }  
Bank of the North }

60

Wages Stryer	1		
Frederic Stryer	1	pt. of a House & School House	250
James Goodale	1	House	75
Stephen Goodhue	1	2/3 <sup>rd</sup> House, 1/2 <sup>nd</sup> Com <sup>ty</sup> Right & Wharf	200
<del>Robert Goodhue</del>		<del>2/3<sup>rd</sup> Com<sup>ty</sup> Rights</del>	<del>25</del>
Justina Goodale	0	House & Com <sup>ty</sup> Rights	225
Sam Gerrish	2	House & Truck Lines	260
Benj <sup>n</sup> Goodhue jun <sup>r</sup>	1		
Jon <sup>n</sup> Garet	1	part House & Prop.	100
Wm <sup>m</sup> Garet	1		
John Garet			
James Gould	1	part of a House & Prop.	200
Isabel G. Glover	1	House	150
Henry Gardner	1	Homestead w <sup>th</sup> 1/2 <sup>nd</sup> Com <sup>ty</sup> Right	500
* Alice Goodhue	2	part House & Prop.	150
Justina Grant jun <sup>r</sup>	1		
Henry Gibbs		Homestead	500
Sam <sup>l</sup> Grant, Sons Coll	1	part of a House	150
John Goff	1	pt. of a House	30
Joseph Glover	1	Prop.	120
Isabel Goodale	1	pt. of a House	20
	25		3135

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## Essex County Registry

BOOK 153 p. 272 March 7, 1792

John Warden (w. Sarah) sold to Abner Goodhue (w. Frances) one parcel of land for 43 pounds. Warden had purchased the land from Edmund Bickford. John Warden was a housewight.

BOOK 258 p. 164 August 1830

Abner Goodhue sold to James King land with "large dwelling house" for \$1200. (or sold mortgage in house??) Abner Goodhue = Blacksmith.

BOOK 305 p. 294/295 May 1838

(John King (administrator for the estate of James King sells "mortgage?" to Elizabeth King (wife of James for \$1200)

Elizabeth King sells "mortgage?" to Joel Bowker for \$1289)  
(merchant)

Book 305 p. 294/295 (continued) | March 1838 |

Abner Goodhue Jr. gives S. John King (lawyer for both Goodhue & Elizabeth King) power of attorney

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City Directories 1842/1846 list \*Joel Bowker residing @ 9 Crombie St.

April 20, 1855

Book 511 p. 292

Joel and Lucretia Bowker sell to Rufus Gifford for \$1575.00

City Directory 1853 lists Rufus Gifford boarding @ 118 Federal St.

May 18, 1857

Book 552 p. 278

Rufus and Sarah Gifford sell to George Brown and James Gifford for \$1 plus "contained in an indenture."

Book 555 p. 142

July 2 1857

George Brown (w. Lucia) and James Gifford (w. Marcia), carpenter sell to Charlotte Ropes for \$3000.

Book 656 p. 93

October 7, 1863

George (Captain - resides 59 Essex) and Joseph (merchant - resides 21 Washington)

Book 1026 p. 226

November 5, 1879

Martha Crosby (widow) sells to William Chisholm for \$4000.

Book 1417 p. 56

April, 1893

William Chisholm sells to Wallace Chisholm for \$1000

March 6, 1913

Wallace Chisholm sells house &  
property to Mary Briggs for \$1-  
buys back same day for \$1