

# Historic Salem incorporated

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7 Lynn Street  
Built for  
DAVID BOYCE, cordwainer  
in 1782

Research by,  
Judy Schroeter  
Nov. 1982

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and to work for the education of the community  
in the true value of the same."*

1.  
Land & House on 7 Lynn St., Salem, Ma.

The land is bounded and described as follows:  
northerly by land now or late of Tabour  
westerly by land now or late of Shreve  
southerly by land now or late of Bell  
easterly by Lynn St.

Book Page

6892, 652 (1981) Robin Hodgson and Nancy Schroeter purchased on Dec 18, 1981 the land and house at 7 Lynn St. from Helen Hamilton's Estate.

5009, 598 (1962) Helen Hamilton bought the house from Edward and Blanche Fulton (Nov. 7, 62)

4603, 145 (1959) The Fultons purchased the house in Sept 25, 1959 from Maria J. McDermott

Essex Probates #200239 (1920) Maria McDermott inherited the house by the will of Michael O'Rourke and wife Josephine on April 20, 1920

~~B. 4603, 145~~  
2184, 44 (1912) Michael O'Rourke <sup>Mrs. Josephine O'Rourke (wife of Michael)</sup> purchased the house from Ellen McCarthy Nov. 20, 1912

1732, 1 (1904) The house had been given to Ellen McCarthy by M. Josephine McCarthy on Jan 18, 1904

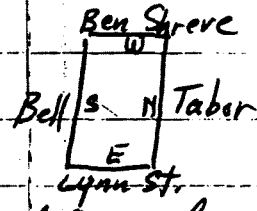
B 1605, 111 (1900) M. Josephine McCarthy received the property from Dennis and Ellen McCarthy on March 22, 1900 for \$1.50

936, 207  
 (1875)  
~~751, 149~~ Dennis and Ellen received the property from Michael  
 McCarthy on Sept 4, 1875 as conveyed in deed of  
 Samuel Shepard to Dennis and Michael McCarthy  
 on 7-25, 1868. It appears that on Sept 4, 1875  
 Michael and Anne McCarthy sold to Dennis and  
 Ellen McCarthy his half of the house ---- "one  
 undivided half of the following parcel of land  
 for \$1300 on 9/14/1875.

751, 149  
 (1868) Dennis and Michael McCarthy had purchased the  
 land and house from Samuel Shepard & wife  
 Anna Maria Shepard for \$2200 on July 25, 1868

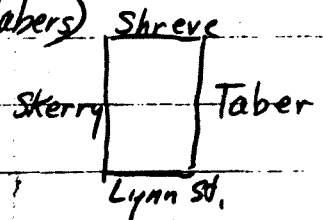
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Book 722, 93 Samuel Sheppard's wife Anna Maria Sheppard  
bought from Wm. Brigham for \$1000 land and  
May 1, 1867 buildings described:

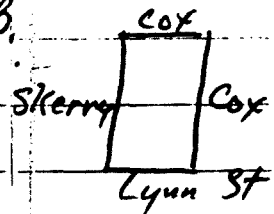


May 1, 1867 Wm Brigham bought the same from Samuel Sheppard  
on the same day. Wm Brigham acting as a 3<sup>rd</sup> party instrument

Book 722, 176 Samuel Sheppard bought from Benjamin Cox land &  
Apr. 24, 1867 \$1800, (at the same time B. Cox sold land to Tabers) Shreve  
(mortgage for \$800 to B. Hawkes  
paid off in 1868)



Book 531, 172 Benjamin Cox, Jr. (physician) bought from Sarah St.  
Beckford (widow of Benjamin) for \$1450 the land,  
May 15, 1856 dwelling house and buildings which Robt. Pele, admin  
of the will of Daniel Lang of Salem, deceased, conveyed  
to her late husband Benjamin C.B.



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Book 323, 261 Benjamin C. Beckford, cordwainer, bought from Robt Pele, ad  
Apr 10, 1841 of will of Daniel Lang for \$1200, a certain estate in Lynn St.  
consisting of a dwelling house, land and <sup>out</sup> buildings, being  
numbered 7 on said street, the same estate formerly owned

4.  
by David Boyce (sold to him by Benjamin Goodhue,  
Heirs of David Boyce conveyed the same to Daniel Lang.

Book 141, 92 David Boyce, shoemaker of Salem, bought from  
Aug 27, 1782 Benjamin Goodhue for 70 pounds, 2 shillings & sixpence  
a certain piece of land being part of a field  
which Benj. Goodhue bought of Benj. Beckford. It  
is situated near the new street so called and  
through which field a road is lately laid out  
from the new street to the water. The lot is  
bounded and described as follows beginning on  
the road laid out at the bounds of a lot that  
B. Goodhue sold Ely. Goves and running westerly  
by Goves land at rt. angles with the road afore  
said 110 ft. to land of Appleton, then running  
<sup>southerly</sup>  
~~westerly~~ by Appleton land 61' 6", then running  
easterly at rt. angles with road until it meets  
road 118', then running northerly on road 60' until  
it meets the bounds first mentioned, containing  
4  $\frac{2}{3}$  poles.

Map dated 1780 at Essex  
Institute shows no Lynn St. so  
possibly it was laid out as  
here stated about 1781-1782

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Copied from microfilm tax records at The  
Essex Institute

	Ward 4	Real Estate	Personal Estate
1782	David Boyce	$\frac{1}{4}$ house & pt. of shop	faculty
1784-85	David Boice	pt. house	stock & facult
1786	David Boyce	part house & shop	
1790	David Boyce	part house & shop	stock
1791	David Boyce	<del>part</del> home, shop, land	stock
1796	David Boyce	house and shop	stock
1797	David Boyce	house and shop	stock
1798	David Boyce	house and shop	stock

To the Honorable  
of Probate for the County of Essex.

David A. White  
Esquire, Judge

Pursuant to a warrant from your honor, we, the subscribers, the Committee therein named, having been first sworn, have made the following

INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF

David Boyce

late of  
to us by the Administrator

in said County, deceased, testate, as shown

REAL ESTATE.

1<sup>st</sup> Messuage & other buildings with land under } \$1000.00  
and adjoining Sitlington's Spin street }  
Person's Estate.

1 Brass and more bellows	75	- 1 Mallogony Desk	3.50	4.25
1 Mahogany Table	2.00	1 old Carpet	2.00	5.00
3 Feather Beds - 6 Pillows & 13 Bolsters	12.00	2 Bedsteads	21.25	21.25
2 Bedsteads	5.00	2 Bedsteads	5.00	1.00
1 hand-cupped Desk	1.00	1 hand-cupped table of mahogany	1.75	1.75
1 Mallogony Mahogony Table	1.50	2 Sighet Stands	5.00	2.00
8 Wagon wheels & chains	1.50	17 Chains of different kinds	7.00	3.20
10 Sighet Tables	1.00	4 Chests	6.00	5.00
1 B. Bedstead with 2 Pillows	7.50	1 pair feet Mahogony table	2.75	2.75
1 B. Bedstead with 2 Pillows	2.50	2 Bedsteads	5.00	7.50
4 Buckets & 2 half Dr.	1.00	1 Blotter horse	.40	1.40
5 prs. Hand Irons & 6 Iron Trenches	3.00	1 Pistol	1.00	4.00
1 Sponge & 1 pr. glass	1.00	5 of Cast Irons	1.00	2.00
2 prs. of Bellows	34	1 pr. Shovel & Tongues	2.00	2.34
1 Trench - 12 Square Bottles	1.00	4 or one yellow Bottles	.50	1.50

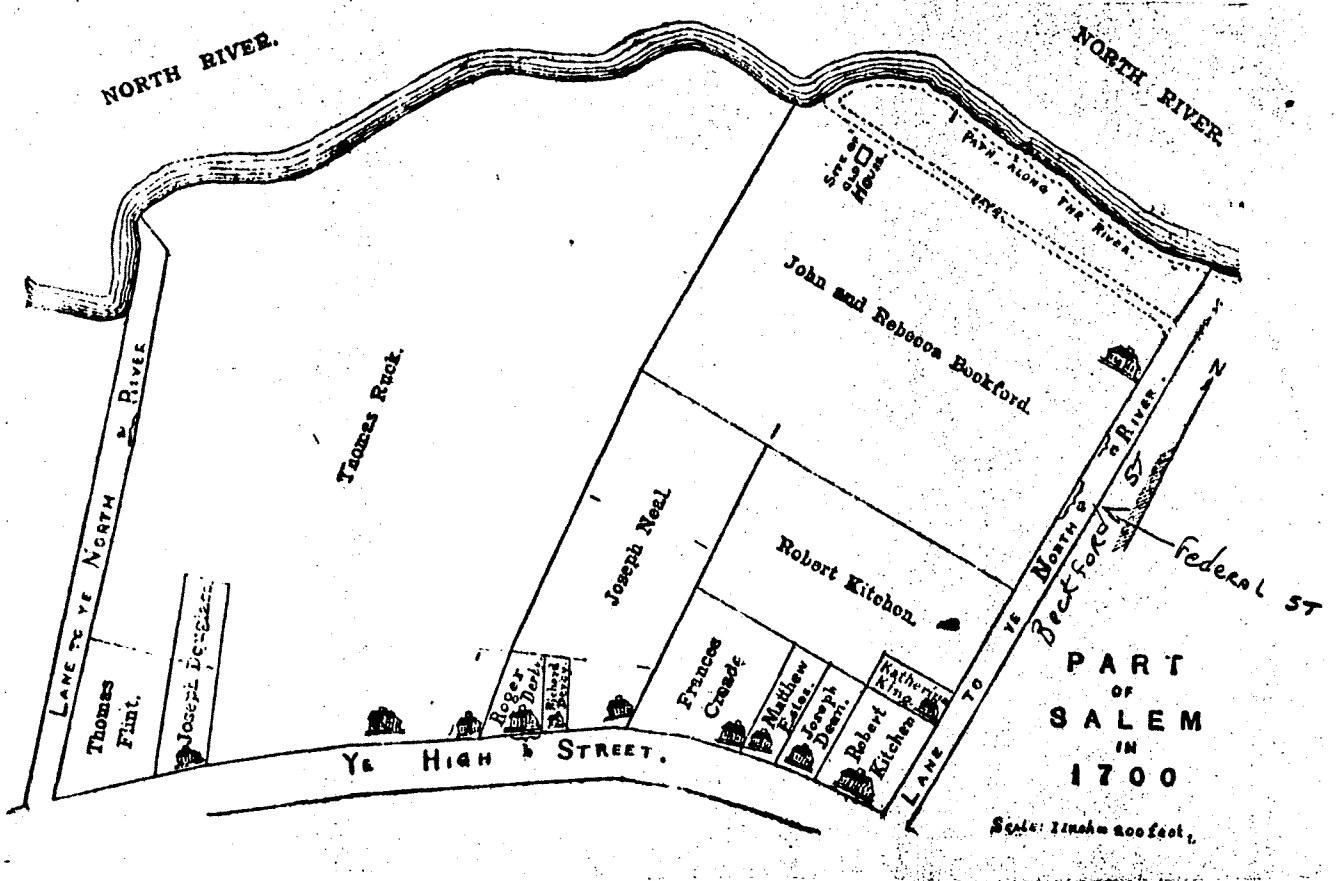
Will of David Boyce  
1749 died 1838

David, cordwainer, of Salem was a Revolutionary pensienner. He bought the land at 7 Lynn St. in 1782 from Benj. Goodhue. His wife Hannah Lang, died Feb. 11, 1825. of bilious colic. She was 66. He died in 1838 at age 89. It seems they had no children as he left his estate to a nephew David Boyce and nieces of his wife, children of Nathaniel Lang, - Nath, Hannah, Daniel, Nancy Richard, Eliza, Lucy.

Probate Docket 2924

NOTES OF INTEREST by Joyce King

The lot on which this house stands was part of a large tract of land owned by the Beckford family for many years:



Occupants of 7 Lynn St. 1850 (census)						
Sarah G. Beckford	age	46			born	Mass.
John E.	"	13			"	"
Sarah F.	"	8			"	"
2nd family						
John Henfield	"	36	cordwainer		"	"
Dorcas	"	31			"	"
Ann E.	"	10			"	"
Ellen M.	"	5			"	"
William Haskell	"	59	cabinetmaker		"	"

1862 May 31st, 12½ p.m. An alarm of fire caused by the burning of a barn situated in the rear of houses Nos. 7 and 9 Lynn street together with the contents, comprising some property owned by Mr. Samuel Sheppard who occupies No. 9, and a quantity of furniture stored there by Mrs. Morse, valued at about \$300. The building was not very valuable, and Mrs. Morse is probably the greatest loser, as she was not insured. Dwelling-house No. 7 was considerably damaged by fire and water. Engines were present from Danvers, and one, the Silver Gray, from Lynn.



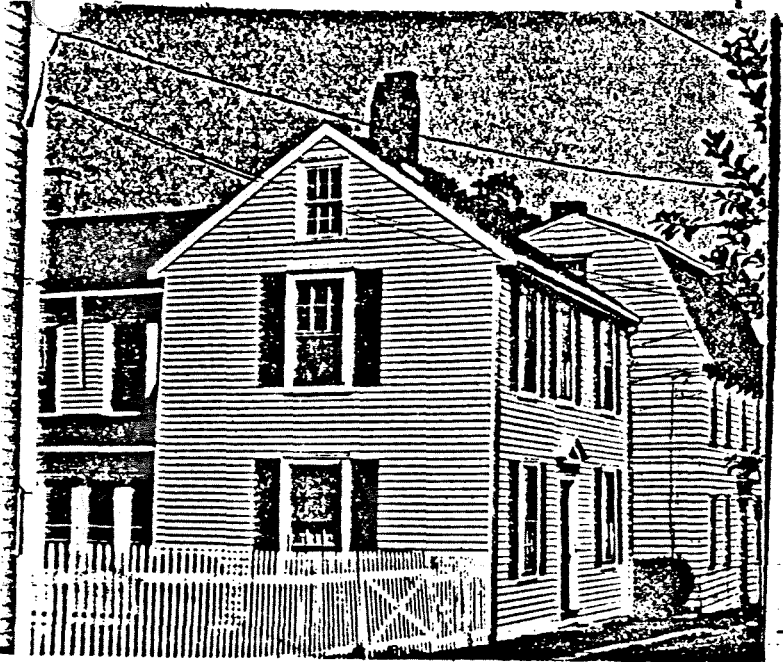
SAM Block 26  
LOT 579

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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
State House Boston

In Area no. BB/55	Form no. 83 412
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1. Town Salem

Address 7 Lynn Street

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Present use Residence

Present owner Helen M. Hamilton

3. Description:

Date 18th century

Source S.H.D.S.C.I.

Style pre-Federal

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features simple pedimented  
entrance with original front door

Altered  Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less  Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 60'

Approximate distance of building from street

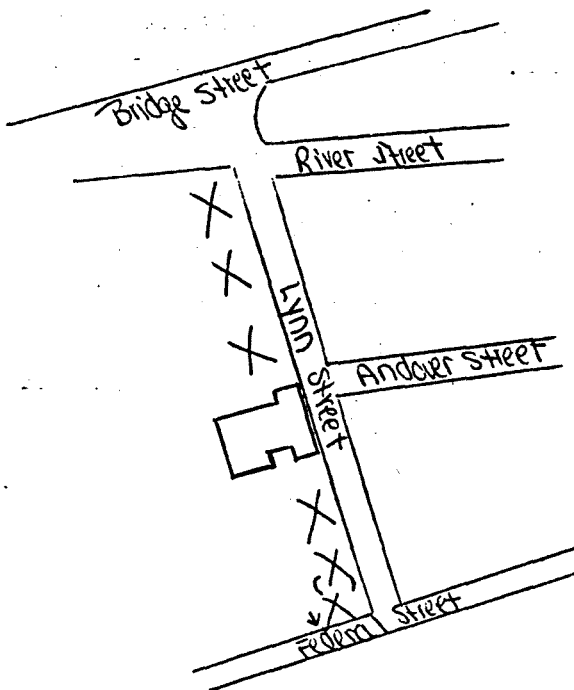
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6. Recorded by E.B. Wheaton

Organization S.H.C.

Date September 1975

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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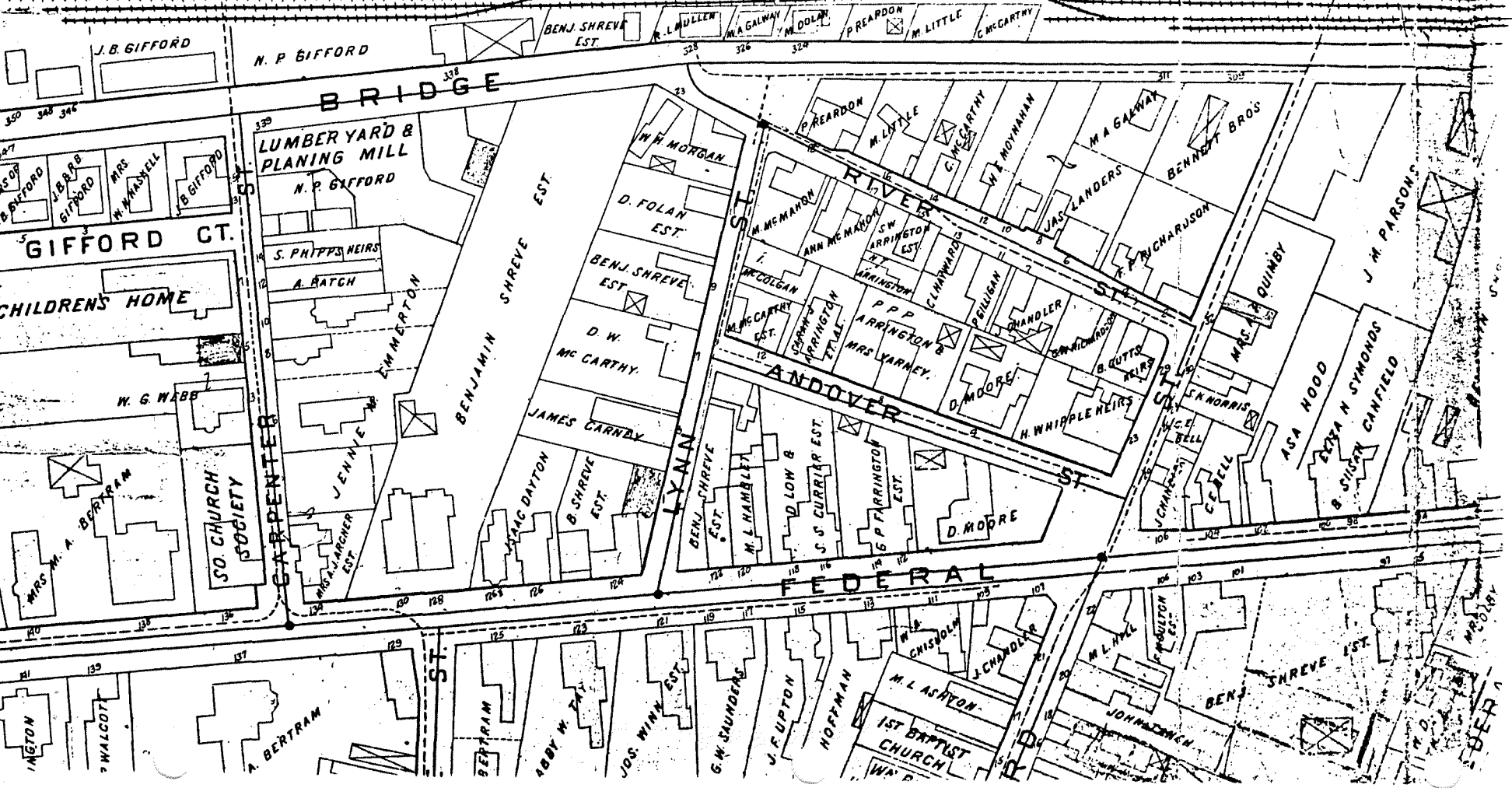
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RIVER CANAL

EASTERN RAIL ROAD CO.

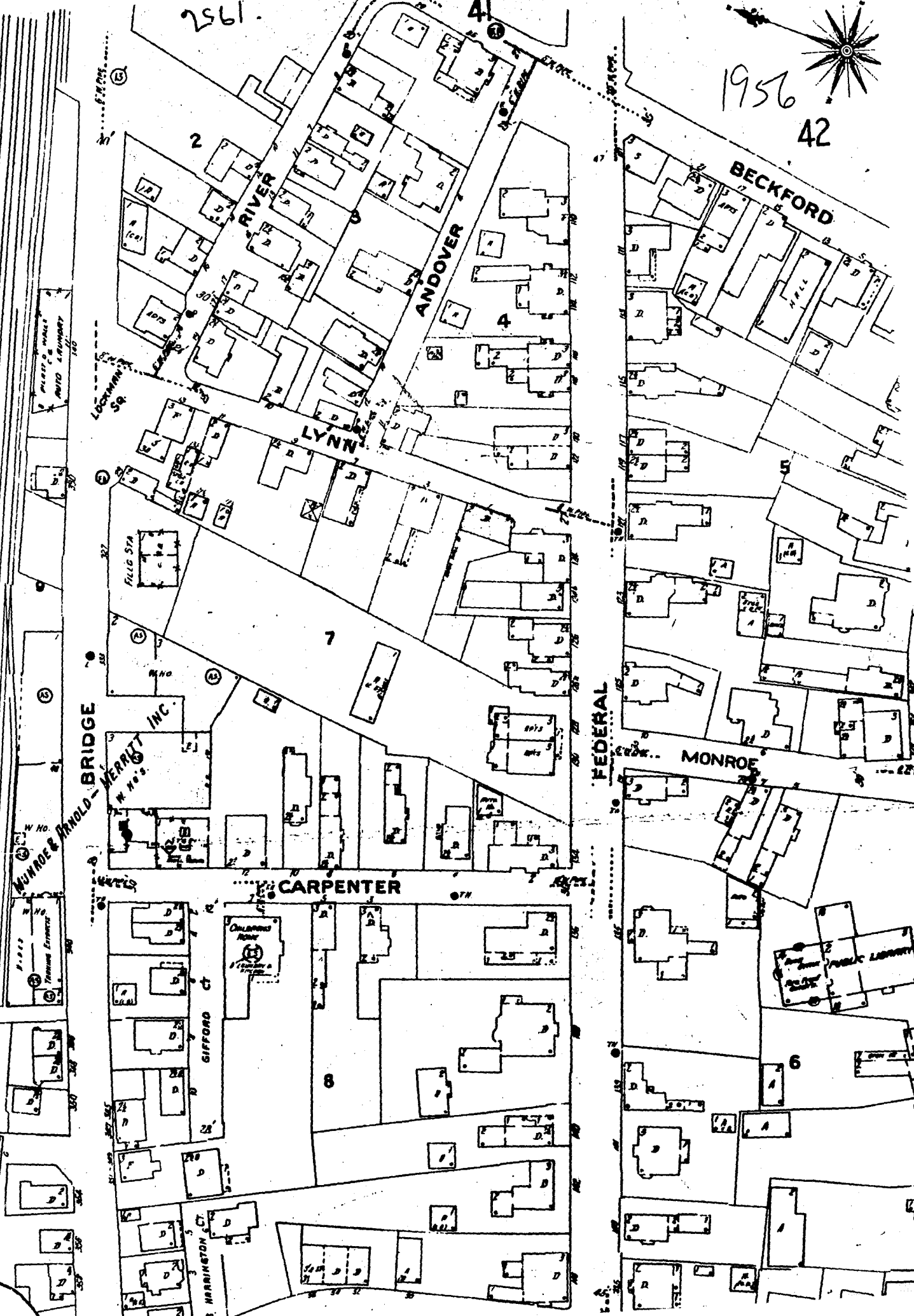
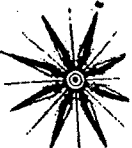
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BOSTON MAINE RAIL ROAD LAWRENCE



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