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15 MALL STREET

Built for
JOHN FAIRFIELD, merchant
c. 1810

Research:

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The house at 15 Mall Street was built by John Fairfield, merchant, about 1810.

John Fairfield purchased the land from Jonathan Mason, executor of the last will and testament of Jonathan Mason, his father, on the 24th of November 1800 (ECRD bk167 pg227). This irregular shaped parcel of land was approximately 80 feet wide and extended about 700 feet from Brown Street (now, Washington Square North) to the road by the North River (now, Bridge Street). During the next ten years, Fairfield laid in Mall Street, and was able to build at least three houses, one house for himself (on the east side of the street) and at least two houses (on the west side of the street) that he was able to sell (1810 Fairfield bank mortgage deeds describes Fairfield land as abutting the property of Gray and John Derby on Mall Street). On March 5, 1810, Fairfield mortgaged his remaining property to Jonathan Gardner (ECRD bk189 pg189). That mortgage was satisfied three weeks later, on March 30, when Fairfield mortgaged the property to the Essex, Salem, and Marblehead Banks. Three houses, now numbered 13, 15, and 17 Mall Street, were located on that portion of the property that was mortgaged to the Essex Bank (ECRD bk189 pg220). Fairfield was unable to satisfy that mortgage and the Essex Bank took possession on March 16, 1816 (ECRD bk210 pg87). It is not known if anyone lived in the house during this time.

Deeds that convey the property from the Essex Bank to the present owner are as follows:

May 14, 1819

Essex Bank to Joseph Jaques (settlement of mortgage)
ECRD bk231 pg206;

January 2, 1823

Joseph Jacques to Amos Sawyer of Atkinson, NH
\$300
ECRD bk231 pg207

and

May 25, 1847

Joseph Jacques to Amos Sawyer
ECRD bk383 pg24;

August 21, 1852

Amos Sawyer of Atkinson, NH, to William Barton
ECRD bk465 pg199;

October 13, 1853

William Barton to Abraham Towle and Walter Norris, carpenters
(neither Towle nor Norris lived at 15 Mall Street; they bought,
refurbished, sold, and provided mortgages for many parcels for profit)
\$500
ECRD bk484 pg175;

June 1, 1859

Abraham Towle of Salem and Walter Norris of Middleton, carpenters, to
James Owens
\$900
ECRD bk590 pg88;

July 7, 1865

James Owens to Walter Norris of Middleton
\$400 mortgage
ECRD bk591 pg230;

July 15, 1865

Walter Norris of Salem to Ann Davis, wife of Benjamin Davis, of Salem
\$700
ECRD bk686 pg213;

September 22, 1882

Ann M Davis to John C Pillsbury of Concord, NH
\$1300
ECRD bk1091 pg185;

October 5, 1916

Mabel C Poole and George B Lang, both unmarried and both of
Bridgeport, CT, to Mary Elizabeth Holmes of Salem, two undivided third
parts (said grantors . . . under will of John C Poole, late, of New
Hampshire)

ECRD bk2347 pg122
and

Melville Poole to Mary Elizabeth Holmes
ECRD bk2370 pg482;

July 7, 1917

Mary Elizabeth Holmes to Margaret F and Hannah E Russell
ECRD bk2370 pg482;

November 29, 1927

Margaret F Russell of Danvers to Nathaniel W and Cora M Fernald of
Beverly
ECRD bk47 pg527;

February 10, 1930

Nathaniel W and Cora M Fernald to Leonard Rice
ECRD bk2835 pg552;

August 29, 1936

Leonard Rice to H Evelyn Rice
ECRD bk3083 pg315;

March 29, 1941

H Evelyn Rice to Leonard R Rice
ECRD bk3250 pg82;

December 1, 1953

Leonard R Rice to Elliott R Salkins
ECRD bk3635 pg422;

May 12, 1954

Elliott R Salkins to Ernest A and Dorothy J Lord
ECRD bk4066 pg593;

August 11, 1958

Ernest A and Dorothy J Lord to James J and Laurien Fitzgerald
ECRD bk4484 pg410;

June 30, 1959

James J and Laurien Fitzgerald to Helene Dion
ECRD bk4599 pg139;

January 8, 1990

Laurien Fitzgerald of Danvers, administrator of the estate of Helene E
Dion to Constantinos Georgeatis of 33 Winthrop Street, Beverly
ECRD bk10294 pg389; and

July 30, 1990

Constantinos Georgakis of Beverly to Maria Testa of 15 Mall Street
ECRD bk10516 pg425.

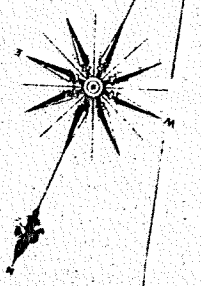


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REFERENCES.

- BRICK BUILDING
- WOOD " "
- BRICK & WOOD BUILDING
- STONE " "
- IRON " "
- BARN, STABLE OR SHED
- GREEN HOUSE
- WATER PIPES &
- FIRE HYDRANTS
- RAILROAD CROSSING AT GRADE
- RAILROAD UNDER PUBLIC ROAD
- RAILROAD OVER PUBLIC ROAD

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