

Built for  
ABNER GOODHUE  
Blacksmith

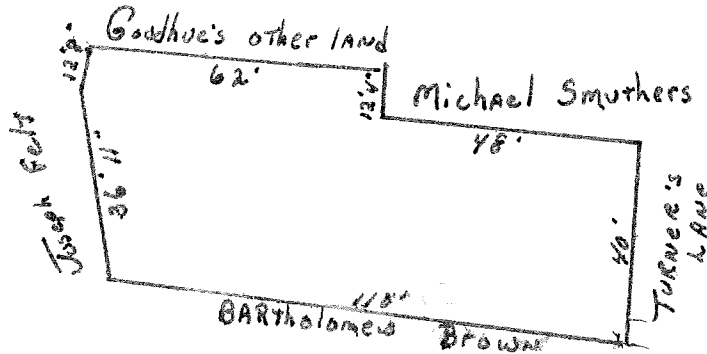
By 1830

17 Beckford Street  
Salem, Mass.

By Joyce King  
July 1978

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This three story, hip roof, wood frame house was built by Abner Goodhue, blacksmith by the year 1830. Mr. Goodhue purchased this land on 17 Apr 1793 from William Pickman Esq. for the sum of 36 pounds, 3 shillings and 11 pence. This lot contained about 18 1/2 poles of land:



(book 156 page 122)

Beckford Street was called a lane in 1657; street or lane, 1677; street or highway, 1679; lane or highway that leads from ye main street to ye north river, 1696; Beckford's lane, 1773; Kitchen's lane, 1783; Turner's lane, 1793; and Beckford Street in 1797. (Essex Antiquarian, vol. 7 page 116)

Mr. Pickman had purchased a large parcel of land from Edward Kitchen Turner, physican, containing 102 poles, partly in 1778 (book 136 page 137) and another part in 1779. (book 138 page 78) This land had been in Edward Turner's family for over one hundred years. When Mr. Pickman divided this large parcel into small lots, Abner Goodhue bought the lot adjoining land he owned on Federal St.

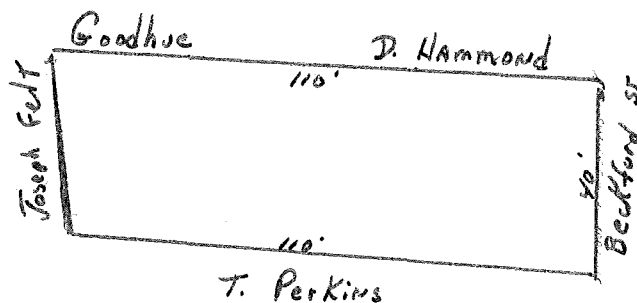
The first mention of a house on this lot is when on 22 Jan 1830 Abner Goodhue mortgaged his Beckford St. house, barn and other buildings on the lot to Amos Choate for \$500. In this mortgage he (Goodhue) states that a narrow strip of the lot is now enclosed with his other lot. (book 255 page 168) The year 1830 is also the first time Abner Goodhue is taxed for his house and land on Beckford St., valued at \$1,500. (Salem tax records)

On 5 Nov 1833 Mr. Goodhue mortgages the same lot, this time to his son Abner Goodhue Jr., mariner, for \$627 but still subject to the Choate mortgage. (book 271 page 149)

Abner Goodhue, blacksmith (b.18 Jan 1762) married Frances Bott (b.5 Jul 1770) daughter of James and Dollea (Newhall) on 10 Jul 1796. The Salem Vital Records show the couple as having seven children:

James Bott	born	22 Aug	1797
Abner	"	6 Jan	1800
Francis	"	3 Oct	1802
Lynch Bott	"	18 Mar	1808
Charles B.	"	May	1809
John Bott	"	23 Jun	1810
Elizabeth D.	"	26 Feb	1813

On 13 Jun 1834 Abner Goodhue, blacksmith and wife Frances of Salem, sold to Abner Goodhue Jr., of Salem, mariner, for \$900 land and buildings:



subject to mortgage of Amos Choate for \$500 and mortgage of Abner Jr. (book 276 page 149)

Three years after selling the property to his son, Abner Goodhue Sr. died (17 Aug 1837) his estate was insolvent. At the time of his death, Abner Sr. owned a house on Federal St. valued at \$2,000 and two lots of land on Hathorne St. valued at \$450, all had to be sold to pay off the debts.

Capt. Abner Goodhue Jr. married Lucy O. Luscomb (b.10 Oct 1807) daughter of William and Mehitable (Mansfield) on 30 Jun 1828. The couple lived in the house with their family until on 16 Dec 1846 Capt. Abner Goodhue the master of barque "Merlin" died on passage from Marseille to Gibraltar, at the age of 46. (just five months after paying off the Choate mortgage) (book 255 page 168)

Note: The journals kept by Capt. Abner Goodhue while on two of his voyages are at the Essex Institute Library.

seventeen poles or be the same more or less bounded as follows viz  
sold by me this day to Joseph Felt forty feet southerly by land of said Stead  
One hundred and ten feet easterly by Turners lane so called forty two fe  
and northerly on land of Bartholomew Brown sold by me to him this day  
hundred and ten feet with the priviledges and appurtenances thereto belong  
To have and to hold the same to the said William Stearns his heirs & as  
to his & their use and behoof. forever. And I do covenant with the said Wi  
Stearns his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seised in fee of the premises  
that they are free of all incumbrances that I have good right to sell and  
the same to the same William Stearns in manner aforesaid and that  
and my heirs will warrant and defend the same to the said William  
Stearns his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and  
demands of any persons - In witness whereof I the said William Pickman  
have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of April  
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three  
Signed sealed & delivered in presence of  
us Jacob Sanderson Edward Pulling - Wm Pickman & a fe  
Essex 17. April 1793. Then the above named William Pickman Esquire  
acknowledged the above instrument to be his free deed before me Edward Pulling Just of  
Essex Rec April. 17. 1793 & recorded & exam. by John Pickering

Pickman  
to  
Goodhue

I know all men by these presents that I William Pickman of Salem  
County of Essex & commonwealth of Massachusetts Esquire in conser  
tion of the sum of thirty six pounds three shillings & eleven pence law  
money paid me by Abner Goodhue of Salem aforesaid blacksmith, the  
whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give grant sell and con  
unto the said Abner Goodhue his heirs and assigns. A lot or piece of land  
situate in Salem aforesaid containing about eighteen poles and one half  
a pole or be the same more or less bounded as follows viz easterly on Turners  
lane (there so called) forty feet northerly on land of Michael Smither to a  
post forty eight feet easterly on the last said land twelve feet four inches  
northerly on land of said Goodhue sixty two feet westerly on land sold  
me to Joseph Felt twelve feet eight inches in part and partly on  
last said land thirty five feet eleven inches and southerly on land sold  
me to Bartholomew Brown about one hundred <sup>ten</sup> feet with all the priviledges  
and appurtenances belonging thereto To have and to hold the same  
to the said Abner Goodhue his heirs and assigns to his & their use  
behoof forever and I do covenant with the said Abner Goodhue  
his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seised in fee of the premises  
that they are free of all incumbrances that I have good right to sell  
convey the same to the said Abner Goodhue his heirs and assigns in  
manner aforesaid and that I and my heirs will warrant and defend the same  
to the said Abner Goodhue his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims

Abner Goodhue  
# 40456  
1847

Honorable *James A. White* Esquire, Judge of Probate for the  
County of Essex.

Pursuant to a certain order and decree of the said Honorable Judge of Probate made and bearing date as by said order may more fully appear, I have made the following

**INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF**

*Abner Goodhue*

late of *Salem* in said county, *Massachusetts* deceased, in testate, as shown to us by the ad-  
ministrat<sup>r</sup> or:

**REAL ESTATE.**

House and Land on Beckford Street	\$ 3000 -
2/7 <sup>ths</sup> of House & Land on Essex Street.	500 -
Amount carried forward -	\$ 3500 =

**Personal Estate.**

*In Front Parlour.*

Table, Clock, 8 chairs and Two Lamps	\$ 38 -
Two Tables & Stand \$ 7.00. Looking Glass \$ 6.00 <i>specimens</i>	13 -
Mantle Ornaments \$ 6.00 - Stone Carpet Ruff \$ 10.00	16 -

*Back Parlour*

Two Sofas. \$ 16.00 - Carpet & Ruff \$ 6.00 - 7 chairs 3.50	25 50
One Mahogany table & Glass \$ 4.00 - Stone \$ 4.00 <i>ornaments</i>	8 -
Contents of closet \$ 16.00 - Silver Spoon \$ 15.00	31 -
Books & rack.	6 -

*Contents of Front Entry* . . . . . 3 -

*Contents of Side Entry* . . . . . 10 -

*Kitchen Furniture &c.* . . . . . 12 -

*Front Chamber*

*Bedstead & Bedding* . . . . . 12 -

*Chamber Furniture \$ 15.00 - Trunk 4.00* . . . . . 19 -

Amount carried forward \$ 193 50

#40456

Amount brought forward. \$ 193 50

Middle Chamber.

Bed & Bedding \$ 25.00 - Easy chair \$ 3.	28	-
Bureau \$ 9.00 - Carpet, Washstand	}	15
Chair & Pine Table		

Back Chamber.

Trunk of Bed. linen \$ 50.00 - Bureau . 2	52	-
Chest of draws \$ 200.00 - Sextant & Charts 50¢	52	-
Sundry Small Articles, Basket & case	2	-
Carpet	3	-

Northern Chamber.

Carpet, & Bed & Bedding	14	-
Two Trunks \$ 16.00 - Books & case \$ 2.00	8	-

Upper Chamber.

Bed, Bedding & Bedstead.	10	-
Bureau & Glass.	6	-
Looking Glass \$ 1.50 - Washstand 50 cts.	2	-
Two pine tables \$ 3.00	3	-
Six Chairs - Carpet & Bed.	5	-

~~402 50~~

In cash 201 83

Balance due from J. P. Wheeler 690 96

Note of Newbold & Craft }  
Worth this day. } 4076 -

Amount carried forward \$ 5371 29

On 15 July 1850 Lucy O. Goodhue, of Salem, widow, the guardian of her five children, sells for \$2,800 the property on Beckford St. to William D. Northend and granted him a mortgage for \$2,000. (book 431 pages 256 and 257)

After selling the property Lucy and her children moved to 2 Liberty St. (Salem Directory 1850) The Federal census taken in 1850 shows living in ward one:

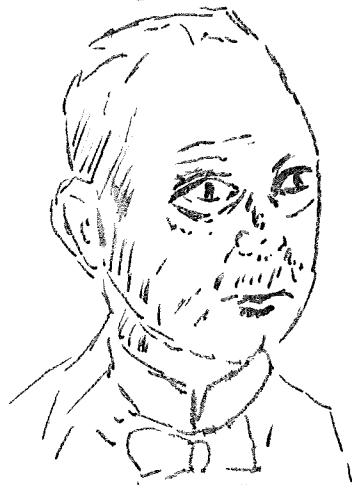
Lucy Goodhue	age 40	property value \$2,000
Lucy E.	" 17	
Martha W.	" 15	
George C.	" 13	
Mary E.	" 10	
Francis K.	" 6	

The same census shows now living at 17 Beckford St.:

William D. Northend	age 26	counsellor at law
Susan S.	" 23	
Louisa	" 2	
Mary	" 7 months	
Benjamin Harrod	" 20	machinist
Bridget Shehan	" 20	

Information obtained from the obituary of W.D.Northend in the Salem News 30 Oct. 1902:

He was one of the best known citizens of Salem, a prominent criminal lawyer in his time. Died very sudden at his home 14 Lynde St. He was born in Newbury 26 Feb. 1823 the son of John and Anna (Titcomb). Attended the Drummer Academy and Bowdoin College. He lived in Peabody for a few years and was a partner of George F. Choate the Mass. Senator 1861-62. Mr. Northend campaigned for mayor in 1877 but lost by 500 votes to Henry K. Oliver. He married 2 Nov. 1846 Susan Stedman Harrod of Newburyport. Leaves his widow and three daughters, Louisa, Mary and Susan.



William D. Northend

On 8 June 1858 William D. Northend and wife Susan sell for \$1,000 to Sidney Bancroft of South Danvers (now Feabody) the same property sold to them by Lucy O. Goodhue. (book 572 page 24) Sidney Bancroft owned a great deal of property in South Danvers, Lynn and Lynnfield. He probably bought this house as an investment.

The Salem Directory for the year 1861 shows Capt. James T. Hiltz living at 17 Beckford St.

On 8 May 1861 Sidney C. Bancroft, counsellor at law and his wife Margaret, of South Danvers, sell to John Grant, grocer, of Salem for \$3,000 the same property sold to them by William D. Northend. (book 622 page 171)

Just after moving into the house, John Grant died on 18 Nov. 1861, at the age of 70. Mr. Grant operated a grocery store on Boston St. for many years.

The heirs to Mr. Grants estate were:

Eliza A.	widow
Eliza A. Wade	daughter
Hannah R. Felton	daughter
Joshua B. Grant	son
John W. Grant	son

Real estate:

a house and farm adjoining in Ipswich	\$3,500
a house and land Beckford St.	2,500
part of a dwelling and shop and land on Boston St.	1,500

Eliza took as her dower share the Boston St. property (Probate #40780)

On 28 Nov. 1864 John W. Grant, by straw deed, conveyed his 1/4 share of the land and buildings on Beckford St. to his wife Margaret S. Grant for \$625. (book 677 pages 128 & 129)

On 2 Aug. 1865 John N. and Hannah R. Felton in her right, of Colchester, New London Ct.; Francis H. and Eliza Ann Wade in her right of Ipswich; Joshua B. Grant, of Ipswich; and John W. Grant of Salem, sell the property to John Dwyer, merchant for \$2,700. (book 690 page 124)

(John W. Grant signed his share twice and his wife Margaret S. Grant never signed her share to John Dwyer, this created a cloud on the title that was cleared up on 5 Feb. 1920, when Margaret's heirs release their rights) (book 2440 page 457)



Schedule B. PERSONAL ESTATE.

12 Shares of Stock of Warren Bank Danvers	-----	\$ 1152.00
25 Shares " " " Atlantic Bank Salem	-----	700.00
4 shares " " " Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co Salem	-----	1440.00
4 shares " Salem & Danvers Aqueduct Company	-----	478.00
2 Notes of Essex County \$1000 ea. (5 1/2 percent) and int.	-----	2020.00
Note of John W Grant dated July 2, 1860 for \$1356.81 and interest.	-----	1475.50
Cash on hand	-----	251.71

Furniture, - Parlor - 4 chairs \$6.00 - 2 ottomans \$8.00 - Carpet \$45.00 - 69.00

In Dining room - 6 chairs 3.00 - carpet \$5 - two curtains \$1.50 - 9.50

" Sitting room - 3 chairs 4.00 - Carpet \$22.00 - card table 3.00 - 29.00

" " " Dining table 4.00 - glass 1.50 - 6 chairs 6.00 - 11.50

" " " Lounge 10.00 - trunk chest 1.00 - clock 5.00 - 11.50

" Kitchen 5 chairs 1.50 - table 2.00 - Contents of pantry & closet 8.00 - 11.50

" Contents of wash room and China closet - 5.00

" Cellar - Refrigerator 7.00 - wood 4.50 - Coal 35.00 - 46.50

" " 4 tubs 2.00 - Shovel 5.00 - Spade 5.00 - 2 rakes 5.00 - 3.50

" " Smelley other small articles, jugs &c in cellar - 3.00

" Barn - Wood, grindstone tools &c whole contents of the barn - 11.00

" Study room - Chair 6.00, Writing desk 6.00, Map 25.00, Curtains \$5 - 13.00

" " " Carpet 1.00, 2 book cases 12.00, Bookhouse \$5 - 68.00

" S.W. Chamber Carpet 8.00, 2 chairs 1.50, 3 curtains 2.25 - 12.75

" Entrance - 3 Oil cloth carpets 5.00, two entry stain carpets 6.00 - 11.00

" East Chamber - Chamber set 20.00, Spring bed 5.00, Mattress & pillows 18.00 43.00

" " " Therapeutic Chair 25.00, Carpet 13.00, curtains 3.00 - 41.00

" " " Wash bowl, pitcher, matchbox, &c 2.00 - 2.00

" N.E. " Curtain \$5 - two looking glasses 1.50, wash tub 2.00 - 4.25

" " " Carpet 1.00, Lamp .50 - 1.50

" North " Carpet 1.00, Desk 5.00 - Coocking 1.00 - 7.00

" S. Upper " Bed & bedding 7.00, 3 chairs 1.00, table 5.00 - glass 25.00 8.75

" E. " " Bed & bedding 10.00, Carpet 1.00, lathe 1.00, Wash stand & tubs No. 14.00

" N. " " Travelling bag 1.00, valise 3.00, Wrought stove 4.00 8.00

" " " Soap 2.00, Bed stand 1.00, Mattress 1.00 4.00 ----- 459.25

Furniture in Boston Street house - Hat stand \$6.00, Sofa \$7.00, rocking chair 9.00 - 42.00

met. 1.00, 2 chairs 1.00, Easy chair 10.00, 4 small chairs 16.00, table 6.00 - 34.00

Staircase 7.00, 5 curtains 7.50, Glass 15.00, Wash tub 3.00, Stove for preparing tea - 53.50

Chamber set 16.00, Hair mattress 15.00, Spring bed 5.00, Staircase No. 20.00 - 56.00 - 185.50.

In Store on Boston Street: 2 stove counter \$20.00, 3 glass cases \$4.00 - 28.00

one show case \$2.00 - 2 oil cans 2.00, Case of chambers 3.00 - 7.00

Platform scale 5.00, counter scale 1.50, 1/2 H.L. No. 10 scales 5.00. 11.50 ----- 46.50

On farm at Ipswich. - 4 1/2 tons of English hay - 66.50, 3 bush corn 1.50 - 70.00

20 bush barley 12.00, Farming tools 10.00 - 22.00

3 ladders 3.00 - 10 galls Sumner's min 10.00 - 13.00 - 105.00.

\$ 7,302.46

John Dwyer was a very wealthy merchant, he had his business in Boston, but lived in Salem at 336 Essex St. On 2 Feb. 1866, John Dwyer sold the dwelling house and land on Beckford St. to his daughter, Mary Louisa Ashton, wife of William F. Ashton, free of the control of her said husband William, for \$3,600. (book 697 page 264)

The Federal Census for 1870 shows:

William Ashton	age 31	occ. brush store
Mary L. "	" 24	
John D. "	" 3	
Joseph "	" 1	
Lucy Smith	" 16	occ. servant
William B. Ashton	" 54	occ. clothing store
Margaret E. "	" 54	

The Salem Directories 1866-1876 show the Ashton family living at 17 Beckford St. After 1876 they moved into her fathers house at 336 Essex St. and rented out the Beckford St. house.

Federal Census 1880: 17 Beckford St.

Joseph M. Parsons	age 40	occ. builder-contractor
Elizabeth L. "	" 25	wife
second family;		
Joanna Blanchard	" 74	
Sarah B. "	" 65	

Salem Directory 1907:

Charles Conway	bookkeeper
Henry F. "	
Lucy A. "	widow of James E.
Elizabeth "	

Mary Louisa Ashton died in 1914, her heirs John D., Joseph N. and George F. were left all her estate. In her will she says, "The omission of my husband William F. Ashton is intentional, not by accident. As I believe, on account of the share of my estate that my husband has heretofore had, that it is just that my remaining estate go to my children." William consented to the provisions.

Her real estate:

house and land at 336 Essex St.  
house and land at 17 Beckford St.

(Probate #117585)

On 6 Feb. 1920, Mary's heirs sold the land and buildings on Beckford St. to Sarah W. Symonds of Salem for \$1 and other valuable consideration. (book 2440 page 458)

3 May 1968 Sarah W. Symonds, unmarried, sold to William H.K. Donaldson and John A. Driscoll. (book 4911 page 383)

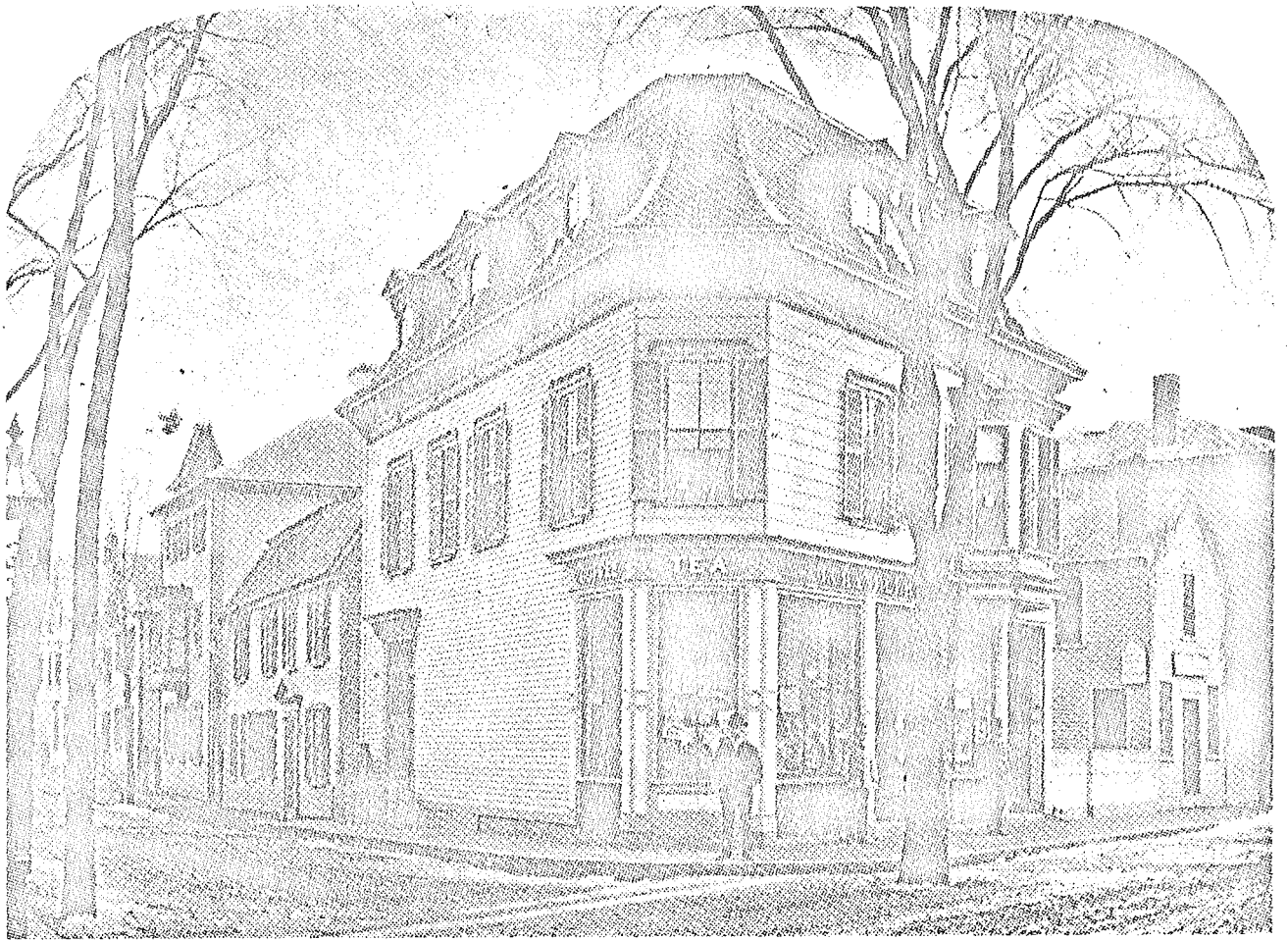
21 Mar. 1973 William H.K. Donaldson, of Salem and John A. Driscoll, of Peabody, sold to Richard and Rita Savicky (book 5958 page 131)

30 Apr. 1975 Richard and Rita Savicky sold to Jay and Gail Turner. (book 6143 page 517)

31 Oct. 1977 Jay and Gail Turner sold to Miciajiah P. Clough IV (book 6410 page 240)

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





### *Built about 1884*

The above building at the corner of Federal and Beckford Streets, is shown as it appeared about 90 years ago, shortly after John Chandler acquired it from his father, Joseph Chandler, in 1883. The son had been living in his father's house and operated the store at least a few years before he purchased it. At about the time he acquired it, he tore

down some of the old buildings and put up some new, of lesser size. The handsome architectural style would be consistent with buildings erected about 1885. Tax records can be traced to John Chandler back to 1878, thus the property has been a home and store for at least 100 years.