

# Historic Salem incorporated

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117-119 FEDERAL STREET

Built for

NANCY COURTIS, singlewoman

in 1846/7

Research by,  
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and to work for the education of the community  
in the true value of the same."

117-119 FEDERAL STREET

BOOK 3661 PAGE 427

DATE - April 29, 1949

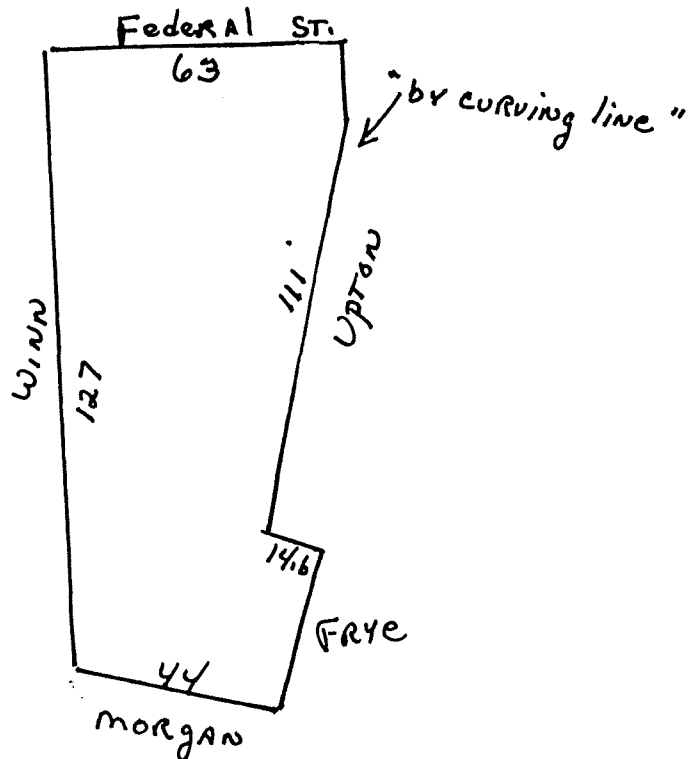
CONSIDERATION - None given

GRANTOR (seller) - Kate E. Jones, widow

GRANTEE (buyer) - John A. and Helen L. Heagney

DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to the grantor and her deceased husband, Gardner M. Jones, by deed of Wallace A. Chisholm et ux on May 26, 1920, recorded in book 2454 page 21.



BOOK 2454 PAGE 21

DATE - May 26, 1920  
CONSIDERATION - None given  
GRANTOR (seller) - Wallace A. and Edith C. Chisholm  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Gardner M. and Kate E. Jones  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - See deed of Madaline M. Briggs on  
March 6, 1913, recorded in book 2279  
page 389.

BOOK 2279 PAGE 389

DATE - March 6, 1913  
CONSIDERATION - \$1  
GRANTOR (seller) - Madaline M. Briggs, of Danvers  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Wallace A. and Edith C. Chisholm  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
(117-119 Federal is the second of  
two parcels conveyed, the other  
being 111 Federal)  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - See deed to Madaline Briggs from  
Wallace Chisholm recorded herein.

BOOK 2279 PAGE 388

DATE - March 6, 1913  
CONSIDERATION - None given  
GRANTOR (seller) - Wallace Chisholm  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Madaline Briggs  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - See deed conveyed to me by  
George W. Saunders on February 1,  
1900, recorded in book 1602 page 362.

BOOK 1602 PAGE 362

DATE - February 1, 1900

CONSIDERATION - None listed

GRANTOR (seller) - George W. Saunders, of Medway  
Ambrose Saunders, of Cambridge

GRANTEE (buyer) - Wallace Chisholm

DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings 117-119 Federal

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to  
Nancy Curtis by Mary Symonds et al  
on May 25, 1843, recorded in book  
337 page 140 and conveyed to the  
grantors of this deed by George R.  
Chapman et al trustees on May 17,  
1892, recorded in book 1343 page 119.

BOOK 1343 PAG 119

DATE - May 17, 1892

CONSIDERATION - \$1

GRANTOR (seller) - George Chapman and Charles Richardson  
Trustees of the will of Nancy Curtis

GRANTEE (buyer) - George W. Saunders and Ambrose  
Saunders, the only children of  
Ambrose Saunders late of Cambridge

DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises as conveyed to  
Nancy Curtis by deed recorded in  
book 337 page 140.

BOOK 337 PAGE 140

DATE - May 25, 1843

CONSIDERATION - \$1,150

GRANTOR (seller) - Mary Symonds, widow;  
William Roberts, bricklayer and  
his wife Sally in her own right;  
John Saunders; Elizabeth Saunders;  
Nathaniel Mulliken of Lexington and  
his wife Lydia in her own right;  
all heirs at law of Elijah Sanderson

GRANTEE (buyer) - Nancy Courtis, singlewoman

DESCRIPTION - Lot of land as the fences stand.  
Part of the real estate of Elijah  
Sanderson. This conveyance does not  
include the buildings thereon.



Reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds. Probate numbers are cases at Probate Court. All maps in this report are for illustrative purposes and are not meant to be exact.

117-119 FEDERAL STREET

NOTES and DATE DOCUMENTATION

Federal St. was renumbered in 1853. This house was formerly called #51.

"This is a fine example of a double house of the Greek Revival period. It is a two-story plus pitch roof house facing the street and has a matched board facade with centered adjacent doorways in a double portico supported by Doric columns. All the architectural features of the period appear to have survived, including the five-sided window lintels on the facade, the characteristic wide entablature and simple corner pilaster strips. Part of the land on which the house stands once belonged to Elijah Sanderson and was used in conjunction with his cabinetmaking. Charles Archer, whose reminiscense provide much of the material included in this report, was born in one of the houses." (Salem Historic District Study Committee Investigation prepared by Elizabeth K. Reardon)

As shown in the chain of title, Nancy Curtis purchased this property on May 25, 1843. After all remnants of the Sanderson cabinetmaking establishment were removed, Miss Curtis had a new house built on the lot.

Salem Street Book (Essex Institute)

1846/7

"The following is the number and kind of Building which have been Erected finished and about being finished, from March 1st 1846 to March 1st 1847. The names of the owners & the streets Located in & c."

<u>Names of the owners</u>	<u>Kind of Building</u>	<u>Where located in what street</u>
Nancy Curtis	House	Federal

NOTES AND DATE DOCUMENTATION

Salem tax records:

Ward 4

1846 Nancy Curtis unf h. 2,000 #51 Federal  
1847 Nancy Curtis ~~unfinished~~ 1/2 finished val. 2000  
1848 Nancy Curtis h. 51 Federal 5,000

1850 Federal Census

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Nancy Curtis age 50; prop. val. 5000; born Mass.  
Louisa Saunders age 45; born Mass.  
Ambrose Saunders age 18; druggist; born Mass.  
Mary L. Saunders age 15; born Mass.  
George C. Saunders age 10; born Mass.  
William C. Saunders age 7; born Mass.

51 1/2

Augustus Archer age 40; merchant; born Mass.  
Mary J. Archer age 28; born Mass.  
Caroline E. Archer age 8; born Mass.  
Emily W. Archer age 6; born Mass.  
Agnes Archer age 4; born Mass.  
Mary W. Archer age 2; born Mss.  
Deborah Archer age 71; born Nova Scotia  
Mary Shanley age 21; born Ire.

Nancy Courtis died on April 25, 1875. By will, written December 6, 1873, she bequeathed all of her real estate, in trust, to her nephew Ambrose Saunders. After his death the property was to go to his children. (Probate #36748)

Schedule A. continued

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July 6 <sup>th</sup> '76	R. C. Mills - House rent - one quarter year	87 50
Oct.	Received for guineas	1 25
Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> '76	Benj: Shreve - interest on mortgage -	175 00
Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup>	R. C. Mills - House rent - one quarter year	87 50
Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> '76	R. C. Mills - House rent 1 m 25 days	53 68
Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> '77	Benj: Shreve - interest on Mortgage	175 00
Feb.	One year interest on South Church note of 1000. to Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup> 1876	70 00
March 5 <sup>th</sup> '77	F. M. Allen, House rent 117 Federal St.	81 00
April 30 <sup>th</sup> '77	Philip Goodwin - on acct. of rent.	100 00
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	" F. M. Allen, House rent 117 Federal St.	81 50
" "	South Church note, interest to June 1 <sup>st</sup> 1877	35 00
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Benj: Shreve - interest on Mortgage -	175 00
" 24 <sup>th</sup>	Returned premium on Insurance policy	2 50
Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	F. M. Allen, House rent 117 Federal St.	81 25
" 15 <sup>th</sup>	C. C. Pettingell, Balance of rent No. 119 Fed. St.	35 70
Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	F. M. Allen, House rent 117 Federal St.	81 25
Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup> '78	Philip Goodwin, on acct. of Farm rent	70 00
Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup> '78	C. C. Pettingell - Rent to Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup> '77	81 25
Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> '78	Benj: Shreve - interest on Mortgage note.	150 00
Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	F. M. Allen - House rent 117 Federal St.	81 25
" 16 <sup>th</sup>	C. C. Pettingell - House rent 119 Federal St.	81 25
April 6 <sup>th</sup> '78	Geo. R. Chapman - interest on The South Church note	35 00
June 13 <sup>th</sup> '78	C. C. Pettingell - House rent 119 Federal St.	81 25
" 17 <sup>th</sup>	Frances M. Allen - House rent 117 Federal St.	81 25
Aug. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Benj: Shreve - interest on Mortgage note	150 00
Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Frances M. Allen - House rent 117 Federal St.	81 25
" 9 <sup>th</sup>	Philip Goodwin - Farm rent to Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> '78	53 00
" 18	C. C. Pettingell - House rent to Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> '78	81 25
Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Interest on savings bank deposits	64 64
		12,422 52



# Schedule B.

Amount paid out and charges as follows

July '76	Assignment of the Shreve Mortgage Trustee acct. Probate Court	3 00 10 00
July 22 '76	D. B. Lord jr. work on House 119 Federal St.	30 00
Sept. 29	Town of Peabody - water bill	6 00
	City of Salem - water bill	1 50
Oct. 21	Ambrose S. Saunders	1 25
Oct. 21	J. J. Lord painting	22 11
"	A. H. Smith Co. roborum paper	10 25
" 5	J. J. Gifford Co. - lumber for 119 Federal St.	6 45
"	Geo. H. Hansen - labor for same	11 25
Aug. 10 '76	Same same	15 00
Sept. 20 '76	Same same	4 00
Nov. 11 '76	Henry P. Ives - Room paper for 119 Federal St.	9 00
July 22	Mortgage deed from A. S. Saunders recording	4 00
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Leases and bond to secure the same	6 00
" 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pease Trail Fielden - 2 citations -	6 00
" 27 <sup>th</sup>	City of Salem - Tax -	238 95
Dec. 12	Peabody - water rate -	2 70
Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup> '76	Expenses at Marblehead -	5 00
" 18 <sup>th</sup>	East Cambridge	1 50
" 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mortgage of House & Barn in Marblehead to J. P. Langmaid Son - with notes	2 50
Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Leases to Philip Gordon	4 00
" 11 <sup>th</sup>	Assignment of Langmaid's mort. Recording	2 00
" 20 <sup>th</sup>	Shorte - Cleaning out Chimney	2 00
Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup> '77	Walter S. Harris - mason work	27 40
" 23 <sup>rd</sup>	J. P. Glover Co. Painting 117 Federal St.	44 85
"	Frothingham & Fielden - Furnace 117 Federal St.	191 50
Feb. 2 '77	Assigning mortgage of personal property	50
Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Paid Geo. Hansen for removing snow	2 00
		680 86

	Amount brought over	680 86
Feb. 2 <sup>d</sup> 77	Moulton & Gardner - Shingling 117 \$119 Federal St.	78 30
" 8 <sup>th</sup>	William Stacy - tax collector of Marblehead	72 56
" 10 <sup>th</sup>	J. J. Gifford Co. - lumber	5 20
Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> 1877	To Geo. R. Chapman as part payment of \$50. advanced to A. S. C. Saunders July 1876.	70 00
Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup> 77	On account of A. S. Saunders in suit against Francis Farmer and in Sheriff sale of wooden building in Marblehead Farm legal costs of suit \$13. Sheriff costs on exp. \$ in dist. \$5.00	23 00
April 7 77	Lord & Smith - carpenters - No. 117 -	33 93
"	William Northey, Sub. on house in Marblehead	18 00
May 7	George Stone & Maton work No. 117.	4 35
June 2	Geo. R. Chapman - part payment of loan to A. S. C. S.	100 00
	"	35 00
June 11 <sup>th</sup> 77	J. P. Langmaid Co. - int. on notes -	15 75
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Salem Register - Advertising - No. 117.	2 50
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	To Marblehead	1 50
July 3 <sup>d</sup>	Henry P. Joes - room paper No. 117 -	17 07
	Geo. Stone - White - No. 117	1 00
" 9	Peabody Water rates - No. 117	3 00
" 9	Wenham water rates - No. 119	2 41
" 11	J. P. Glover Co. - papering No. 117.	9 08
" 16	Trustees	100 00
Aug. 14	Salem Water Rates - No. 117	1 67
Sept. 3	D. B. Lord jr. - water piping -	11 00
Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	City of Salem - tax - Henry J. Cross -	97 60
Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wm. F. Luscomb - carpenter	6 00
" 29 <sup>th</sup>	J. P. Langmaid Co. Note of A. S. C. S.	100 00
	" Interest on notes	15 75
March 11 <sup>th</sup> 78	Lord & Smith - carpenter bill	22 25
		1527 92

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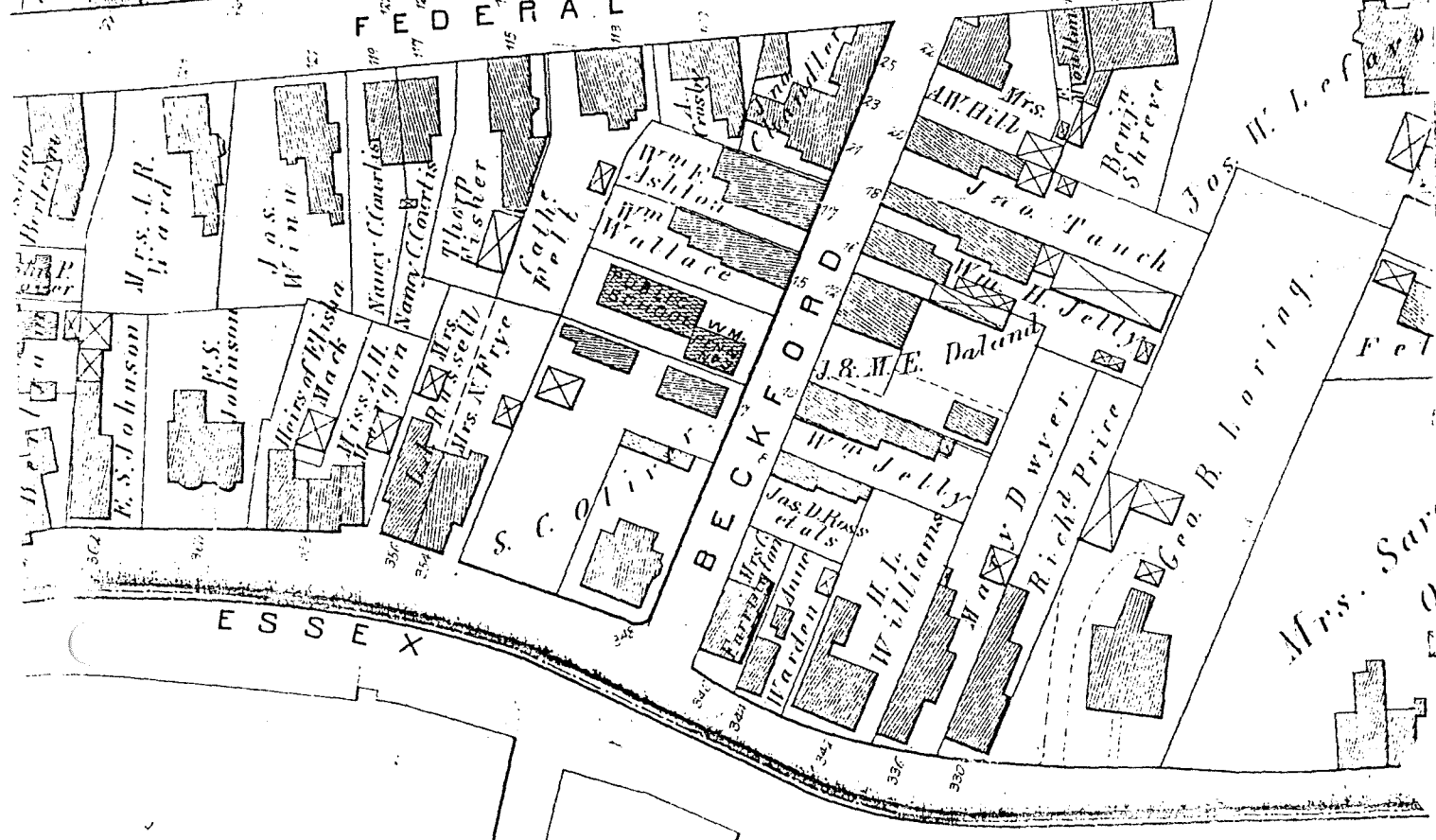
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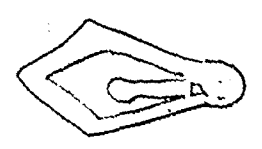




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Nathan P. Gifford

Gifford

Hrs. Benj. Shreve

Hrs. J.F. Mullin

M. A. Walsh

Hrs. M. Dolan

Hrs. P. Riordan

M. Little

Hrs. Chas. McCarthy

Nathan P. Gifford

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W. Hurd

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Mary L. Shreve

Ellen Mc Carthy

Jas. Carney

Hrs. Benj. Shreve

Mary Dayton

Mervine L. Hamblet

Seth F. Low

Susan B. Farrington

Marcus Moore

SYRROE ST.

Alice D. Atwood

Abbie W. Tay

Mabel W. Bigelow

Maria A. Bertram

E. Walter Johnson

Harris

Rebecca A. Benson

Sam'l R. Frye

Lydia A. Russell

A. Dana

Alice J. Gove

Mary L. Ashton

First Baptist Society

School

Elizabeth D. Deed

Mary A. Trask

Chas. L. Titcor

Wallace A. Chisholm

Mrs. John Tench

Elizabeth F. Daland

Hrs. John Tench

Mary L. Shreve

Wm. M. Jolley

Jennie M. Emmetton

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Thos. E. Coughlin

Michael Little

Bernard T. Kinney Etal.

Margaret A. Galway

Benny Brus

M. & J. Collier

Hrs. Daniel Folan

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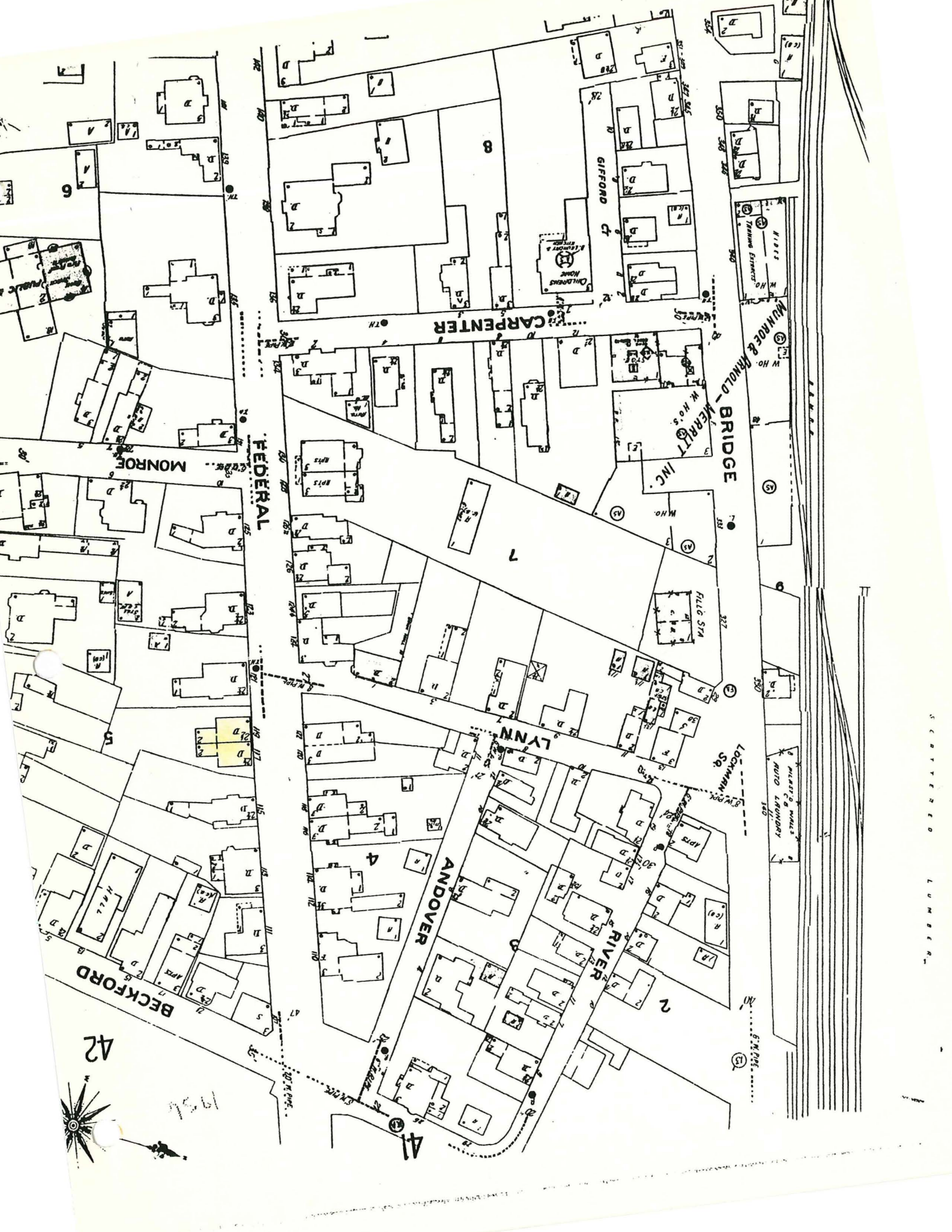
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