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123 North Street

Built for

RICHARD G. GOSS, baker

in 1851

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

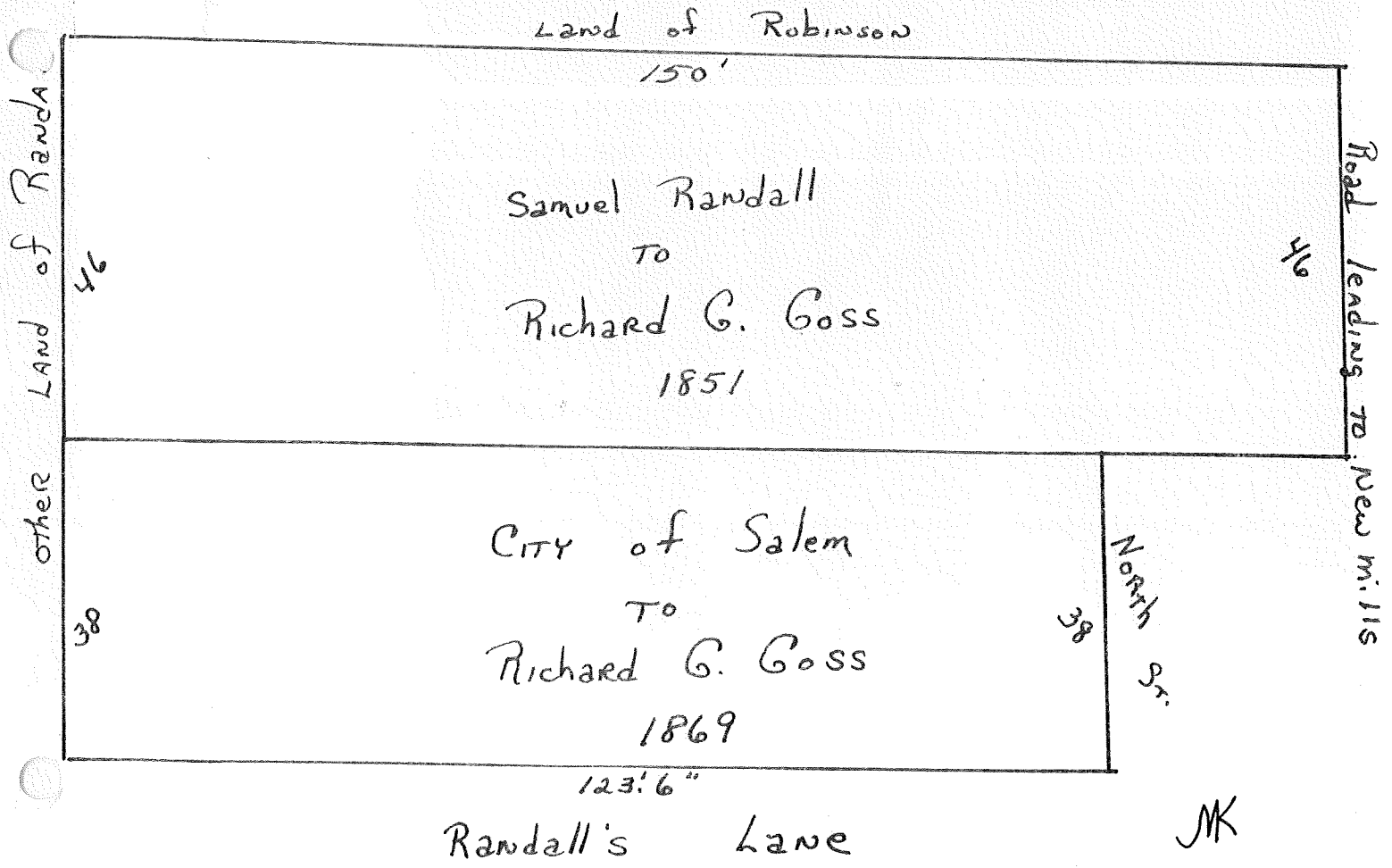
123 NORTH STREET (formerly 83 North St.)

BOOK 443 PAGE 246

DATE - April 16, 1851
CONSIDERATION - \$600
GRANTOR (seller) - Samuel and Anna Randall, housewright
GRANTEE (buyer) - Richard G. Goss
DESCRIPTION - Piece of land in North Fields on the
Road leading to the New Mills in
Danvers (now North St.)

BOOK 776 PAGE 8

DATE - June 21, 1869
CONSIDERATION - \$200
GRANTOR (seller) - City of Salem
GRANTEE (buyer) - Richard G. Goss
DESCRIPTION - Parcel of land on North St. begining
at the corner of North St. as
recently laid out and widened and
Randall's lane so called
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed to the City by
Charles E. Symonds



Mr. Goss built this dwelling house and a bakehouse, during the second half of 1851, on the lot purchased from Samuel Randall. A barn was added in 1852 (Street Dept. books at the Essex Institute).

A little knowledge of North Salem's history is needed to understand how a house built in 1851 could be on land that was not purchased until 1869.

North Street was one of the most used thoroughfares in the city, but it was extremely narrow in several places. This was changed, in 1869, when the selectmen decided to widen the street the whole length from Federal St., over the old North Bridge and up to School St. This meant moving every building on the south side out of the way.

With all the buildings on his lot, Mr. Goss did not have room to move his house back. The city solved this problem by purchasing the adjoining lot and then selling it to Mr. Goss. So instead of being moved back, this house was moved over to its present location.

Mr. Goss died on October 2, 1890. This notice appeared in the local papers:

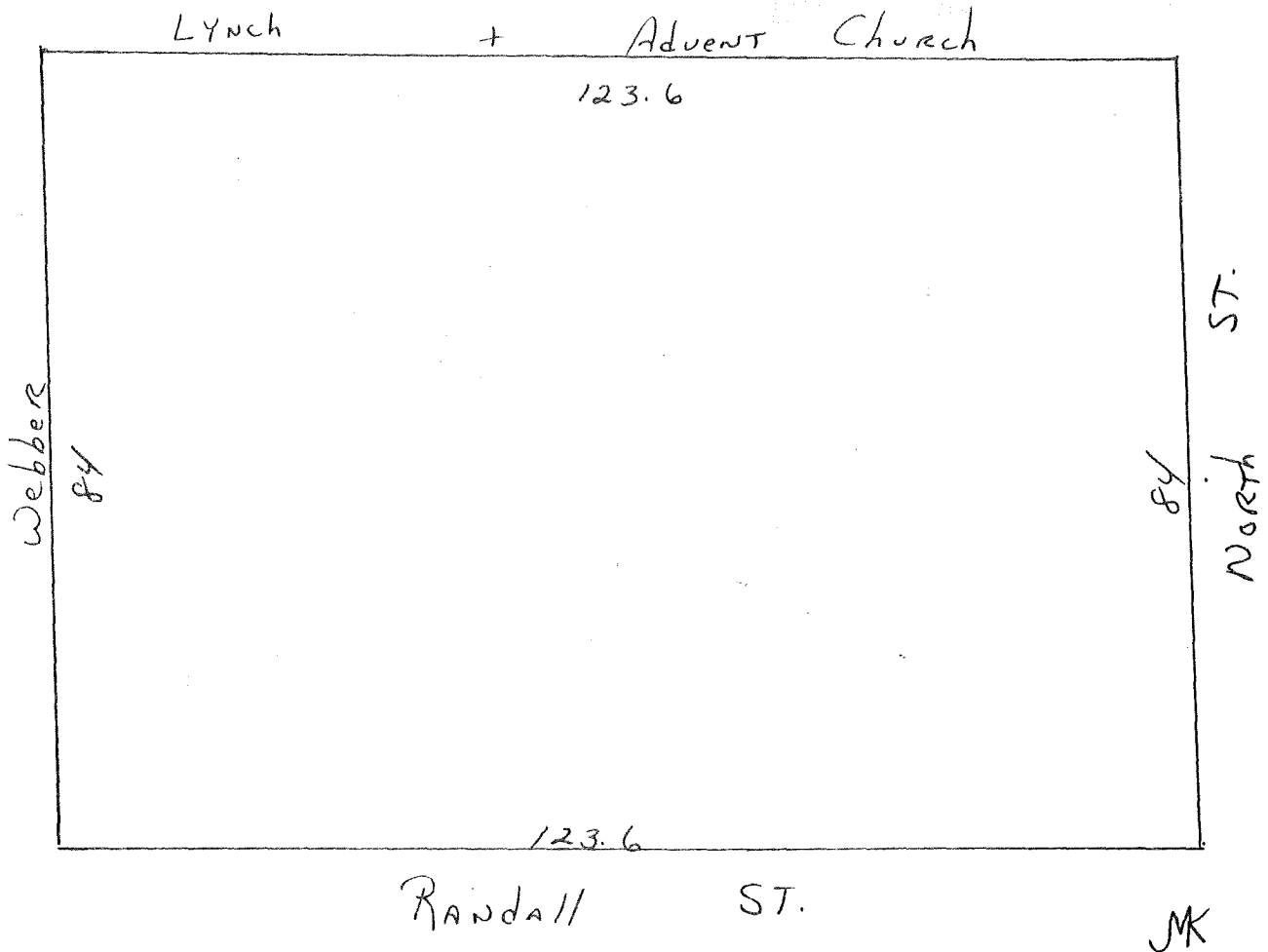
"Mr. Richard G. Goss, an esteemed and worthy citizen of the city for many years died at his home in North Salem last Thursday evening, at the age of nearly 85 years. Mr. Goss was a native of Marblehead and learned his trade (that of a baker) in that town. He came to Salem about fifty years ago, and in company with the late Volvey C. Stowe, carried on business under the firm name of Goss and Stowe. Their specialty was the fitting out of vessels with bakers' supplies. On the decline of the shipping business Mr. Goss (in 1851) removed to his late home in North Salem, at the corner of North and Randall streets, and built his house and bakery. He joined the Essex Lodge of Odd Fellows April 13, 1844, five months after it was formed, so that although not a charter member he was among the first to join. Three sons - Ezra, Samuel and George - and one daughter survive him. Mr. Goss' funeral took place from his late residence on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Arthur Rogers, pastor of the Universalist church, officiated. Essex Lodge of Odd Fellows attended."

BOOK 1644 PAGE 27

DATE -	March 13, 1901
CONSIDERATION -	\$1 each
GRANTOR (seller) -	The heirs of Richard G. Goss
GRANTEE (buyer) -	Henry Melcher
DESCRIPTION -	Land and dwelling house
PREVIOUS REFERENCE -	Will of Richard G. Goss

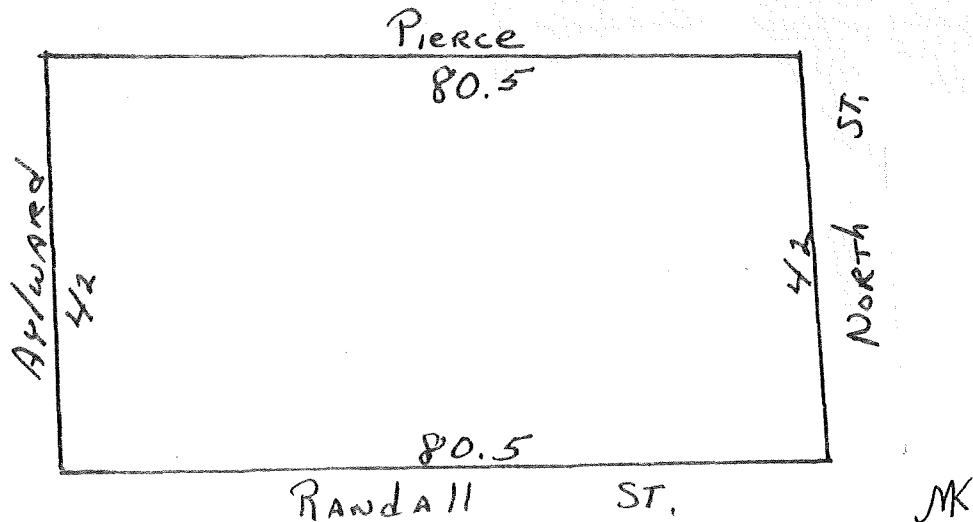
BOOK 1644 PAGE 35

DATE - March 13, 1901
CONSIDERATION - \$1
GRANTOR (seller) - Henry K. Melcher
GRANTEE (buyer) - George L. Goss
DESCRIPTION - Parcel of land and dwelling house and all other buildings on the corner of North and Randall Streets.
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Meaning to convey the estate conveyed by George Goss et al



BOOK 2677 PAGE 145

DATE - April 28, 1926
CONSIDERATION - none given - mortgage \$3,600
GRANTOR (seller) - George L. Goss, unmarried
GRANTEE (buyer) - Josephine E. Conway wife of Arthur
DESCRIPTION - Land and building
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being a portion of premises conveyed to me by deed of Henry Melcher in book 1664 page 35



BOOK 2979 PAGE

DATE - January 12, 1934
CONSIDERATION - \$1,000
GRANTOR (seller) - Salem 5 cents Savings Bank holder of a mortgage from Josephine Conway dated April 29, 1926
GRANTEE (buyer) - Salem 5 cents Savings Bank
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Mortgage book 2677 page 145

BOOK 3081 PAGE 241

DATE - August 8, 1936
CONSIDERATION - mortgage \$3,150
GRANTOR (seller) - Salem 5 cents Savings Bank
GRANTEE (buyer) - Ira M. and Lida A. Chute
DESCRIPTION - Land and building
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For title see book 2979 page 595

BOOK 3564 PAGE 123

DATE - August 26, 1947
CONSIDERATION - none given - mortgage \$3,000
GRANTOR (seller) - Ira M. Chute
GRANTEE (buyer) - William F. Dobbins
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For title see book 3081 page 241

BOOK 3788 PAGE 37

DATE - December 1, 1950
CONSIDERATION - none given - mortgage \$3,000
GRANTOR (seller) - William F. Dobbins
GRANTEE (buyer) - John I. and Louise T. Wilczenski
DESCRIPTION - land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For title see book 3564 page 123

BOOK 4823 PAGE 257

DATE - October 2, 1961
CONSIDERATION - none given
GRANTOR (seller) - John I. and Louise T. Wilczenski
GRANTEE (buyer) - Frank and Jennie A. Litwin
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to us by deed of William F. Dobbins

BOOK 5173 PAGE 505

DATE - May 26, 1964
CONSIDERATION - none given - mortgage \$17,000
GRANTOR (seller) - Frank and Jennie A. Litwin
GRANTEE (buyer) - Robert J. and Ann D. Paul of Danvers
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to us by deed of John I. Wilczensi et ux

BOOK 5797 PAGE 712

DATE - August 31, 1971
CONSIDERATION - none given - mortgage \$18,500
GRANTOR (seller) - Robert J. and Ann D. Paul
GRANTEE (buyer) - Everett S. and Irene P. Burke
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to us by deed of Frank Litwin et ux

BOOK 6831 PAGE 679

DATE - June 18, 1981

CONSIDERATION - none given - mortgage \$46,800

GRANTOR (seller) - Everett S. and Ilene (also known as Irene P.) Burke

GRANTEE (buyer) - James F. Tobin and Maryanne Lecouras

DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to us by deed of Robert J. Paul et ux

BOOK 7150 PAGE 71

DATE - June 29, 1983

CONSIDERATION - \$1 - mortgage \$50,550

GRANTOR (seller) - James F. Tobin and Maryanne Lecouras

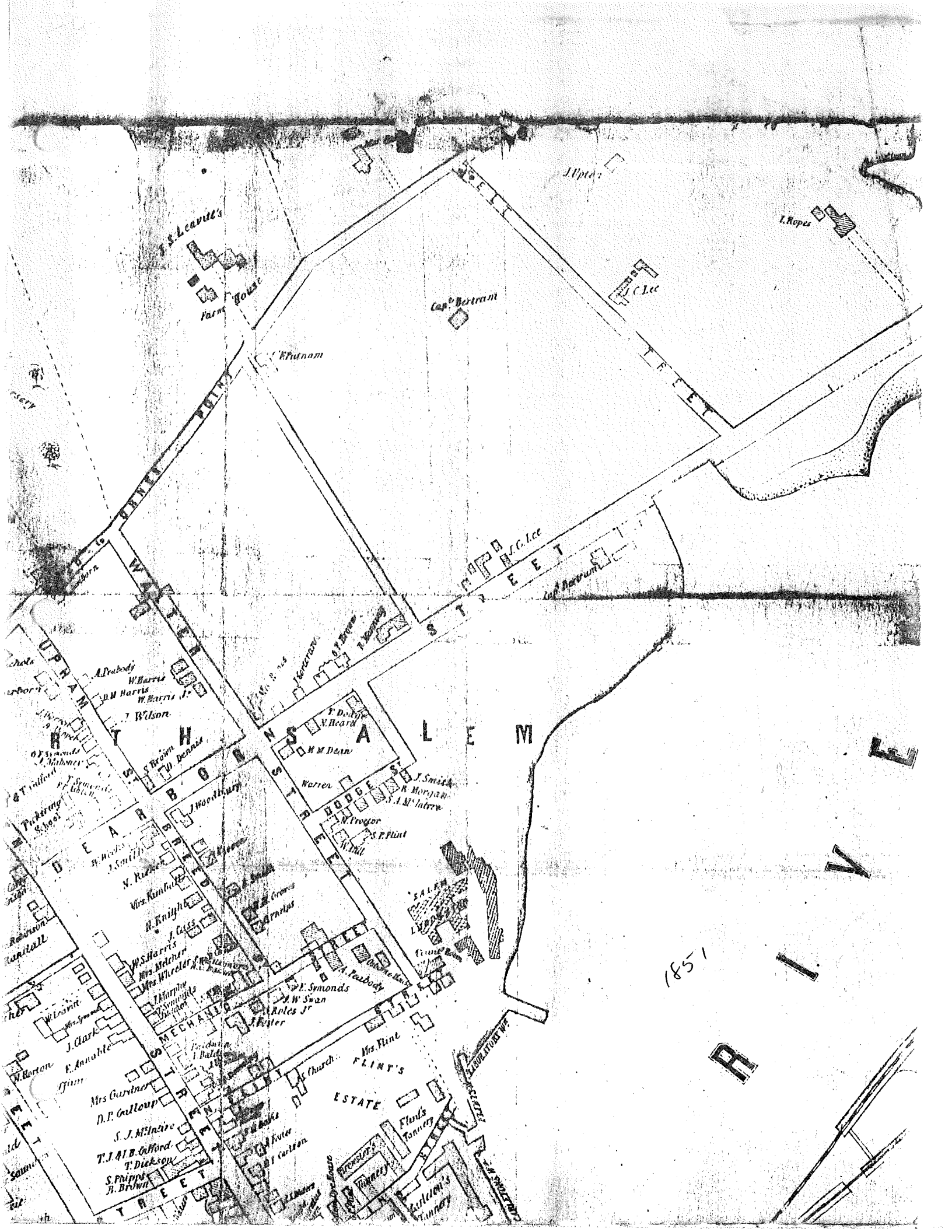
GRANTEE (buyer) - James F. Tobin

DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For our title see deed Everett S. Burke and Ilene P. Burke on June 18, 1981

James Tobin sold the land and building, at 123 North St., to Robert G. Levesque Jr. on June 23, 1985.

Reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds. Probate numbers are cases at Probate Court. Both offices are located in the same building on Federal St. All maps in this report are not meant to be exact, just for illustration purposes.



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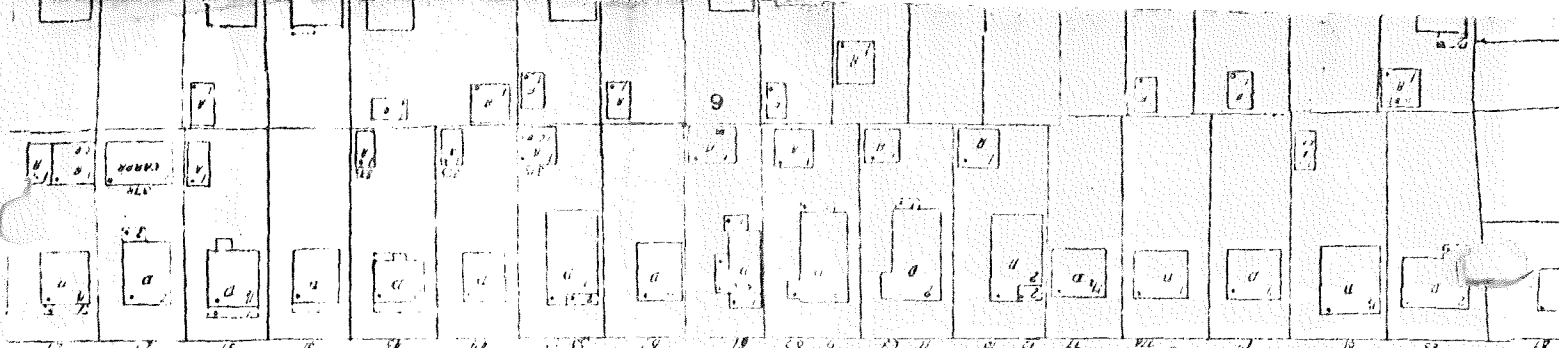
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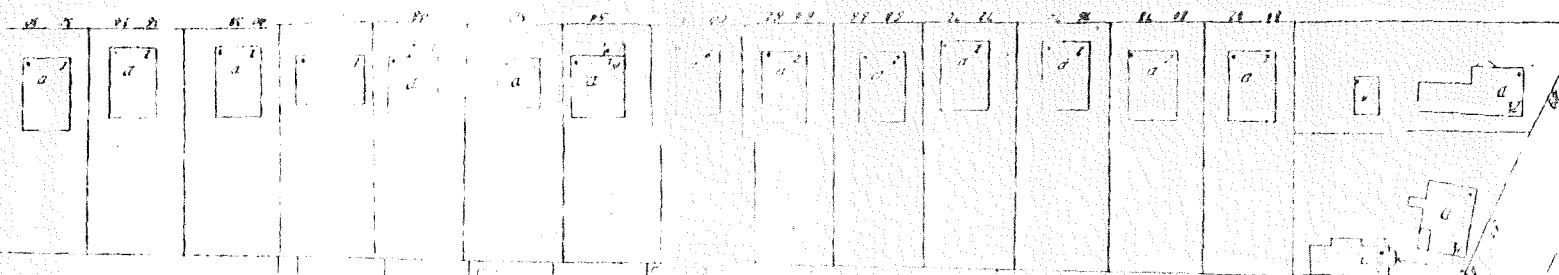
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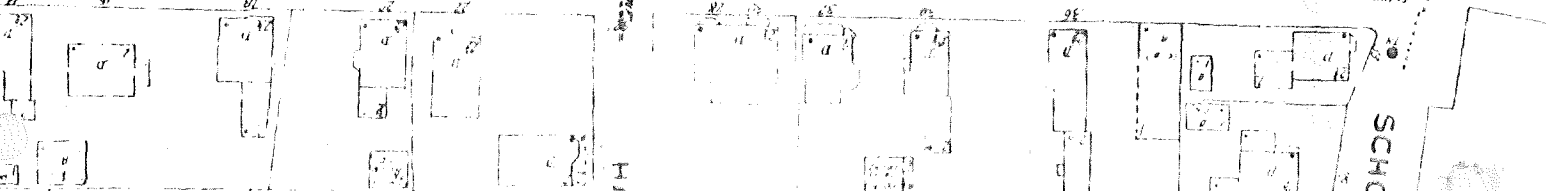
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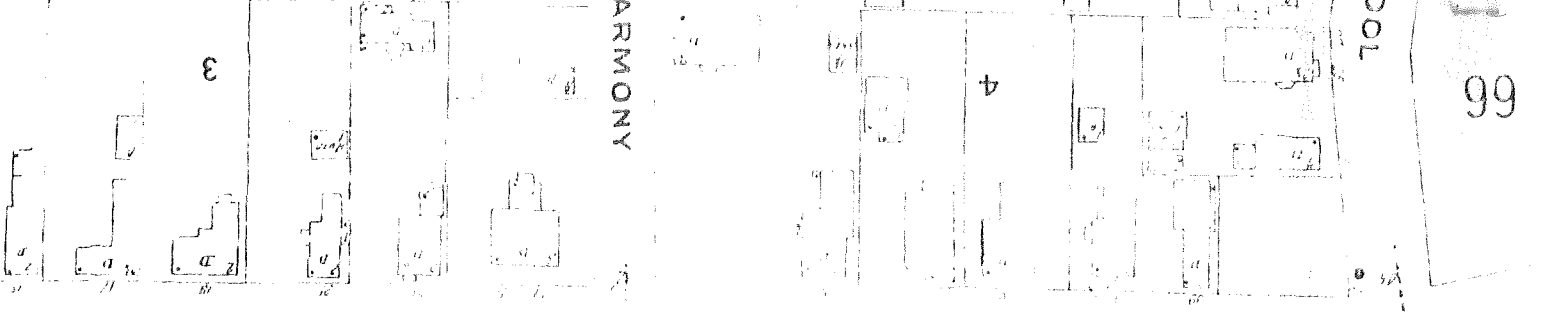
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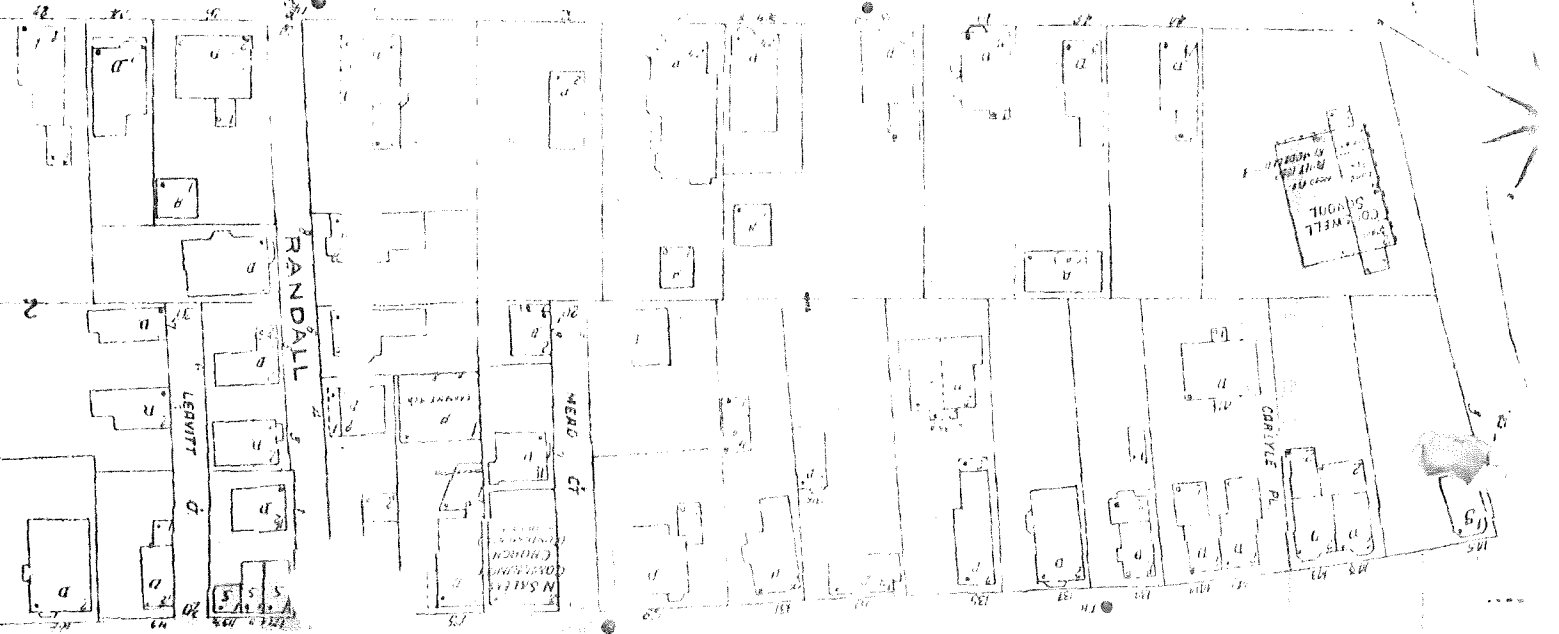
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