

5 Columbus Square

The earliest part of this house was probably built for Richard Derby Sr, Salem merchant, in 1758.

According to the researches of Sidney Perley, this land very early belonged to Mordecai Craford, a fisherman, who had a house here. By 15 Oct 1677 the property was owned by Henry Bartholomew of Salem, who on that date sold to Gilbert Tapley, Salem fisherman, "a dwelling house with all the ground adjoining to the said house which formerly was the house & ground of Mordecai Craford in Salem, near the causeway going over to Winter Island" (5:17). Mr Tapley built a larger house on the lot, retaining the small Craford house, and died possessed of the houses, about one acre of land, and a barn, in 1714. Mr Tapley's administrator for 100 li granted the premises to Capt John Abbott of Salem, shoreman, on 14 Feb 1714/15 (29:254). Capt Abbott conveyed the lot (then about 3/4 of an acre) with a house thereon for 80 li to Benjamin Ives, Salem merchant, on 16 Aug 1738 (74:176). Mr Ives, who was also a tanner, bought much other Salem Neck property, and died in 1752 possessed of "about 40 acres of land on Salem Neck" worth 400 li, with no house left standing thereon (#14643). (See Sidney Perley's article, "Salem in 1700, No. 20," in the Essex Antiquarian, 1905, vol. IX, p. 119).

The property stayed in the Ives family until 16 May 1758, when the late Benjamin's son John Ives, Salem tanner, for 460.13.4 granted the 40 acres, "now in the occupation of one Jonathan Twiss," to Richard Derby Sr, prominent Salem merchant (140:44). Evidently Mr Derby soon caused this house to be built on the farm, for use as a tavern and as a domicile for his tenant farmer Jonathan Twiss. Mr Derby died 9 Nov 1783, and on 11 Jan 1785 the other heirs released to their brother Capt John Derby "Twiss's Farm, so-called . . . with all the buildings thereon" (143:30). Capt Derby dismissed Mr Twiss from the farm in 1786, and brought in John Perkins as his tenant.

On 13 Dec¹⁷⁹³ Capt Derby, then a Boston merchant, granted the farm and buildings to Capt Edward Allen, Salem mariner, for 450 li (157:73). Capt Allen lived in the fine house, still standing, at the corner of Hardy and Derby Streets, and used this house as a summer place. He dismissed Mr Perkins and brought in as tenant farmer Mr Twiss's son-in-law Mr Brown. On 28 May 1796 Rev. William Bentley of Salem noted in his diary, "Capt Allen is repairing the house upon the Neck Farm which was very much abused by the late tenants. It is now occupied by Mr Brown." Three years later, 8 May 1799, he notes the death of an African woman, a fortune-teller, "at Twisse's," which suggests that the house was still being used as a tavern.

Still later, in Sept 1802, Mr Bentley noted that "Capt Allen has raised another story to his house at the Neck farm and is preparing to fix a piazza on the east side of it." As is obvious, William Bentley was a frequent visitor to this house. For 7 Sept 1802 he noted "Died, Mr J Twisse; for the first part of life he was temperate and had the character of a very honest man. He left the Neck Farm 16 years ago, having lived upon it 28 years, under Ives, Derby & Son. John Derby Sr dismissed him and he moved near Neck Gate. John Perkins succeeded him on the farm and lived there several years and then Twisse's son-in-law succeeded him, after Capt Allen purchased it."

Capt Allen made extensive improvements and additions to the house, and blasted away much of the ledge on the property. A wealthy merchant, he died on 27 July 1803, aged 68 years, possessed of an extensive estate which included this, " farm lying on Salem Neck so-called containing about 40 acres more or less with the dwelling house, barn & out houses standing thereon" valued at \$5000 (#394).

The Allen Farm came into the possession of Capt Allen's eldest son Edward, a Salem merchant who, on 26 Feb 1810, for \$19,600 sold much real estate to fellow merchant Josiah Orne of Salem, including the land and buildings of Allen's Farm (188:178). Six years later, for \$3000, Mr Orne sold Allen's Farm to Jonathan Dustin, Danvers victualler (210:86). Mr Dustin owned the farm until his death in 1846, whereupon it descended to his daughters, widow Eliza Sutton and Mrs Serena Ayer. They owned the property until 24 Sept 1875, when it was sold for \$21,000 to Daniel B Gardner Jr of Salem (941:233). Mr Gardner proceeded to develop the Juniper Point part of the farm as a summer colony; on 19 Aug 1876 for \$12,000 he sold the farmstead to Edward F Hall of Salem (959:246).

On 27 Mar 1877 Mr Hall conveyed the premises for \$12,000 to Samuel A Potter, who immediately reconveyed the same to Mr Hall's wife, Catherine L (973:193, 193). Mrs Hall owned the premises until 9 Jan 1879, when she released the property to George Wheatland of Salem, who immediately reconveyed to Mr Hall (1010:291, 292). On 11 Mar 1879 Mr Hall sold the property for \$900 to Thomas Entwhistle of Salem (1013:270).

After Mr Entwhistle's death, the executor of his estate for \$3275 paid by William S McIntire of Salem granted the premises then known as the "Juniper House property" (1791:143). On 11 May 1906 Mr McIntire (who had bought the place 15 Sept 1905) sold the Juniper House property to Mrs Adelaide S Haywood of Salem (1937:198).

After selling off portions of the already much-diminished estate, Mrs Haywood granted this house & land on 13 June 1910 to Henry O Upton of Salem (2027:105). After Mr Upton's death, the trustee under his will sold the place on 17 Dec 1919 to Mr & Mrs Augustus S Thorn (2435:532, & plan); on 27 Dec 1919 the Thorns mortgaged it for \$3200 to the Roger Conant Co-op Bank (2435:534). The Bank foreclosed this mortgage and sold the place on 8 Sept 1923 for \$4710 to Lucy A Moran of Salem (2571:223). She mortgaged it back to the bank, which once again foreclosed the mortgage and took possession (2988:411), and then on 4 Ap 1934 released the premises to Victoria C Quinn of Salem (2988:414).

After the death of Mrs Quinn the homestead passed to her heirs, who, on 1 July 1958 sold the place to Mr & Mrs Russell M MacDonald of Salem (4473:143). On 10 July 1964 Mr MacDonald granted the premises to the present owners, Mr & Mrs William E Pelletier (5187:241).

Robert Booth
14 July 1977

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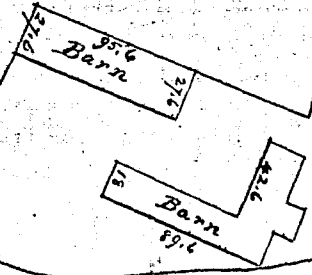
The Salem tax records of the time show that Jonathan "Twist" paid the taxes on the farm (owned by Richard Derby), which, between 1777-82, was valued at 500-600 li, and once at \$3000, the house accounting for about 100 li of the value.

A figure such as (12:34) refers to book 12, page or leaf 34, deed books, So. Essex County Registry of Deeds; a figure such as (#1234) refers to docket 1234, So. Essex County Probate Court.

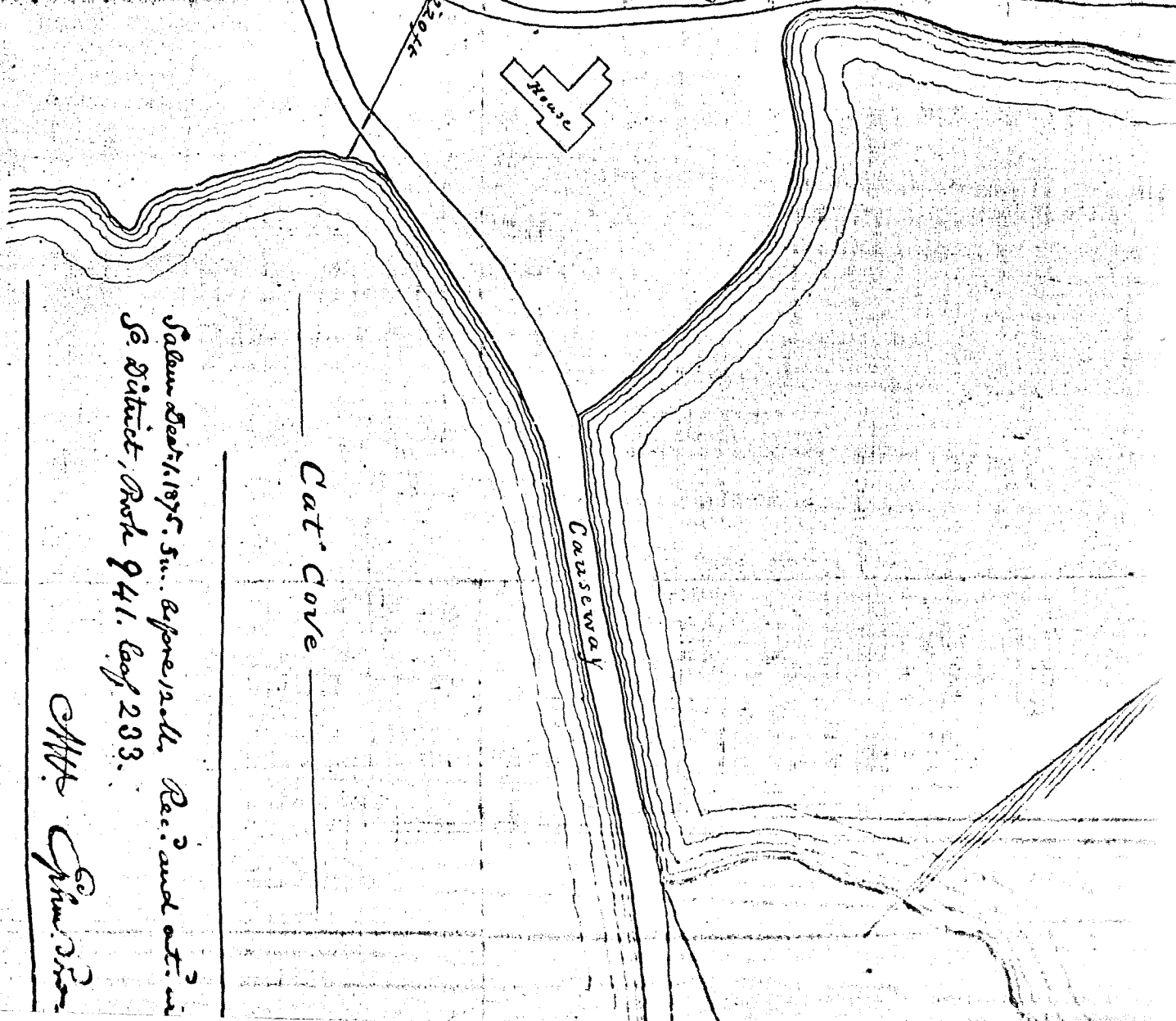
This house has recently been damaged by a fire, which burned some of the roof timbers in the oldest (hip-roofed) section of the house.

Road

Well
about 375 ft



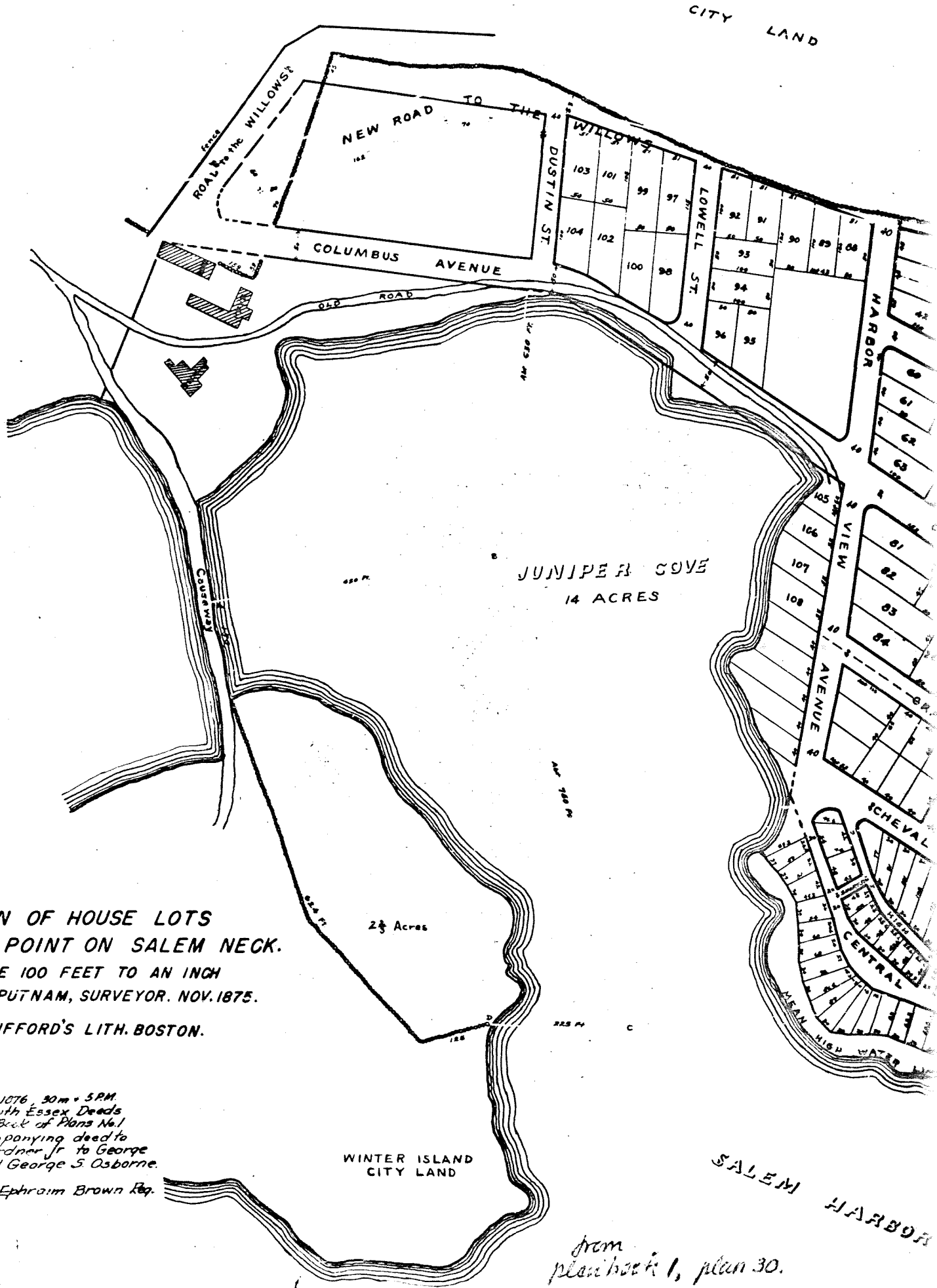
about 220 ft



Salmon Dept. 1895. 5m. before 120 ft. Rec. and out. in
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Plan of the Dustin Farm, on Salmon



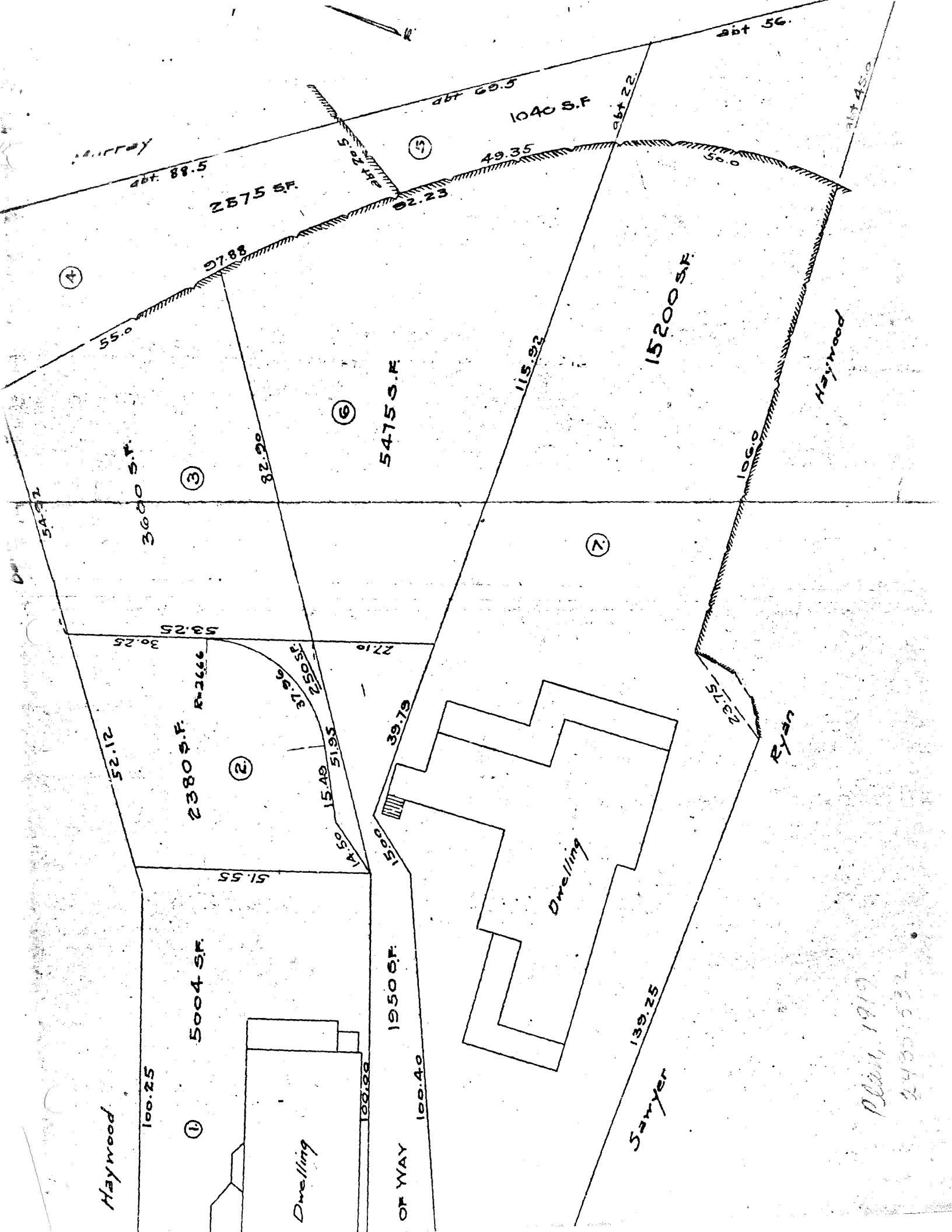
**PLAN OF HOUSE LOTS
JUNIPER POINT ON SALEM NECK.**

SCALE 100 FEET TO AN INCH
BY G. A. PUTNAM, SURVEYOR. NOV. 1875.

BUFFORD'S LITH. BOSTON.

Salem, May 20, 1876, 30 m + 5 P.M.
Rec'd and ent'd with Essex Deeds
30 District Book of Plans No. 1
leaf 30 accompanying deed to
E. I. R. Gardner Jr. to George
C. ... and George S. Osborne.
A.H. Ephraim Brown Reg.

from
plan book 1, plan 30.

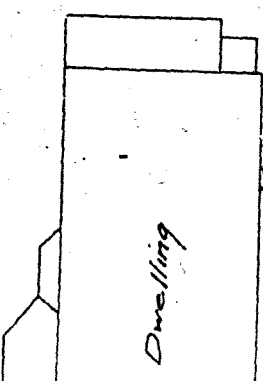


Haywood

100.25

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5004 S.F.



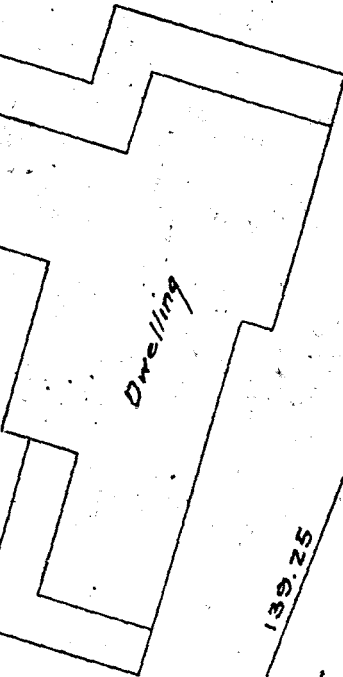
Dwelling

DRIVE

1950 S.F.

100.40

100.25



Dwelling

Sawyer

139.25

237.5

Ryan

52.12

2380 S.F.

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51.55

30.25
53.25

R-2666

17.96
25.05

15.49
51.95

39.79

27.10

3000 S.F.

③

82.90

5475 S.F.

⑥

115.93

15200 S.F.

⑦

106.0

Haywood

55.0

27.88

2875 S.F.

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abt. 88.5

Murray

⑤

abt 69.5

1040 S.F.

abt 22

49.35

82.23

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Plan, 1919

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abt 56

abt 45.0