

13 Cambridge Street
Salem, Mass.

Built by
PEMBERTON HALE
Housewright
1839

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This house was built by Pemberton Hale, Salem housewright, in 1839.

In the 18th century this land was part of a larger tract belonging to the Neal family of Salem; eventually this large parcel was subdivided. This particular lot was assembled in 1832 and 1839 by Theodore Littlefield, Salem mariner turned mason (274:77; 312:5). On 4 Feb 1839 for \$300 Mr Littlefield sold the house lot, bounded 33' on Cambridge Street, to Salem housewright Pemberton Hale, provided that Mr Hale was not to erect any buildings on the northern side of the property for twenty years, unless Mr Littlefield consented to it (310:285).

Mr Hale probably began construction of the house soon after purchasing the land; it was finished by summer 1840, and may have been habitable a year earlier. Salem valuation records show that in 1839 Mr Hale had just moved to Cambridge Street from ward four, and that in 1840 (spring-time) he was assessed for half of a house worth \$700, and for this, an "unfinished house" on Cambridge Street, worth \$500. It must then have been unfinished in minor details only, for in 1841 the same house was valued, as a finished house, for that same \$500. Mr Hale built this house for himself and his family, and here they lived until 1852.

Pemberton Hale was born in Rowley, Mass., 23 Oct 1805, son of Pemberton and Susannah (Jewett) Hale; he had moved to Salem by 11 Oct 1830, when he married Martha Ford, by whom he had children James F. and Susan Jewett Hale. Mrs Hale lived here but a few years before dying of consumption (tuberculosis) on 4 June 1842, aged 31 years. On 9 Sept 1845, he, still a housewright, married Lydia Hale (b. 15 Dec 1811) of Newburyport, and they had at least three children, of whom only Lydia Ann survived to maturity.

Mr Hale, a member of the Tabernacle Church, eventually gave up carpentry for the grocery business, being senior member of the firm of Hale and Sanborn. His grocery store, now gone, stood on the north side of Norman Street at the corner of Summer Street; the business was later carried on by his son James. Mr Hale served as the foreman of the Hook & Ladder volunteer firefighting company. He died on 29 Dec 1885, aged 80 years, having outlived his second wife Lydia and his grown daughter Susan; at the time he lived on Mt. Vernon Street. By his will of 9 Ap 1866, he left this house, 13 Cambridge Street, to his youngest child, Lydia Ann, wife of Ezra L Woodbury (#62982).

Mrs Woodbury owned the premises for the rest of her life, evidently renting out this house. She died in her 68th year on 10 May 1917, possessed of real estate worth \$8400 (this house with land was valued at \$2000) and personal estate worth \$900.96 (#126951). On 19 Mar 1927 her husband and four children conveyed the premises to Fannie, wife of Amos H Hayford (2714:205). It has remained in the Hayford family until very recently.

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Notes:

On 1 Feb 1840 Pemberton Hale for \$200 mortgaged this lot "with all the buildings thereon" to shopkeeper Robert Peele, whose estate discharged the mortgage 28 Apr 1851 (317:141). This implies the existence of this house very early in 1840.

Mr Hale's obituary is to be found in the Salem Evening News for 30 Dec 1885, page four, column four, under the heading Death of a Venerable Citizen.

Pemberton Hale (b. 23 Oct 1805, Rowley, son of Pemberton & Susannah (Jewett) Hale), m. 11 Oct 1830, in Salem, Martha Ford; she d. of consumption 4 June 1842, a. 31y.; he m. (2) 9 Sept 1845 Lydia Hale (dtr of Moses Hale) of Newburyport (b. 15 Dec 1811). He d. 29 Dec 1885, Salem, a. 80y. Known children:

- 1) James F , , grocer in 1885.
- 2) Susan Jewett, bp 1 May 1836, m. Thomas E Cressey; had two ch.
- 3) George Pemberton, bp 28 May 1842, d. 12 June 1842.
- 4) George Pemberton, bp 14 Mar 1847, d. young.
- 5) Lydia Ann, 5 Dec 1849, m. Ezra L Woodbury; had four ch.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I, Theodore Littlefield of Salem in the County of Essex, man, in consideration of three hundred dollars to me paid by Pemberton Hale of Salem in said County. housewright.

the receipt whereof is do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Pemberton Hale and his heirs and assigns forever, the following described lot of land lying on Cambridge Street in said Salem, and bounded as follows. viz: Beginning at the northwest corner of said lot by said street; thence running easterly by land of the grantor forty nine feet and one inch; thence running southerly a little west by land of said grantor as the fence now stands fourteen feet, six inches, to land of Benjamin Cox; thence by said Cox's land southerly a little east, nineteen feet and two inches, as the fence now stands; thence westerly by land of Samuel Lanabee fifty five feet & three inches to Cambridge Street; thence northerly by said Street thirty three feet to the first mentioned bounds, **Provided**, that said Hale, his heirs and assigns, shall not erect any building on the north line of the premises conveyed, for the term of twenty years from this time, without the consent of said Littlefield.

To Have and to Hold the above granted premises with the appurtenances thereto belonging to the said Pemberton Hale and his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever. And I the said Theodore Littlefield for my self & my heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant with the said Pemberton Hale and his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seised in fee of the above granted premises, that they are free from all incumbrances

that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Pemberton Hale and, that I will and my heirs executors, and administrators, shall warrant and defend the same to the said Pemberton Hale and his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In witness whereof I the said Theodore Littlefield and I Hannah Littlefield, wife of said Theodore, who for one dollar to me paid do hereby release my right to claim in the premises to said Pemberton Hale, his heirs

have hereunto set our hands and seals this fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us, N. J. Lord.

Theodore Littlefield. Seal, Hannah Littlefield. Seal,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Essex, ss. February 9, A.D. 1839. - Then personally appeared the abovesaid Theodore Littlefield and Hannah Littlefield and acknowledged the foregoing Instrument, to be their free act and deed,

before me, Nathl. J. Lord, Justice of the Peace,

Essex, ss. Received Feb. 14, 1839, 10 m. past 11,

o'clock, (A. M. Recorded and examined, Register.

KNOW all men by these presents, That I Pemberton Hale of Salem in the County of Essex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Trader, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills at any time heretofore made by me.

First. I hereby direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid by my executors hereinafter named.

Second. I give devise and bequeath to my beloved Lydia J Hale the use improvement and income of all my real estate, consisting of two dwelling Houses on Cambridge Street, one dwelling house No. 15 Cornhill Street, and the building on the corner of Norman and Summer Street, the lower part of which is now occupied by me as a Store, and the upper part fitted for a tenement, with all the land under and adjoining each of said estates, for and during the term of her natural life, she to keep the buildings in good repair, and to keep the same insured in some Office in Salem or Danvers.

Third. After the decease of my said wife, I give to my son James H Hale the building with the land under and adjoining on the corner of Norman and Cornhill Streets.

Fourth.

After the decease of my said wife, I give the dwelling house and land belonging thereto on Cornhill Street to my daughter Susan J. the wife of Thomas E Greary of South Danvers.

Fifth. After the decease of my said wife, I give to my daughter Lydia Ann Hale my two dwelling houses with the land under and adjoining the same situated on Cambridge Street.

Sixth. I give and bequeath to my said wife, all my furniture beds and bedding and all other house keeping utensils.

Seventh. I give and bequeath to my son James all my wearing apparel.

Eighth. In giving my real estate to my children named above, it is my intention that the same shall be free from all incumbrances made

by me, and whereas there is at this time a mortgage on the estate in
Crombie Street; which I hope soon to pay off. Now therefore if I should
decease before the same be paid; I direct that my executor named
below, shall pay the amount out of any other property I may be possessed
of, so that each Child shall receive the share devised to them free
from all incumbrances made by me. If there should not be
sufficient of my personal estate to pay the incumbrance, then the
amount shall be proportioned on the real estate devised according
to the amount at which they shall be appraised. —

Ninth. I hereby constitute and appoint my said Wife Lydia T. Hale and
my son James T. Hale to be Executors of this my last will and Testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
Seal this Ninth day of April, one thousand eight
hundred and sixty six.

Pemberton Hale

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said
Pemberton Hale as and for his last Will and
testament in presence of us, who in his presence
and in the presence of each other and at his
request have subscribed our names as
witnesses hereto.

William Lilly

Robert Peck

Charles W. Farrington



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INVOICE

March 6, 2006

**Ms. Barbara Taylor
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Historic House Plaque – 13 Cambridge Street, \$100.00

Please make check payable to:

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Thank you.

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To The Sherriff Family

A Historic Salem, Inc. House Plaque has
been ordered for you as a gift from
Barbara Taylor.

The plaque will be mailed directly to you
at 13 Cambridge Street, Salem, MA 01970

Barbara A. Cleary

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President
Historic Salem, Inc.



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TO: Bob Leonard, Ould Colony Artisans
FAX: 207-779-0707

FROM: Dick Thompson, Historic Salem, Inc.

DATE: March 30, 2006

New Plaque order as follows:

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