

319 Essex Street
Salem, Mass.

DOCUMENTATION

Deeds

Book page
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October 29, 1971

Mary E. Mason sells to Maxine B. O'Hara land on the S. side of Essex St. with buildings, described: beginning at the N.E. corner thereof by land of Raymond, running S.E. by said land 42.42'; then running S. by said land 25.37' to Lot B (see plan reproduced below) then running W. by lot B 25.30' to a dwelling house on lot B; then running N. by said house 31.08' to Essex St.; then running N.E. by Essex St. 24.58' to point begun at. Containing 1,730 s.f. of land, being Lot A on plan Book 3419 p. 5: for title see that reference.

3419 5 July 14, 1945

Osgood Cook of Marblehead sells to Mary E. Mason of Salem land with two dwelling houses and a barn, bounded:

on N. by Essex St.

on W. by Cambridge St.

on S. by land now or late of Ropes

on E. by land now or late of Gass

For title see deed Book 2096 p. 87, also Probate of my mother Elizabeth C. Cook. Intending to convey all the land belonging to me on the Plan. (shown below)

3419 5 July 14, 1945

Frederick D. and Mary E. Mason sell to Horace Hulett (all of Lot B as shown on Plan)

2096 87 July 25, 1911

Joseph B.F. Osgood of Salem for \$1 and considerations grants to Elizabeth C. Cook widow of Henry A. Cook of Salem all real estate belonging to me in Salem and Marblehead including: (several other parcels) and land with two dwelling houses and a barn bounded:

on W. by Cambridge St.

on S. by land of Burbank

on E. by land of Gass

on N. by Essex St.

See deeds Book 771 p. 25, 772 p. 78, 79, 703 p. 203

771 25 March 25, 1869

Elizabeth Barnard of Indiana for \$1 and considerations grants to Joseph B.F. Osgood land in Salem bounded:

W. on Cambridge St. 115'-4"

S. by land of Burbank 58½'

E. by land of Gass 141' more or less

N. on Essex St. 54' more or less

722 78 April 15, 1867

Julia Barnard of Indiana under the will of Edward Barnard late of Salem duly authorised by the Court to sell the real estate of the testator for \$4050 sells to Joseph B.F. Osgood of Salem real estate bounded (this is approx. Lot B and part of Lot C)

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- 722 79 April 26, 1867
Julia Barnard, Benjamin H. Barnard, and Julia Barnard all of Indiana being widow, son, and adopted daughter of Edward Barnard dec. of Salem for \$1 convey to Joseph B.F. Osgood land and buildings (same descrip. as Book 771 p. 25)
- 703 203 May 11, 1866
Julia Barnard of Indiana for \$1200 sells to Joseph B.F. Osgood land and buildings bounded N. on Essex St. 24'-4"
W. on land of heirs of Edward Barnard 120'-10"
S. on land of Burbank formerly Davis 26'-6"
E. on land formerly of Carnes 140' approx.
Being estate conveyed me Book 584 p. 224
- 584 224 March 31, 1859
Thomas Barnard and Edward Barnard of Florida for \$1000 sell to Julia Barnard of Salem, exec. of Edward Barnard, dec. real estate in Salem (same estate as above) Being same estate conveyed Book 232 p. 46
- 232 46 May 3, 1823
Abigail Mason Dabney widow of Salem for \$250 releases to Judith Barnard (same estate as above) Being same estate deeded me Book 171 p. 11
- 171 11 June 30, 1802
Daniel Saunders merchant and Sarah his wife in her right, and Willard Peele merchant, all of Salem for \$1 grant to Abigail Mason Dabney wife of John Dabney all our rights to the land and buildings in Salem bounded: N. on Essex St. 24'-4"
W. on land of Wright 124'-10"
S. on land formerly Davis 26'-6"
E. on land of Carnes 140'
Being part of that residue of the real estate of Capt. Thomas Mason, dec. which was assigned to Sarah Saunders, Abigail Mason Dabney, and Willard Peele as heirs if Abigail Mason, dec.
- 158 85 July 16, 1794
Mary Blaney, Elizabeth Saunders, Hannah Hathorne, Elizabeth Grant, Sarah Holmes widows, Nathaniel Estey cooper, Joseph Hood mariner, Jeremiah Shepard hatter, William Gray III painter and Susannah his wife in her right, Margaret Pike Spinster all of Salem, and Christopher Osgood of Danvers and Mary his wife in her right, being all heirs of Richard Pike late of Salem blacksmith dec. intestate for £ 120 release to Thomas Mason merchant of Salem our right to the land in Salem with that part of a dwelling house standing over same, lately set off to Mary Pike widow of said intestate and is expectant of the decease of said Mary Pike.

Diaries of Rev. William Bentley

Could find no information about this house

Salem in 1700 by Sidney Perley (map section #5)

John Robinson House Jonathan Neale conveyed that part of this lot - - to Samuel Wakefield tailor of Salem Feb. 12, 1679-80 (Book 6 p. 109) Upon this portion of the lot Mr. Wakefield built a small two story dwelling house. He bought of Mr. Neale the strip of 12' in width south of the (plot) in 1683 (Book 6 p. 109) Mr. Wakefield moved to Boston and conveyed the house and lot to John Bullock of Salem, ordinary keeper, in 1683 (Book 6 p. 109) Mr. Bullock was a cripple from fighting against the Indians and was allowed to have a victualling shop in 1680 - - - He conveyed the lot

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and the "good considerable dwelling house" for £120 to Major Charles Redford, merchant. Major Redford married Elizabeth widow of John Turner uncle of Elizabeth Gedney - - - and he conveyed the estate to Elizabeth Gedney, apparently having bought it for her, for the same price four days after his purchase. (Book 9 p. 371) Miss Gedney married Richard King slaughterer and Mary widow of John Bullock released the estate to Mr. King in 1695 (Book 11 p. 159) Mr. and Mrs. King conveyed it to John Robinson Sr. tailor of Salem in 1695. (Book 11 p. 158) Mr. Robinson transferred the lot with house and barn to Richard Pike anchorsmith in 1706 (Book 18 p. 173) Mr. Pike died in 1747 having devised it to his wife Elizabeth. It descended to her son Richard Pike who died possessed of it in 1792. The western part of the house and lot was conveyed by the administrator to Daniel Wright merchant in 1794 (Book 157 p. 252) The eastern part of the house was set off as dower to the widow Mary Pike who kept a variety shop for children. She lived in it with her sea-faring son until about 1804 when the house was removed or demolished the premises being owned by Daniel Wright and the estate of Thomas Mason.

SUMMARY

This small attractive house presents the problem of deeds showing the continuous presence of a house since 1679. However Perley states that around 1804 the house was removed or demolished by heirs of Thomas Mason who bought the east half and land in 1794, subject to the widow Pike's dower right to live there until she died. She lived (acc. to Vital Statistics) until 1816, so probably willingly moved somewhere else by 1804.

Looking at the house at 319 Essex St. and the house on the corner of Cambridge St. it is hard to see how they could ever have been one house divided into east and west halves and sold separately. The interior of 319 Essex St. shows no evidence of any 17th Century characteristics; but on the contrary, the fairly high ceilings, placing of chimneys and fireplaces, plus the trim and the doors seem definitely to be first quarter 19th Century.

A study of Tax Records and Assessors Day Books show a confusing picture, but I was able to make the following observations. In 1801 Daniel Wright, owner of the west half of the old house was assessed \$600 for "pt. house and land". I could find no trace of who paid any taxes on the Thomas Mason half: no trace of anyone until 1823 when "Wid. Barnard" (this would be Judith) was assessed \$700 for a "pt. house". Edward Barnard (a son) had been assessed for several years earlier for a brick house in S. Salem valued at \$1200. By 1837 the city directories list him as living on Cambridge St. and later, specifically at #1 Cambridge. He was no longer paying taxes on real estate therefore must have been boarding at #1 Cambridge. In the following years the Widow Barnard paid taxes on a "house and shop". Edward Barnard continued to live at the "cor. Cambridge and Essex". The comparatively low price paid by Widow Barnard in 1823 (\$250) when she bought the property from Abigail Mason Dabney seems to indicate the absence of a house. (barn may have still existed) In 1859 the same property was sold for \$1000. Abigail Mason Dabney, wife of John Dabney lived in Ward 1 although she owned the property at 319 Essex St. since 1802.

My conclusions based on all the evidence I have been able to find is that the Widow Barnard bought the parcel and had the small "house and shop" built around 1823. The house at the corner of Essex and Cambridge Sts. was probably built some years earlier: after the Wrights had acquired the west half of the old Pike house in 1794, and as Perley said, had it removed or demolished.

Sally Dee, researcher May 23, 1974

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PART OF SALEM IN 1700. NO. 5.

BY SIDNEY PERLEY.

THE frontispiece is a map of that section of Salem which is bounded by Essex, Summer, Broad and Flint streets. It is based on actual surveys and title deeds, and is drawn on a scale of two hundred feet to an inch. It shows the location of all houses that were standing in 1700, and the Quaker meeting-house. The braces marked "a," show where Chestnut street now runs; that marked "b," the southern end of Cambridge street; "c," Pickering street; "d," Warren street; "e," Hamilton street; and "f," Bott's court.

Essex street was a path, probably before Conant came, and was first called a highway in 1662; street, 1663; the broad street that goes from ye meeting house westward to the town's end, 1679; the main street, 1679; lane or highway, 1683; ye main town street, 1690; ye high street, 1695; Main street, 1711; and Essex street, 1795.

Summer street was first called a street or highway, 1661; lane that leads into ye main street, 1687; Main street, 1711; highway leading from the main street to the almshouse, 1753; road leading to Marblehead, 1760; street leading to the Duck factory, 1793; and Summer street, 1803.

Broad street was first called the common in 1659; street or highway, 1687; highway leading to the pound, 1753; and Broad street, 1799.

Flint street was called a lane in 1706; Flint's lane, 1757; and Flint street, 1802.

Cambridge street was laid out as fast as Jonathan Neale sold lots of land. It was first called a lane or highway, 1679; lane from ye high or main street towards

Samuel Woodwell's brick kiln, 1695; Meeting-house lane, 1795; and Cambridge street, 1799; having probably been laid out to Broad street by the Neales in the latter year.

Chestnut street was laid out from Summer street nearly to Flint street in 1797, and carried through to Flint street in 1801. It has always been called by its present name.

Warren street was laid out in or before 1806, when it was called Green street. It was called Warren street as early as 1869.

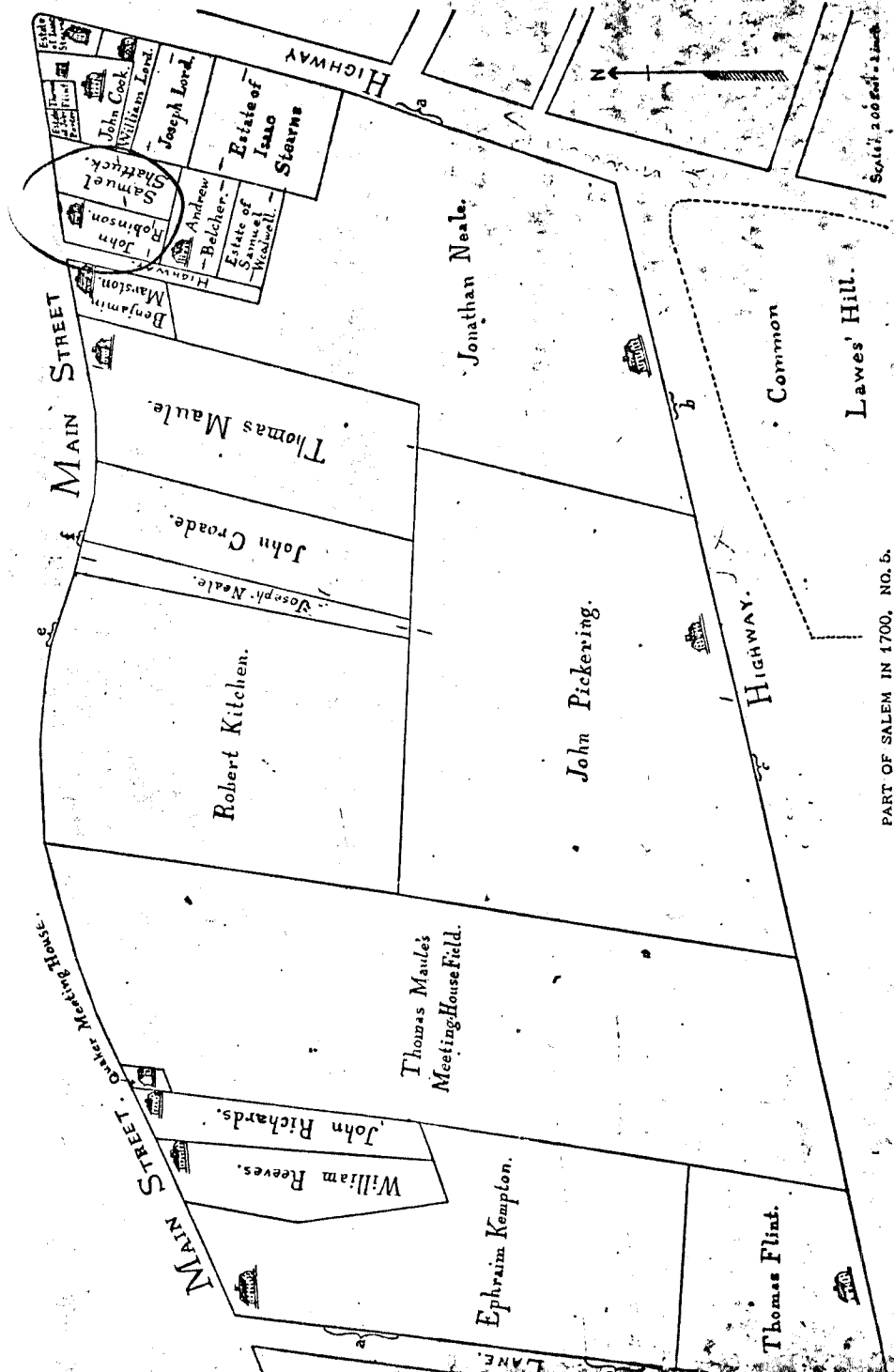
Hamilton street was laid out in or before 1813, and has always been known by that name.

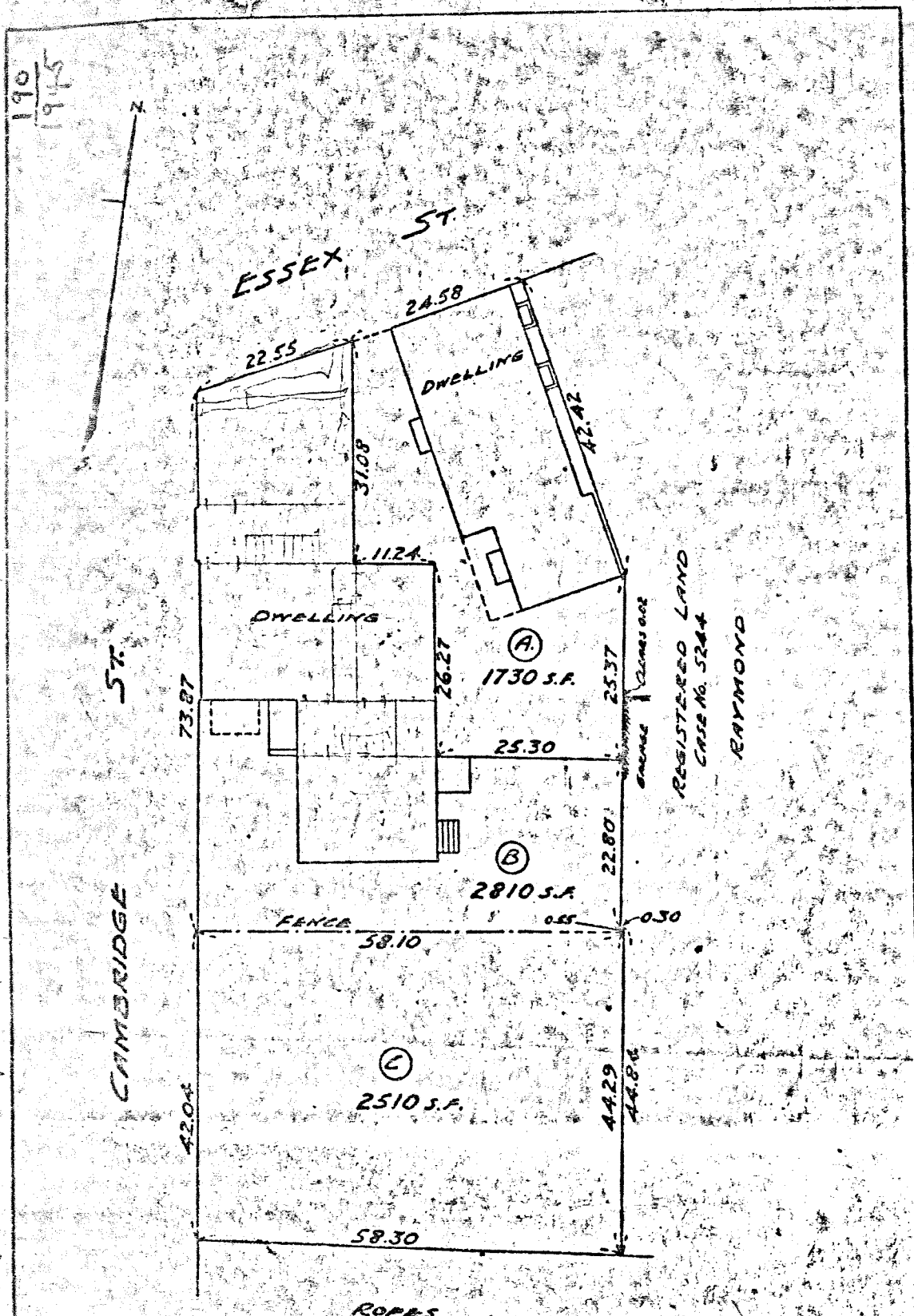
Pickering street was laid out in or before 1869, and has always borne that name.

In the sketches that follow, after 1700, titles and deeds referred to pertain to the houses and land under and adjoining, but not always to the whole lot, the design being, after 1700, to give the history of the houses then standing principally.

This square was originally laid out in two-acre lots, apparently, about seven rods wide, and running from Essex to Broad streets.

The lots of Isaac Stearns, Joseph Lord, William Lord, John Cook, Thomas Flint and the estate of John Porter, containing one acre, belonged to Philip Verrin before 1650, when he died possessed of the land and the house standing upon it, being the Lord house. His widow, Dorcas Verrin, and his son Hilliard Verrin, conveyed the house and land to William Lord, sr., of Salem, for "ten yew sheep, to be chosen out of twenty, & a ram lamb & twenty





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 filed 4/14/45, 150 1945
 SCALE 1" = 16 FT.
 JULY, 1945.
 OSGOOD COOK
 SALEM, MASS.