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23 OLIVER STREET

Built for

DANIEL MILLET, tailor

circa 1826

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*"to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects,  
and to work for the education of the community  
in the true value of the same."*

23 OLIVER STREET

This house is described by the Salem Historic District Study Committee Investigation:

23 Oliver Street

PERIOD: FEDERAL (1790-1830)

"This two-story plus gambrel roof, wooden (siding) house is gable end to the street and back to Bridge Street, which didn't exist when this house was built. The house has had a columned porch, flat-roofed ell and two-story entrance tower added to it (prior to 1874 Atlas), and yet its basic form and style can still be seen. The house belonged to the Pitman family for many years."

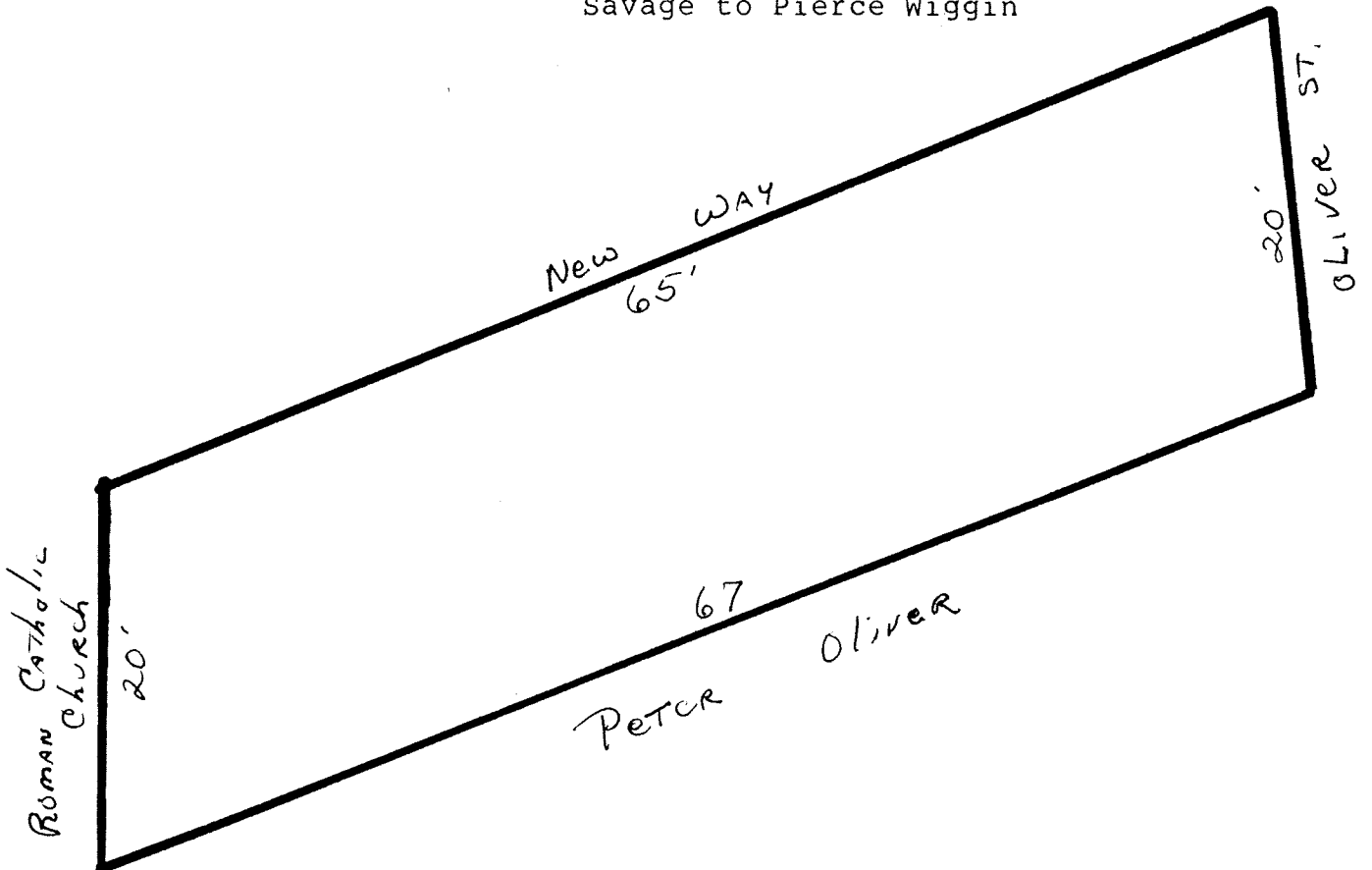
The Rev. William Bentley wrote in 1800 that "Oliver has opened a Street from the Common to Needham's Lane and to North River." The field where the street was laid out had belonged to the Lynde family for many years. Mary Oliver, the daughter of Benjamin Lynde, owned the greater part of the west side of this street and after her death, in 1807, it became the property of her son Peter Oliver.

BOOK 239 PAGE 258

DATE - February 2, 1824  
CONSIDERATION - \$96.66  
GRANTOR (seller) - Ezekiel Savage, the guardian of Peter Oliver  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Pierce Wiggin  
DESCRIPTION - Lot of land

BOOK 239 PAGE 259

DATE - October 18, 1825  
CONSIDERATION - \$175  
GRANTOR (seller) - Ebenezer Stodder and wife Mary in her own right, and Eliza A. Very, single  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Daniel Millet, tailor  
DESCRIPTION - Lot of land  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same property conveyed by Ezekiel Savage to Pierce Wiggin



BOOK 248 PAGE 279

DATE - June 4, 1828  
CONSIDERATION - \$700  
GRANTOR (seller) - Daniel and Elizabeth Millet  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Ebenezer Pulsifer, mariner  
DESCRIPTION - Lot of land with dwelling house  
and other buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - "The same conveyed to me by Eben  
Stodder et al"

Salem Gazette May 13, 1828

Real Estate at Auction on Wednesday the 21st inst. at 10  
o'clock A.M.

on the premises  
A TWO STORY DWELLING HOUSE with land under & adjoining,  
pleasantly situated on the corner of Oliver, and the New Road  
near the North River - being well finished, having a good well  
of water, a good Barn, and other conveniences.  
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BOOK 264 PAGE 108

DATE - March 16, 1832  
CONSIDERATION - \$168  
GRANTOR (seller) - Joseph G. Waters administrator of  
the estate of Peter Oliver  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Ebenezer Pulsifer, mariner  
DESCRIPTION - Lot of land  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - None given

Roman Catholic Church

20

new way  
65

Dwelling house + land  
Miller  
sold to  
Pulsifer  
1828

20

67

Lot of Land  
sold to  
Pulsifer  
1832

ST.

OLIVER

Elizabeth Williams

BOOK 611 PAGE 17

DATE - May 4, 1860  
CONSIDERATION - \$1,400  
GRANTOR (seller) - Nath'l Pulsifer adminstrator of the  
estate of Ebenezer  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Augustus and Hannah Pitman  
DESCRIPTION - Dwelling house and other buildings  
and land  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - None given

Salem Gazette April 1860

Sale of Real Estate by Order of Administration  
On Wednesda 25th April, at 11 o'clock A.M., will be sold by  
auction on the premises.

The two story dwelling house with the land under & adjoining;  
situate on Oliver and Bridge streets; measures on Oliver street  
about 76 1/2 ft., and on Bridge street 61 feet; and contains  
about 4,000 sq. ft. The same being numbered 23 on Oliver  
street. Terms at sale.

Roman Catholic Church

52.9

BRIDGE ST.  
61

18.5

58.1

OLIVER ST.

67

Elizabeth Williams

BOOK 1359 PAGE 565

DATE - November 1, 1892

CONSIDERATION -

GRANTOR (seller) - James W. Nichols the younger of that  
nam and Anna P.; Charles A. Pitman;  
George E. Hayes, of Manchester N.H.,  
and Kte H. his wife in her right  
Heirs of their father Augustus Pitman

GRANTEE (buyer) - Hannah Pitman, widow

DESCRIPTION - 1/2 share of the land and buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed by Nath'l Pulsifer

BOOK 1974 PAGE 457

DATE - July 29, 1909

CONSIDERATION - \$1 and other valuable consideration

GRANTOR (seller) - Hannah Pitman

GRANTEE (buyer) - Margaret F. Pitman

DESCRIPTION - Land and dwelling house

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Meaning to convey the premises I own  
at the corner of Bridge and Oliver.  
See deed of Nath'l Pulsifer adm. to  
Hannah and Augustus P. Pitman and  
deed C.A. Pitman et al to Hannah.



BOOK 5071 PAGE 80

DATE - May 20, 1963 and June 11, 1963

CONSIDERATION - \$3,250

GRANTOR (seller) - Helen M. Pitman adm. of the estate of Augustus G. Pitman and Julia P. Eddleman

GRANTEE (buyer) - Rene P. Morneau Sr. and Anna A.

DESCRIPTION - Land and dwelling house

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For title see deed of Hannah Pitman to Margaret F. Pitman and estate of Margaret F. Pitman #219528 and the will of Grace M. Pitman Suffolk #347220

BOOK 6404 PAGE 170

DATE - October 14, 1977

CONSIDERATION - \$39,000

GRANTOR (seller) - Anna Morneau, also known as Anna A

GRANTEE (buyer) - Joan M. Tremblay

DESCRIPTION - Land and dwelling house

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For title see deeds of Julia P. Eddleman and Helen Pitman

BOOK 7141 PAGE 457

DATE - June 22, 1983

CONSIDERATION - \$73,000

GRANTOR (seller) - Joan M. Irons formerly known as Joan M. Tremblay

GRANTEE (buyer) - John F. Anderson Jr. and Pamela M.

DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to me under my former name of Joan M. Tremblay by deed of Anna Morneau.

BOOK 8193 PAGE 231

DATE - April 4, 1986  
CONSIDERATION - \$135,000  
GRANTOR (seller) - John F. Anderson Jr. and Pamela M.  
GRANTEE (buyer) - John H. and Katharine H. Storey  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to grantors by deed of Joan M. Irons.

BOOK 8978 PAGE 465

DATE - May 22, 1987  
GRANTOR (seller) - John H. and Katharine Storey  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Paul and Lennae Peterson  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings 23 Oliver St.

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

23 OLIVER STREET

NOTES:

The first mention of a house on this land appears in the deed, of June 4, 1828, when Daniel Millet sells a lot of land with the dwelling house and other buildings thereon. Since Mr. Millet purchased the lot of land late 1825, it seems safe to assume that he had the dwelling house built soon after and it was completed circa 1826.

There is a tradition that this house was moved to this site. Unfortunately, documentation to that effect has not been found. Many houses, in Salem, were moved prior to the invention of electricity. The hassle of electrical wires, and later telephone lines, slowed the house moving business to a near halt. Records of house movings were not systematically kept and a great deal of time and research is required to prove such movings. Until the tradition is substantiated, we must rely on the 1826 documentation.

DANIEL MILLET, tailor

Daniel Millet, the son of Joseph and Elisabeth Millet, was born on May 15, 1785. He married Elizabeth Caldwell on March 25, 1807. She died on February 11, 1837. He married Mary (Fuller) Haskell on October 11, 1839.

He is listed on November 8, 1823 in "NAMES and PLACES of BUSINESS of the SUBSCRIBERS to THE OBSERVER in SALEM"

Merchant Tailors

Millet & Ward, Essex (street) opp. Liberty (street)

(This address would be 144 Essex St.)

Daniel Millet was a member of the Anti-Slavery Soc. in the 1830's. He was also a member of the Enterprise Fire Club, serving as clerk from 1811 to 1817 and moderator in 1824 & 1825. Mr. Millet died on July 26, 1853, at the age of 68 years.

# WILMINGTON

1851

Eastern Rail Road

SKERRY

PEARL

SAUNDERS

NORTH

CROSS

STREET

WINTER

PICKNAR

STREET

WASHINGTON SQUARE

HOWARD STREET CEMETERY

FORRESTER

ST. PETERS

BRIGGS

ST. PETERS

ST. PETERS





PLEASANT

Hodgkins

Chas. W. Dodge

Lake Franks

A. Donaldson

Heirs of S. Simons

Mrs. Gen. Harris

W. T. Swaborn

WINTER

Hunsman

Heirs of Gilman

H. D. Fuller

Heirs of S. Osborne

Mrs. Spiller

Mrs. Jewell

Mrs. Fielden

Heirs of C. Forrester

Geo. H. Pierson

Wm. P. Huscomb

Mrs. F. Chapman

Bob. Reeves

J. S. Cook

Mrs. S. C. Perkins

Mrs. Adams

Samuel S. Jewell

1839

J. H. Leavell

J. H. Hunsman

Thos. E. S. J. Munroe

Chas. P. Osborn

Miss M. Peckham

Eliza Hoover

Oliver Ricker

Mrs. Ann Jewell

Heirs of C. Forrester

Chas. W. Warren

Jas. Parfield

Wm. W. Howe

Mrs. S. C. Perkins

Mrs. S. C. Perkins

Mrs. B. Story

Mary P. Worcester

T. H. Pougland

Heirs of Clark

Phyllis Thrawn

C. Jenkins

Robert Spierout

R. P. Cass

Mrs. S. S. Salford

W. H. Roberts

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1874



**REFERENCES.**

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- WOOD "
- BRICK & WOOD BUILDING

1897



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BRIDGE

ESSEX COUNTY JAIL

C E M E T E R Y

HOWARD

WILLIAMS

MALL

OLIVER

WASHINGTON

S.O.

N.E.

WALLEN

BROWN ST

KIMBALL CT

THE 2ND CHURCH

BERTRAM HOME FOR NEGRO MEN

WASH

ST. PAUL

WASH

WASH

WASH