

Two Blaney Street

This structure was built as it appears today for John Nash, shoemaker, in 1886.

Very early this land was part of the holdings of Henry Harwood, who died in 1664; his land was sold in 1669 to Jeremiah Butman (3:75), who sold the upper end to John Becket before 1673, and the rest to Philip Cromwell on 11 July 1673 (4:18), who in 1680 sold it to Edmund Bridges Sr, a blacksmith, who built a house, shop & wharf thereon, and in 1682 sold it for 160 li to widow Elizabeth Turner (6:49). On 28 Oct 1699 John Tunner sold the estate to William Becket, who immediately conveyed it to blacksmith/anchorsmith Abraham Purchase, who settled there, dying about 1724 (see Perley's Salem in 1700, part #22). The old house & shop were gone by 1767, when Joseph Mascoll (who had married Ruth, daughter of Abraham Purchase) sold part of the land to Joseph Blaney and Benjamin Pickman Jr. Mr Pickman in 1769 sold his right to Mr Blaney, who in 1782 sold a piece of the land to Nicholas Lane, sailmaker, and Samuel Ropes, cooper, on May 20th (139:128).

In June 1782 Messrs Lane & Ropes divided the land, Nicholas Lane receiving the northern half fronting on Derby Street (141:185). On this land Mr Lane built a dwelling house and store, and here he and his family lived for many years. The store (which may have housed his sail loft) stood on the corner of Derby & Blaney; the house stood to the west of the store on Derby Street. Nicholas Lane died in 1815, having mortgaged his homestead heavily. On 30 Jan 1815 for \$765.30 Samuel Derby Jr, Salem trader or grocer, bought up the Salem Bank's mortgage right to the premises (206:140; see also 190:232), and on 12 Aug 1817 for \$364 he bought from John Osgood, merchant, the other mortgage right (214:124; see also 181:27). These purchases gave Mr Derby full ownership of the premises; he had bought the Samuel Ropes house in November 1814, and there he lived; the store he ran as a general store, and the Lane house he rented out.

Samuel Derby Jr (1785-1828), who was also known as a ship chandler, was descended from one of the less affluent branches of the Derby family of Salem; he and his wife Abigail (Buffum) had eight children, not all of whom survived to maturity. (see "Genealogy of the Derby Family" by Perley Derby, 1861, EIHC 3:205). He died, a trader, on 16 or 18 Jan 1828, aged 42 years, leaving his wife Abigail and children Mary (1814), Abigail (1821), Samuel (1823), and Charles (1826). His real estate consisted of "the homestead in Blaney Street" (formerly Ropes's) worth \$1600, the Lane "house in Derby Street" and its land, worth \$800, and the "store and land, corner of Derby and Blaney Street," worth \$1200. (#7595). The first page of the inventory of his estate details the contents of this store (see #7595, copy enclosed).

The property, occupied by widow Abigail and her eldest daughter Mary, remained undivided among the heirs until 1863, when by two deeds Mrs Derby and Mary acquired full rights to the estate (637:40, 646:227). On 2 Sept 1877, almost 50 years after her husband, Mrs Abigail (Buffum) Derby died, leaving her share of the property, a "lot of land at the corner of Derby & Blaney Streets, occupied with two dwelling houses, a store and a barn," to her son Charles of Hawaii (son Samuel had died at Hawaii), daughter Mary Derby of Salem, and to the two daughters of her deceased daughter, Mrs Abigail (Derby) Gould (#37369). By three deeds, Mary Derby, the eldest daughter, acquired the property (1009:31, 1022:204, 205).

On 15 May 1886 for \$850 Mary Derby granted to John Nash, Salem shoemaker, the lot at the corner of Derby and Blaney Streets, bounded northerly 29' 9" on Derby Street and easterly 75' on Blaney Street (1172:298). Street books for the time reveal that there was then a corner store here, rented from Miss Derby by Albert P Goodhue, with a value of \$500. This was probably the Nicholas Lane/Samuel Derby store. In the summer of 1886 John Nash, having either torn down the store or incorporated it into the new building, caused the present structure to be built as a home for himself and his family. On 26 July 1886, by which time the house may have been finished, he applied to the city for 104' of edgestones, agreeing to have a sidewalk built around his property within one month of the installation of the edgestones (see city book, "Edgestones, 1881-89, Streets," at the Essex Institute).

The 1887 Street Book shows that this place, then known as 47 Derby Street, was worth \$1200 for the house and \$300 for the land, and that the male occupants of age were John Nash, 48, shoemaker, and his sons Dennis J Nash, 21, a baker, and John J Nash, 18, a shoemaker. Perhaps the Derby Street storefront existed then, as a bakery or cobbler's shop. John Nash, who may have been an Irish immigrant or the son of same, died on 30 Nov 1900, aged about 61 years, leaving his wife Ellen, daughter Mary E, and son John (#87459).

On 1 July 1901 his heirs granted the land and buildings to Timothy J Kelley of Salem (1645:538). On 6 Ap 1907 Timothy granted the premises to Patrick J Kelley of Salem (1867:271). On 30 June 1911 Patrick granted the place to Mr & Mrs Joseph A Rosenthal of Salem (2091:125). On 6 Feb 1912 Mr Rosenthal granted his right to his wife Dora L, via straw Max Goldberg (2128:227, 229). And on 11 Nov 1922 Dora L Rosenthal granted the premises to Mr & Mrs Joseph Szetela of Salem (2535:125).

Robert Booth
26 Jan 1978

NICHOLAS LANE, sailmaker, was born in Gloucseter in 1749 in the section now called Annisquam. He came to Salem during the Revolution, and died late in May, 1815, leaving eleven children. He struck Rev. William Bentley of Salem, who knew him well, as "a man of great industry, correct habits, & a good Commonwealth's man, & of talents in his employment." His son William carried on the sailmaker's business. (see Bentley's Diary, vol. 4, p. 332-3).

Note: A thorough inspection of the interior of this building would be necessary to determining (if possible) whether it was built incorporating the old store, or was built entirely new.

No ~~177~~
 To the Honorable *Daniel A. White* Esquire, Judge
 of Probate for the County of Essex.

Pursuant to a warrant from your honor, we, the subscribers, the committee therein named, having been first sworn, have made the following

INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF

Samuel Derby,

late of *Salem* in said county, *Wader*, deceased, *in* testate,
 as shewn to us by the administrator.

Real Estate.

The Homestead in Blaney street	\$ 1600 ⁰⁰
House in Derby street, with land under and adjoining	800 ⁰⁰
Store and land, corner of Derby and Blaney street	1200 ⁰⁰
	\$ 3600 ⁰⁰

Personal estate.

31 bags coffee, 3100 lb at 11c.	\$ 311 ⁰⁰
1 box and part barrel sugar, 4.2.0, at \$ 9.50	112 ⁷⁵
$\frac{2}{3}$ chest N. E. tea \$ 9.30 ... 2 do. black do. \$ 1.25	10 ⁵⁵
$\frac{3}{4}$ hoghead N. E. rum \$ 9. ... $\frac{2}{3}$ barrel brandy \$ 15 ⁰⁰	24 ⁰⁰
$\frac{2}{3}$ hoghead W. I. rum \$ 35 ⁰⁰ ... 2 do. do. \$ 18 ⁰⁰ ... $\frac{2}{3}$ pipe gin \$ 14 ⁰⁰	67 ⁰⁰
$\frac{1}{2}$ barrel wine \$ 6 ⁰⁰ ... $\frac{2}{3}$ barrel Malaga do. \$ 3 ⁰⁰ ... 1 barrel do. do. \$ 7.50	16 ⁵⁰
Part hoghead molasses \$ 18 ⁰⁰ part do. rum \$ 6 ⁰⁰	24 ⁰⁰
2 barrels varnish 60 gallons \$ 60 ⁰⁰ ... 2 lb. sewing silk \$ 5 ⁰⁰	65 ⁰⁰
4 painted casks \$ 6 ⁰⁰ ... quantity salt \$ 7.50	13 ⁵⁰
6 small painted casks \$ 4.50 ... 2 oil canisters \$ 3.50	8 ⁰⁰
Quantity cordial \$ 3 ⁰⁰ ... lot tin measures \$ 1.50 ... scales and weights \$ 1.75	6 ²⁵
Lot cod fish \$ 7 ⁰⁰ ... lot tobacco \$ 11.50 ... corn brooms \$ 2.75	14 ⁷⁵
2 casks nails \$ 18 ⁰⁰ ... lot nails \$ 3 ⁰⁰ ... patent balance \$ 12 ⁰⁰	33 ⁰⁰
Casks vinegar \$ 8.20 ... 35 pair coarse shoes \$ 6 ⁰⁰	14 ²⁰
Lot quills, wrapping paper, glue and tobacco boxes \$ 1.65 ... 3 pair cards 50c.	2.02
Lot files, locks and iron spoons \$ 2.70 ... rules 33c.	3.03
Lot stationery \$ 2.89 ... lot sail needles 2c. \$ 1.24	4.13
lot hard ware \$ 9.20 ... lot knives and forks and jack knives \$ 2.81	12.01
lot powder and shot \$ 4.25 ... sundry articles hard ware \$ 15.75	20 ⁰⁰
1 coffee mill \$ 1.50 ... lines and twine \$ 2.50 ... musket \$ 2 ⁰⁰	6 ⁰⁰
lot cigars \$ 1.50 ... lot screws and hinges \$ 2 ⁰⁰	3.50
Floor brushes \$ 1.67 ... quantity groceries \$ 5.83	7.50
Crockery ware \$ 12.56 ... 1 barrel pepper \$ 1.60	14.16
lot tin ware \$ 2.24 ... lot iron ware \$ 3.50	\$ 752 ³⁵
Copper pump 75c ... wooden ware \$ 8.65	5.74
1 scale beam 62c ... 25 lb. hant soap \$ 1.25	9.40
Stone and earthen ware \$ 4.02 ... lot of bags and salt \$ 1 ⁰⁰	1.87
Iron shovel 75c ... lot empty boxes, casks &c. \$ 2.65	5.02
lot of oakum \$ 1.50 ... lot rigging \$ 1 ⁰⁰ ... tackle and fall \$ 1 ⁰⁰	3.40
old oils \$ 6 ⁰⁰ ... writing desk \$ 3 ⁰⁰	3.50
lot of window glass \$ 1.74 ... old window frames 50c.	7 ⁰⁰
1 stew pan 75c ... shaving glasses 30c.	2.24
lot of irons and tacks 75c ... 1 barrel with cherry rum \$ 2 ⁰⁰	1.05
	2.75
Amount of stock in store	\$ 796 ³²
Notes against Benjamin Foster	\$ 9.57
Sanborn and Pecke \$ 300 ... Stephen W. Shepard \$ 1100 ... 1500 ⁰⁰	1500 ⁰⁰

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An Inventory and appraisement of the estate of Nicholas Lane late of Middlesex in the County of Essex (Tailor) dec'd.

Real Estate.

Mansion House, and Store with the land under and adjoining situated in Dordy Street in said Parish } 1700.00

Personal Estate.

One mahogany Desk 7.00	One round Table 3.00	10.00
Four pine Tables 3.50	Two Light Stands 1.25	4.75
One looking Glass 2.00	Seven green Chairs 3.50	5.50
Six flag bottom Chairs 2.00	Six Hitcher Chairs 1.20	3.20
One Glass 1.50	One Dish & sundry Books 6.00	7.50
Four large & Six small Silver Spoons and half ounces		6.60
Shovel & Tonge 1.00	Two pair dog Irons 1.20	2.20
One pair Bellows 20	Six Knives & Forks 50	70
One case pine Drawers 1.25	Four Iron pans 1.50	2.75
Six pieces of Iron Wire 2.50	One pair flat Irons 50	3.00
One Piece 50	Loth Crockery Ware 1.50	2.00
Loth Iron Ware 80	One pair handkerchiefs 20	1.00
One cloth Horse 40	Sundry pieces Wooden Ware 50	90
12 1/4 Broom (sets) 1.71	Scales & Weights 1.75	3.46
One Brass Hat 3.00	Three Baskets 35	3.35
One Feather Bed No 1 weigh 50 ^{lb} @ 20 cts per lb		10.00
One Do. Do. No 2 " " 71 " @ 12 " " "		8.52
One Do. Do. No 3 " " 19 1/2 " @ 14 " " "		2.73
One mahogany Bedstead 4.00	Two Underbeds 80	4.80
One bed Bedstead 1.25	Four old covers 3.00	4.25
Three Bedsteads 2.50	Five pair old Sheets 3.50	6.00
Two Table cloths 1.25	Butter Tubs 1.00	2.25
Four pair pillow Cases .75	Wearing Apparel 5.00	5.75
One case pine Drawers 1.50	One Stand 1.50	3.00
One Chamber Glass 1.00		1.00
One half tools in the said Loft		9.00
		<u>114.24</u>

Testimony Dec^r 15. 1815
William Lane, adm^r

For " Archer }
Jonathan Andrew } Committee
James Brown }

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Robert Derby 2 notes \$100. each \$200. Samuel Buffum \$100.	300.00
Henry Derby \$350. Danforth and O'Brien \$50.	400.00
Nathan Blood 4 notes \$300. \$300. \$250. and \$200.	1050.00
John C. Nevy \$5.86 John Peterson \$300.	305.86
1 share in Essex marine railway corporation	3165.13
Household furniture.	
1 sofa \$30. 1 dining table \$7. 2 card tables \$7.	44.00
3 chairs \$4. looking glass \$4. fire set \$6.	14.00
1 carpet \$16. heavy rug \$1. 2 pictures \$1.	18.00
Time piece \$5. plated candlesticks 50c.	5.50
Set crockery and glass ware \$8. table covering \$1.	9.00
Secretary and bookcase \$11. light stand \$1.50	12.50
Looking glass \$2.75 dogs, shovel and tongs \$5c.	3.25
Wardrobe \$1. bureau \$4. night cabinet \$3.	8.00
Dressing table \$1. field bedstead \$4.	5.00
Trundle bedstead \$1.25 8 chairs \$2.	3.25
Fire set \$3.50 bellows and brush \$5c.	4.25
Old floor carpet \$1.25 feather bed \$c. \$10.	11.25
	<u>\$4475.00</u>
Small bed \$5. looking glass \$1. 12 pair sheets \$6.	12.00
12 pair pillow cases \$3. 5 pair blankets \$5.	8.00
5 bed quilts \$5. 1 new do. \$3. 1 silver watch \$5.	13.00
3 trunks \$3.50 feather bed \$c. \$6. bedstead \$2.50	12.00
Bed and under bed \$5. five buckets and bag \$3.	8.00
12 silver tea spoons and 3 large ditto	10.00
1 large Bible and books	5.00
Wearing apparel	50.00
Sundry articles kitchen furniture &c.	9.25
Table linen \$10. knives and forks \$2.	12.00
	<u>\$4614.25</u>

Brought forward. Amount of real estate,	\$ 3600.00
Amount of personal estate,	4614.25
TOTAL,	<u>\$ 8214.25</u>

Dated at Salem this twenty fifth day of February, A. D. 1828.

Sam. Buffum, admr.	Thomas Needham,	} Committee.
	Jno. Russell,	
	Hardy Phippen,	

Essex, ss. At a Court of Probate holden at Ipswich in and for said county, on the first Tuesday in March, A.D. 1828. Samuel Buffum, administrator,

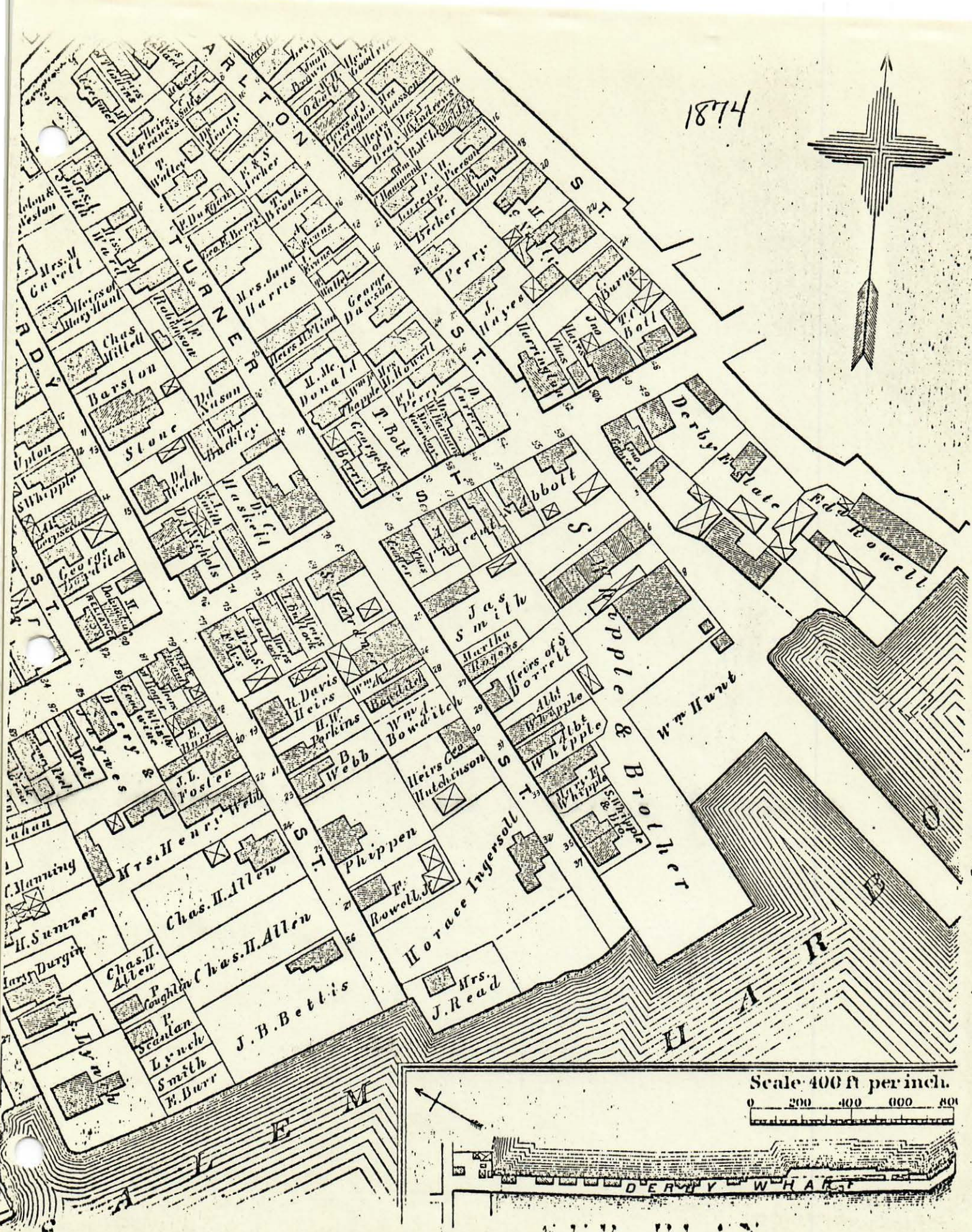
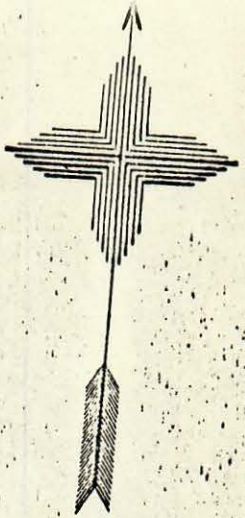
presents the foregoing, and makes oath, that it contains a true and perfect inventory of the estate of Samuel Derby, late of Salem in said county, trader, deceased, in testate, so far as has come to his hands or knowledge, and that, if any thing further shall hereafter appear, he will cause it to be of record herewith in the probate office:—It is thereupon decreed, that the same be accepted, allowed and recorded.

D. A. White, Judge of Probate.

Recorded from the original, and examined by

Charles [Signature] Register.

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