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167 FEDERAL STREET

Built by

EZRA WOODBURY, carpenter

in 1878

Research by,
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BOOK 6430 PAGE 214

DATE - December 22, 1977

CONSIDERATION - \$25,000

GRANTOR (seller) - Joseph P. McKay of Beverly
Executor under the will of Ellen E.
Neville

GRANTEE (buyer) - William D. Little trustee

DESCRIPTION - Land and building (Lot A)

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Said premises were conveyed to John
Neville and Ellen E. by deed recorded
in book 4201 page 441.

BOOK 4201 PAGE 441

DATE - September 2, 1955

CONSIDERATION - \$4,200

GRANTOR (seller) - Lillian E. Gay of Peabody executrix

GRANTEE (buyer) - John J. and Ellen E. Neville

DESCRIPTION - Land and building (Lot A)

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed by
Thomas F. Little to Charles F. Gordon
et ux by deed book 2663 page 186.

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BOOK 9678 PAGE 228

DATE - August 31, 1988

CONSIDERATION - \$145,000

GRANTOR (seller) - John W. P. McHale

GRANTEE (buyer) - David J. and Elizabeth M. Parks

DESCRIPTION - Land and building (Lot A)
Northwest - Federal St. 20.30'
Northeast - Right of way 69.80'
Southeast - Lot C by two courses
7.05' and 15.81'
Southwest - Saunders 77.75'

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed by deed of
William D. Little trustee as recorded
in book 6431 page 792.

BOOK 6431 PAGE 792

DATE - December 29, 1977

CONSIDERATION - \$30,000

GRANTOR (seller) - William D. Little trustee of Federal
Street Realty Trust

GRANTEE (buyer) - John W. P. McHale of Marblehead

DESCRIPTION - Land and building (Lot A)

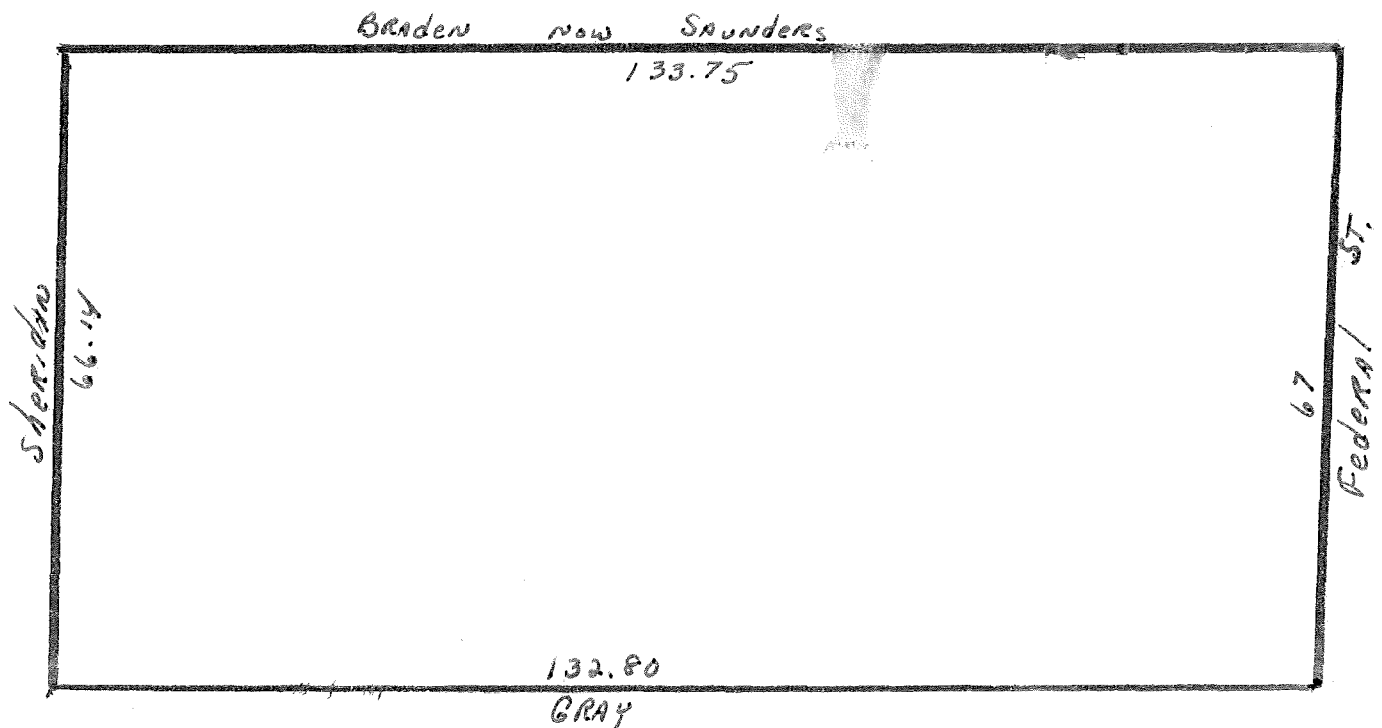
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed by
deed of Joseph P. McKay exc. and
recorded in book 6430 page 214.

BOOK 2663 PAGE 186

DATE - January 8, 1926
CONSIDERATION - None listed (mortgage \$1,900)
GRANTOR (seller) - Thomas F. Little of Salem
GRANTEE (buyer) - Charles F. and Mary A. Gordon
DESCRIPTION - Land and building (Lot A)
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to me by deed of Oville L'Heureux on Jan. 6, 1926.

BOOK 2663 PAGE 163

DATE - January 6, 1926
CONSIDERATION - None listed
GRANTOR (seller) - Oville A. L'Heureux of Salem
GRANTEE (buyer) - Thomas F. Little
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to me by Ezra L. Woodbury et al and recorded in book 2641 page 145 & 146.



BOOK 2641 PAGE 145

DATE - May 16, 1925
CONSIDERATION - None listed
GRANTOR (seller) - The Heirs of Ezra Woodbury
GRANTEE (buyer) - Oville A. L'Heureux
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to
Ezra Woodbury, deceased.

BOOK 996 PAGE 60 & 184

DATE - May 1878
GRANTOR (seller) - Samuel A. MacIntire by foreclosure of
a mortgage given by Henry Tuttle
+
Clarissa F. Tuttle of Whittier, Ill.
GRANTEE (buyer) - Ezra Woodbury
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings

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

167 FEDERAL STREET

Federal street was laid across private land about 1769. It was called the new street in 1770; new street laid out near the North river, 1779; a town way, 1782; and Federal street, 1794. (Essex Antiquarian, Vol. 7, pg. 67)

As shown in the chain of title, this land was owned by Henry Tuttle prior to Ezra Woodbury's purchase in May of 1878. Mr. Tuttle lived at 165 Federal and had a small shop on the spot where this house stands. Mr. Woodbury removed this shop and obtained a building permit on August 5, 1878:

Ezra Woodbury - resident at 130 Bridge St. - to build at 167 Federal St. a wooden dwelling house 14' X 27' - two story - with a pitched roof.

A summary of Ezra Woodbury's life was published in the Salem Evening News, on May 4, 1899, at the time of his death:

"Ex Engineer Ezra Woodbury, news of whose critical illness was announced in the first edition of today's News, died at his residence, 168 Bridge street, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Woodbury was born in Salem in the house on the corner of Northey street and Woodbury court, Feb. 10, 1821. He was the son of Israel and Susan Woodbury. He attended the old Williams Street school, and, after completing his education, learned the carpenter's trade. On attaining his majority, he went into business as junior member of the firm of Perkins & Woodbury. The partnership lasted several years, and upon its dissolution he carried on the business alone, continuing it up to a few years ago. He was largely interested in real estate and the care of the property has been sufficient of late to keep him busy.

He was always interested in fire matters and when quite a young man was captain of one of the old hand engine companies, and on April 4, 1879, was elected a member of the board of engineers, serving until April 7, 1878. At the time of the great fire in Boston, in 1872, in response to a call for help, he was sent to that city in command of a portion of the Salem fire department.

He was a member of the common council in 1856 and 1857, and he had always been an earnest and outspoken temperance worker.

Mr. Woodbury was twice married, his wives being sisters, Elizabeth and Mary Knight, and daughters of the late William Knight of Salem. Both are dead. He leaves three sons, Ezra Woodbury, assistant clerk of courts of Essex county, George P. Woodbury a contractor and builder and Albert K. Woodbury first assistant engineer of the Salem fire department, and one daughter, Miss Abbie K. Woodbury who has kept her father's home for him since the death of his second wife."

Ezra Woodbury's real estate holdings in 1896 were listed as:

House 166-168 Bridge, \$3,500; house 164 Bridge, \$2,300; land, 6900 ft., \$1,200; carpenter shop 58 Bridge, \$100; land under and around, \$100; barn foot Howard, \$700; land under and around, \$700; house 8 Saunders, \$1,500; house 3 Cross st. ct. \$1,200; land, 3842 ft., \$500; house 15 Northey, \$2,000; land 2730 ft., \$400; house 5 Woodbury ct. \$500; land 1760 ft., \$200; house 7 Woodbury ct., \$600; land, 2800 ft., \$300; house 9 Woodbury ct., \$600; land, 1400 ft., \$100; house 165 Federal, \$1,000; house 165 Federal rear, \$2,000; shop 167 Federal, \$300; land 8400 ft., \$2,500; house 10 Glendale, \$1,500; land, 5000 ft., \$500; house 103 Essex, \$1,600; land, 3800 ft., \$1,100; house 19 Northey, \$1,500; land 2720 ft., \$400; house 27 Boston, \$2,200; land 3440 ft. \$700.

A few occupants of 167 Federal St.

1880 census

Edward Rushford age 38, marbleworker

Isabell Rushford age 22, wife, dressmaker

1884 City Directory - James Stone apothecary

1886/7 City Directory - James Stone M.D. drugs

1900 census

Christopher Ballard age 35, born Canada, teamster

Anna Ballard, wife, age 42, born Canada

Edith Ballard, daughter, age 11, at school

Anna Ballard, daughter, age 10, at school

1901/2 City Directory - Mrs. Margaret Tobin variety store,
house same

1905 City Directory - Mrs. Elizabeth R. Ring variety store,
house same

1897

