

23 Warren Street
Salem, Mass.

built by
HENRY LAMSON REED
Housewright
1838

Robert Booth
18 Dec 1977

Twenty Three Warren Street

This house was built by Henry Lamson Reed, Salem housewright, in 1838.

On 18 Jan 1838 Joseph Wallis, a Salem cabinet-maker, for \$145 granted to Henry Lamson Reed, Salem carpenter, a lot of land fronting 35' on Green Street (the original name of Warren Street) and running back in depth about 100' (304:44). Mr Reed, then 24 years of age and a bachelor, proceeded to build this house on the land purchased from Mr Wallis, probably in the summer of 1838.

Henry L Reed added to the houselot on 17 Jan 1839, when he purchased of Mr Wallis, for \$38, a piece at the rear of the lot, adjoining it on the south (310:179). On 1 Feb 1839 Mr Reed for \$300 mortgaged to John Howard Jr, Salem sailmaker, the pieces of land that he had bought from Joseph Wallis, "together with the new dwelling house and all other buildings now standing thereon, or about to be erected thereon" (310:259); this mortgage was discharged on 18 Jan 1870.

In the fall of 1840 Henry L Reed married Mary D Southwick; her family was one that had long followed Quaker lights, although she herself was not necessarily a member of that sect. The Reeds lived here, perhaps alone for awhile; by 1844, however, the house was shared by Mr & Mrs Reed and Samuel Reed, aged 22 years, probably Henry's brother. At that time the house was valued at \$800.

Henry L Reed owned this homestead for nearly 40 years; on 27 June 1877, by which time he and his wife were living in Cambridge, Mass., for \$2305 he sold the house and land to Susan B Cabot of Salem (979:106). She owned the premises nearly twenty years, granting the same on 29 June 1896 to Patrick McElroy of Salem (1483:538).

On 9 Jan 1901 Mr McElroy granted the homestead to his wife Catherine, via straw Mary E Mooney of Salem (1631:517, 517). Mrs McElroy died possessed of the estate on 26 July 1920, at which time it was valued at \$2900 (#137105). On 14 June 1922 the premises were sold, for the benefit of Mrs McElroy's three daughters and three sons, for \$4300 to Mr & Mrs Thomas T Skeffington of Salem, as joint tenants (2516:589).

Mr Skeffington outlived his wife Jane, and died possessed of the house, garage, and land at 23 Warren Street, valued at \$3850, on 2 July 1934 (#179615). On 29 Oct 1934 the other four Skeffington heirs granted their rights in the place to their brother Harry W Skeffington and his wife Ann D (3014:510).

Mr Skeffington outlived his wife, and married, secondly, Ruby E. On 13 June 1955 he granted the homestead to himself and to his wife Ruby Evelyn Skeffington (4180:465). She survived Mr Skeffington and married Stanley Czternastek of Salem. On 14 Jan 1964 she granted the premises, via straw Paul Resnick of Beverly, to herself and her husband Stanley (5144:508, 509).

On 30 July 1976, for \$44,000, Mr & Mrs Czternastek granted to Stephen M and his wife Leslie P Limon the land and house built in 1838 by Henry Lamson Reed (6264:511).

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Notes:

A figure such as (123:45) refers to Southern Essex County Registry of Deeds, book 123, page or leaf 45; a figure such as (#12345) refers to So. Essex County Probate docket #12345.

Ordinarily, more could be discovered about Henry and Mary Reed had they died in Essex County, and not moved away to Cambridge late in life.

The Salem valuation books fail to record HL Reed's presence on Green Street before 1840, unless he is the "Thomas Reed" mentioned beginning in 1838; this is not unusual, for the assessors were frequently several years late in recording the presence of a house. The mortgage deed of February 1839 clearly establishes the presence of this house by that time, and implies its having been built the year before, since the month of January is the least likely of construction times.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I

J. Wallis Joseph Wallis of Salem Cabinet Maker,

to M. L. Reed in consideration of one hundred and forty five dollars to me paid by Henry Lamson Reed of Salem,

304.44

(Carpenter, I

the receipt whereof the said

do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto

Reed a lot of Land situate in Salem bounded as follows, beginning at the Northwest corner thereof on Green Street by other land of said Wallis, thence running Easterly thirty five feet on Green Street to land of Jesse L. Pimchard, thence running Southerly on his land one hundred and one feet and eight inches, thence turning and running two feet eight inches Westerly by land of Cipton, or lately owned by Cipton, thence turning and running Southerly three feet and eight inches by said Cipton land to other land of said Wallis and thence turning and running Westerly by said Wallis's land thirty one feet and four inches, and thence turning and running Northerly one hundred feet by his other land to the corner begun at:

To Have and to Hold, the afore-granted premises to the said Reed his heirs and assigns, to his & their use and behoof forever.

And I do covenant with the said Reed his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seised in fee of the afore-granted premises;

that they are free of all incumbrances;

that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Reed

And that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Reed his

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M. P. ed
G. Webb
W. M. Britram
M. Ropes
J. Curwen
Mrs. M. Webb
Mrs. of King

CHESTNUT

Benj. M. Shreve
Jos. S. Cabot
J. P. Allen
Geo. T. Osmond
Heirs of Huntington
C. S. Nichols
C. & A. H. Sultonstall
Jno. P. Quickerman
Mrs. Carolina Sultonstall

FLINT

Jno. P. Andrews
Heirs of Ropes
Wm. Northey
Geo. W. Varnes
Heirs of Varnes
Geo. W. Varnes
Jno. M. Anderson
Jno. M. Anderson
Caleb Hoole
Geo. Madley
Wm. May

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

PINE

ESSEX

WARREN

Shreve & Shreve
Albert Newton
O. F. Thompson
W. A. Goldthwait
Jas. Chambers
S. Phayer
Miss M. E. Knight
Mrs. Mary Reed
J. H. Boyce
Phayer
Sam. W. Cate
P. E. Flynn
H. A. Reed
B. J. Stone
W. H. Regan
J. Cassels
Jno. Wright
J. Matthews

WARREN

ST.

Heirs of V. B. Mansfield
O. Phayer
Mrs. Mary
Chas. M. Richardson
Mrs. Ann Savage
C. B. Russell
& J. P. Dabridge
Mrs. Jos. Dennett
J. & H. A. Goldthwait
Mrs. Hannah B. Courtis
M. Martiney
J. H. Me...
Jno. Hooney
Mrs. W. Hooney
Mrs. S. Hooney
B. Shea
B. Shea
Jno. Hurley
Geo. W. Bruce
Thos. M. Cannon
Jno. Power

HAWTHORN

PHELPS

POWER