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### SHIRLEY.

Fatal Accident.  
 Savillon W. Longley was fatally burnt on Wednesday morning between the hours of seven and eight o'clock in his room on Maple street, where he and his brother Harriman keep house together, occupying the upper flat, George E. Harlow and family occupying the lower one.

Savillon, who rooms alone, got out of bed to blow out the light from a kerosene lamp which was his custom to leave burning during the night, and in doing so the flame went down under the burner of the lamp, spreading in all directions, setting fire to his night shirt, which was in a moment all ablaze, burning completely away from his body, leaving only the shoulders of the garment. The hair on his head was nearly all burned off and his face, body and legs from the hips to his knees were shockingly burned. The floor of his room was scorched from the spreading flames.

Mrs. Harlow was the first to give the alarm, going to the upper floor to the room occupied by her son Frank. About the time she discovered there was smoke in the house she heard the faint outcry of Mr. Longley and immediately gave the alarm. Mr. Harlow and Harriman, brother of Savillon, reached the unfortunate man's room together and were horrified at what they saw.

Dr. Lilly was immediately sent for and upon his arrival realized the fearful condition of his patient and upon his advice a trained male nurse from Boston was sent for who arrived in the afternoon. It was found necessary to keep Mr. Longley under the influence of morphine, however, he was conscious part of the time, but a few hours before he died lapsed into a state of unconsciousness and remained so until the end came at four o'clock on Thursday morning, January 4.

Mr. Longley was the son of James Parker and Lucy (Chaplin) Longley and was born in Leominster in 1841. He came with his parents to Shirley when quite young and entered the public schools, graduating from the Shirley high school, which was then located at the Center. He commenced his business life as a traveling salesman for a wholesale druggist of Boston, which position he held for several years, and then became railroad station agent at Shirley, holding this position also for several years.

Mr. Longley then accepted the position of bookkeeper for the firm of Orswell & Co. of Shirley, makers of cotton goods, and after a service of eight years resigned to accept a position as office manager for the Pepperell Manufacturing Co. of Pepperell, which was a government concern. Mr. Longley also resigned this position after a successful term of eight years and returned to Shirley, accepting a position as bookkeeper for the Samson Cordage works, which position he held for a number of years, severing his connection with the cordage people to enter into the business of insurance, which he seemed to enjoy and also gave him the benefits of outdoor life, which was also beneficial to him from a physical standpoint at his time of life. Consequently he kept to this line of endeavor until his death.

Mr. Longley was a staunch republican in politics, always loyal to his party and was an indefatigable worker at caucus and election times. He was honored by serving his district as representative to the general court during the year 1910 and was a member of the committee on towns. He has also been one of the assessors of the town of Shirley for the past nine years and was also chief engineer of the fire department for three years, besides serving in other capacities in the interest of the town, being well informed on town affairs.

Mr. Longley was also a member of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., joining by initiation August 2, 1883, and has the honorable distinction of being noble grand of his lodge for seven terms. His interest in Oddfellowship was very pronounced and he always took an active interest in the affairs of his lodge. He was also a member of King David encampment and the Canton Hebrew F. M. of Fitchburg, and was a charter member of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge of Shirley, being instrumental in the organization of the lodge.

Mr. Longley was known as the best statistician in Shirley. His faculty for remembering the dates of events in connection with his business, social and lodge life was remarkable. He was always straight forward in his dealings and uttered the convictions of his conscience at all times and places, never playing the part of the hypocrite. This quality of character won for him a host of life-long friends. He was never married, but kept house in company with his brother Harriman Longley for the past twenty years.

The survivors are a brother, Harriman, and nephew Wade Longley, of Washington, D. C., who was summoned home to attend the funeral. The funeral will be held this Saturday with services at the Universalist church at two o'clock in the afternoon, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker officiating. The pall bearers will consist of his brother Odd Fellows, under whose direction the funeral will be held. Burial will be in the family lot at the Village cemetery. Members of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., and members of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will meet in the lodge rooms at 1.30 p. m., and march to the church in a body.

News Items.  
 Out of respect to the memory of the late Savillon W. Longley, the dance which has been advertised to take place in Odd Fellows' hall this Saturday evening, has been postponed until Saturday evening, January 20.

There was eighty-nine licenses granted to hunters in the town of Shirley the past year.

Altruism.  
 Rev. William Weare Locke spoke before the Altruistic club Thursday afternoon on "New America." It was a very interesting subject. Mr. Locke referred to the Crow Indians under industrial training and of their great interest in medicine; he also gave some of the signs they used in illustrating their stories. The program for the afternoon was in charge of Dr. Ellen F. Schenck, chairman, Mrs. Ida C. Wolf, Mrs. Kate E. Hazen, Mrs. Mildred T. Grout, Mrs. Anna L. Cram.

Mr. Locke was a fine, dramatic speaker and all enjoyed his discourse. At the next meeting Mrs. Ida Louise Gibbs of Waltham will speak on "The genesis of the flag." Mrs. Gibbs is said to be a fine reciter and it is hoped a large audience will greet her at the Congregational vestry, January 13, at 3.30. Business meeting at 2.30.

### TOWNSEND.

Townsend Harbor.  
 Mrs. Knight and her mother, Mrs. Fletcher, returned the early part of the week from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Keefe have begun housekeeping in the Farrar house.

Frank Knight was called to Lowell Monday to visit his brother who is sick at the hospital in that city.

While in Fitchburg a few days ago Harry Knight called on George Adams, who several years ago kept the store in this village.

The As You Like It club met with its president, Mrs. Oliver Proctor, last Tuesday. The following members signed the new by-laws: Mrs. K. N.

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Mrs. Bryant, who has been awaiting the completion of repairs upon her house, is about to leave for Boston for the winter.

Frank Knight attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Queen, of Tyngsboro, Friday of this week.

Mr. Smith of Walnut Grove farm has an egg record for the month of December of which he may well be proud. From a flock of four hundred hens he gathered 2779 eggs. The highest price received was fifty-three cents per dozen.

The Krouch children at Mr. Hager's while sliding on a double runner received several bruises and scratches from which it will take a few days to recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter spent a part of the holiday season at Dinewood with Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Doran.

### Surprise Party.

Last Tuesday evening the neighbors and friends of Gilman Conant gave him a surprise party in honor of his birthday. For several reasons it was thought advisable to observe the last birthday of his teens rather than wait till two years later. About seven o'clock Howard Doran called for Gilman to go rabbit hunting. They had barely left the house when guests began to arrive and the young men were called back. This was the first intimation that young Conant had of anything unusual. His surprise was complete. Nevertheless his welcome to the numerous guests was no less hearty on that account and he entered into the spirit of the occasion with all the zeal of a young man just nineteen and contributed very materially to the evenings' entertainment.

At ten o'clock the guests were invited to the supper room, where hot oysters, cake, coffee, etc., were served. Mrs. Jennie Searle, Mrs. George Jones and Mrs. Conant, each made a birthday cake in recognition of the occasion. One of the cakes was placed before the young host as he took his place at the table.

Coveys had been laid for thirty-one and each place was taken. Just before the feast was finished there was a loud knock at the front door and a moment later a large box was handed young Conant, supposedly left by an expressman. An interested audience watched the young man as he removed the wrappings and examined the contents of box after box—each containing some joke—until he reached the last box of all, the one that contained a tangible expression of the affectionate regard and respect in which the young man is held by his friends and neighbors—a handsome signet ring together with a sum of money which will be expended for a watch fob.

### HARVARD.

Joseph Scott, of New York, spent Saturday and Sunday with Isaac H. Marshall.

A. N. McClintock's daughter and husband, of Berlin, N. H., were guests of her parents last week.

Two sisters of Mrs. Morse were guests at the parsonage last week. Miss Mary Evans, of Boston, stayed with her aunt, Mrs. Scates, Monday night. Miss Evans was on her way to Herkimer, N. Y., where she is entering a fitting school for religious work.

Tuesday, George H. Chase saw a robin in the spruce tree in his yard. The robin was singing as if it was spring.

Miss Flora Murchie has entered the Clinton hospital to train for a nurse.

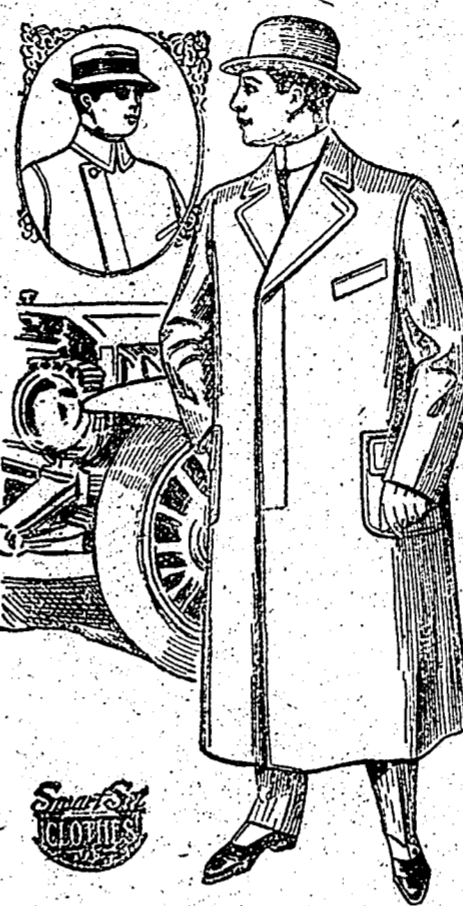
Warren Willard started for Palatka, Fla., Wednesday, for the winter.

Mrs. Alfred McClintock, while visiting her mother in Lancaster on Saturday, had the misfortune to run a silver under the nail of one of her fingers, necessitating the services of a physician to remove it.

The sociable last week Friday evening was well attended and the play "At the Junction" was well given, and each of the actors did finely. The principal part, that of station agent, was taken by Chester P. Willard, the other parts by Mrs. Fanny Haskell, Miss Edna Flanders, Warren Harrod and Walter Haskell.

Mrs. Adeliza Turner attended the installation of the officers of the Masonic lodge in Ayer on Monday evening.

Clayton Brown, of Yarmouth, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell A. Willard over Sunday.



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**SHIRLEY.**

**News Items.**

Carl Moore, of Lowell, was a guest the first of the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Weeks.

Fredonia Lodge, I. O. O. F., have elected these officers to serve during the year: J. Edwin Pomfret, n. g.; C. Beach, v. g.; Geo. W. Balch, sec.; Geo. F. Buxton, treas.; W. H. Wilbur, trus. 3 yrs., H. H. Lynch, 2 yrs.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will install newly elected officers on Monday evening, January 22, at 8 o'clock. A collation will be served and the evening promises to be a pleasant one for the members.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge holds its annual leap year party this Saturday evening in Odd Fellows' hall. Johnson's orchestra, of Leominster, will furnish music. Refreshments will be served and late cars will run to Ayer, Leominster and Fitchburg.

Mrs. Sandy Glonet was taken last Thursday to Clinton hospital where an operation was performed for internal troubles.

The Samson Cordage Works' band are planning to hold an entertainment and dance in Odd Fellows' hall on Monday evening, January 22, for the benefit of the band. J. Albert Dear-don, Ezekiel Wilson and Harry Collyer have been chosen a committee to direct the same.

Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook spent the week-end with friends in Worcester.

Miss Gladys Love, of Concord, a former resident, is spending a week or so in town visiting friends.

Frederick W. Holden, bookkeeper of the Fitchburg Safe Deposit and Trust Company, has been elected by the bank officials as assistant secretary.

D. Chester Parsons, advisory counsel of the grand lodge, and Harry O. Bangs, members of J. C. Ayer lodge, attended the grand ball of the A. O. U. W., held at Horticultural hall, Boston, on Monday evening. Mr. Parsons was a member of the reception committee.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church will hold a food sale in the church vestry on Wednesday afternoon, January 10, at four o'clock.

**Annual Roll Call and Dinner.**

The Congregational church held its annual roll call and dinner on Wednesday afternoon in the church vestry. A bountiful dinner was served at 12:30 under the direction of the following committee: Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, chairman, Mrs. Richard Pomfret, Mrs. Della Marshall, Mrs. Walter Knowles and Miss Emma Knowles. About seventy sat down to dinner. At the close of the feast Rev. A. A. Bronsdon was chosen moderator. The clerk, Miss Mary A. Park, called the roll and the usual appropriate responses were given with many letters being read from absentees. The reports of the following officers were then read and accepted:

Miss Mary A. Park, clerk; Miss Althea Howe, asst. S. S. supt.; treasurers, Elmer H. Allen, parish; Leonard Hooper, C. E. S.; Mrs. E. W. McCoy, K. S. S.; daughters, Joseph H. McClellan, church brotherhood; Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, ladies' circle.

The reports of these officers showed the church to be in a flourishing condition. A practical and interesting address was then given by the pastor, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, taking for his subject, "Charms and claims of the church." The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year:

Miss M. A. Park, clerk; Elmer H. Allen, S. S. supt.; Althea E. Howe, asst. S. S. supt.; Harding M. James, church com. 3 yrs.; Harding M. James, Elmer H. Allen, John G. Conant, Joseph H. McClellan, ushers.

**Congratulations Extended.**

Stephen P. Cary, a veteran of the civil war, reached the seventy-ninth milestone in life's journey last Sunday and during the day received many callers who came to extend greetings and congratulations. Mr. Cary was also the recipient of many postcards from friends far and near which made the day one of pleasant memories for "Grandpa," as he is usually known and called by his large circle of Shirley friends. Mr. Cary was born in Shaftsbury, Vt., in 1832. When the war broke out he enlisted in the Fourteenth Vermont regiment and was assigned to Company K.

Mr. Cary's wife died about six years ago, and since that time he has made his home with Mrs. Charles Wilson, where he has been tenderly cared for and enjoyed all the comforts of home.

A number of G. A. R. comrades also called during the day, which made the day of special significance to Mr. Cary.

of recovery and Mr. Longley died on Thursday morning, January 4, at four o'clock.

It was a most unfortunate affair and has cast a gloom over the entire town. He was seventy-one years of age.

**C. E. S.**

The C. E. S. of the Congregational church elected the following list of officers at their business meeting last Sunday evening, to serve during the current year:

Leonard Hooper, pres.; Miss Nina M. Holbrook, v. p.; Miss Mary A. Park, rec. and cor. sec. and treas.; Mrs. Frank C. Brockelman, organist.

Committees. Lookout—Mrs. Harry Collyer, E. H. Conant, Miss Bessie Dammun, Miss Nina M. Holbrook.

Prayer meeting—Miss Mary A. Park, Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy, Mrs. Harding M. James, Joseph H. McClellan.

Social—Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Miss Flora Shephard, Miss Eleanor Miner, Miss Blanche Wells, Miss Jessie Love, Miss Elsie Knowles.

Missionary—Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, Mrs. Frank C. Brockelman, Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon, Stanley G. Wells.

Flowers—Miss Mary A. Park, Miss Gladys Phelps, Miss Sarah S. Stevenson, Miss Esther Harris, Miss Gladys Annis.

Calling—Mrs. Richard Pomfret, Mrs. J. Albert Dear-don, Mrs. Andrew H. Phelps.

Ushers—Willard Knowles, Chester Hooper, Leon Jones, Harry Annis.

**Shirley Center.**

Arthur Moulton of New York is a visitor this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Farnsworth at the North.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton of Brookline are making a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware at their home on Hazen road.

Rachael Carpenter returned home on Sunday after a week's visit with relatives in Jamaica Plain.

Robert J. Evans, together with Stanley F. White of the Village, attended the annual reception and ball given by the Zeta Phi fraternity of Fitchburg high school in Wallace hall, Fitchburg, on Friday evening of last week.

Mr. Sturgis of Groton School preached a sermon appropriate to new years on Sunday afternoon at Trinity chapel. On Sunday afternoon, January 7, Rev. Endicott Peabody of Groton School will supply the pulpit.

Mrs. Morse at the East was removed to the Groton hospital last week, where she underwent an operation on Wednesday which proved successful. She is doing as well as can be expected.

Robert J. Evans returned to Bowdoin college Wednesday after spending a two weeks' vacation with his mother, Mrs. John W. Evans.

Frank Kemp and son Harold and daughter Madeline of Woodsville were guests of Mr. Kemp's brother, Harry Kemp, of West Groton, last week.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel met on Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Henry F. Grout. The next meeting will be at the home of Miss Ruth M. Graves on Saturday afternoon, January 13.

J. Otis Evans left on Thursday of last week to resume his duties with the Pennsylvania Gas Coal Co., in whose employ he was at the time when he was shot by a striker last summer. Mrs. Evans will remain here with her father, Sidney A. Carter, until spring, when she will go to join her husband.

Christine G. Longley returned to Wollaston on Wednesday to resume her studies at Quincy mansion school.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carey and daughter Grace of Fitchburg and Miss Winnie Ryder of Leominster were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merrick W. Carey last week.

Mrs. Charles H. Andrews at the North spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Jennie S. Har-graves, at Townsend Center.

Mrs. Henry Farrar at the North is visiting this week with friends in Lunenburg.

Nancy Southers and Mildred Mann, who have been spending a few weeks with Mrs. William Wilkins at the East, returned this week to the school for the deaf and dumb in Beverly.

Harley Illsley of Lakeville, N. S., and Ernest Illsley of Leominster were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves, Saturday.

It will be of interest to friends of Miss Hazel Mackaye to hear that she is playing the part of "Judith," in the play, "In his house," which is being presented this week at the newly opened Toy theatre in Boston. Miss Mackaye is the sister of Percy Mackaye, the poet and playwright.

Miss Lottie Bohanon returned Wednesday to Boston university after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Longley.

Edward Moulton, who is assisting Ardie A. Adams in the extermination of the gypsy and brown-tail moths, is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

Amos Farrar at the North has obtained a position in Leominster.

The following returned to school at Fitchburg on Tuesday: Hazel Cummings and Thomas H. Evans, at Fitchburg high; Marlon L. Holden and Ruth M. Graves at Fitchburg State Normal; and Ruby T. Crockett at Fitchburg Business college.

Mrs. Henry L. Farnsworth moved this week from her home at the East to Ayer. It is reported that Leander Bowles, of Lunenburg, has leased the basket shop for the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. William Wilkins spent Saturday in Beverly and Boston.

The Matrons' Aid held its regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Luther Holden. The next meeting place has not yet been decided upon.

Large numbers of young people enjoyed the excellent skating last week on Frank J. Lawton's meadow.

Horace Harris returned on Monday to M. I. T., after a two-weeks' vacation.

The general grocery store is again in the hands of John W. Farrar. Mr. and Mrs. Dexter left town the first of the week following the foreclosure of the mortgage held by Mr. Farrar, but have until the first of March to redeem the business.

John W. Farrar has moved his meat market from the store to Alvin Lawton's slaughter house.

Arthur R. Holden returned to Middlebury college on Wednesday, after a ten-days' vacation spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden.

Rev. William Ware Locke preached a new year's sermon at the First Parish church on Sunday morning.

Robert H. J. Holden returned to Cambridge on Tuesday to resume his studies at Harvard university.

The dance which was held in the town hall on Saturday evening under the management of the young people of the grange, was a decided success. A good number were present from the village and West Groton. Music was by the local orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves received a visit Wednesday from Mr. Graves' youngest brother, Edward Graves of Lakeville, N. S., who with his wife is on his wedding tour.

**Sixtyeth Anniversary.**

Mr. and Mrs. Seth R. Holden, of Shirley Center, quietly observed their sixtieth marriage anniversary on Monday, January 1, and both are in the enjoyment of good health. They were lovingly the recipients of a silver loving cup from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Pray, who was their nearest neighbor this summer, and are at present spending the winter in Brookline. The aged couple are occupying the house they moved into when first married. Mr. Holden is the possessor of the old man's gold-headed cane, which came into his possession a year and a half ago, being the oldest man in town. Mr. Holden has never made a practice of using tea, coffee, spirit-

uous liquors or tobacco. He has not taken medicine of any kind, nor had a doctor during the past fifty years.

**By Request.**

By the request of many friends, Mrs. Alice E. Cummings has consented to have her original poem printed in this paper, which she composed and read for Shirley grange, memorial evening, May 16, 1911, in honor of the deceased brothers and sisters, which is as follows:

**MEMORIES**

In casting our memories backward,  
To our order when it began,  
We miss the fraternal handclasp  
Of those resting under the sun.  
As we stop and think,  
Just how happy we were then,  
With all so gay and jolly,  
When we really first began,  
In our order to gather from the  
North, south, east and west,  
In the little town of Shirley,  
Just as good as the rest.  
Then we looked with great pleasure  
For the friends that were so dear,  
For their pleasant happy greeting  
Always met us with a cheer.  
Our meetings were very pleasant  
When all was joy and mirth,  
Our members to assist us,  
For just what they were worth,  
Some of those fond patrons  
Are many miles from here,  
Others have passed on ward,  
Their memories they suffer  
In their departure, we suffer  
Irreparable loss, but find  
Comfort in the remembrance  
Of the cheerful words they cast.  
We shall miss their cheery greetings  
We gain inspiration of good will,  
They have left an influence behind them  
Which will follow us onward still.  
Those patrons numbering four,  
That we shall see with us no more,  
Were called away without delay  
In running months by four.  
They are resting now from care  
And strife, with others gone before,  
Their memories they suffer  
To pass through death once more,  
Others have turned backward,  
From the sacred pledge they took  
While those remain and those  
We gain are written in our book.  
The principles of our order  
Are a number one, if we  
Wander from its teachings,  
Then our troubles have begun.  
We are trying to do our duty,  
That life shall be with us no more,  
To better man and womanhood,  
Just as the Lord commands.  
When storms and tempests rage,  
As the heavens clouds the same,  
Let us crowd it back with sunshine,  
For after clouds, sun shines again,  
Then we have grown so much the  
stronger,  
Which well pays us for the strife,  
But it is struggle through struggle,  
All through this earthly life.  
When our work here too is ended,  
And we rest beneath the sod,  
May we have the germ of life  
Which goes to rest in God,  
Laurels then will be placed around us  
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**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Douglas C. Smith to Levi W. Phelps, dated March 14, 1899, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, libro 2805, folio 376, and for breach of the conditions contained in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing said mortgage, will be sold at public auction upon the premises on Tuesday, the twenty-third day of January, A. D. 1912, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular, the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:

A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon situated in Ayer in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the Northern side of a private street, called Howard Street, as shown on plan entitled "Plan of House-Lots belonging to Levi W. Phelps, Surveyed 1895," H. C. Hovey, surveyor, Bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at South-easterly corner of the premises at the junction of the Northern side of said Howard Street with Western side of Jackson Street, so called, as shown on said plan; thence Northernly by the Western side of said Jackson Street Eighty feet to a bound; thence Westernly at a right angle with Western side of said Jackson Street one hundred and ninety-two feet to Easterly line of Pearl Street, so called, as shown on said plan; thence Southernly at a right angle with last described course and by the Easterly side of Pearl Street about one hundred and fourteen and one half feet to the northerly line of said Howard Street; thence Easterly at an angle of 79° 10' with last described course and by the Northern side of said Howard Street about one hundred and ninety and ninety six-one-hundredths feet to point of beginning.

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All the above named streets are contemplated streets.

Said premises are subject to a prior mortgage for sixteen hundred dollars held by North Middlesex Savings Bank.

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