

**Informal History of 210 High Street, Newburyport,
Massachusetts**

PREFACE

This history was compiled for the occasion of the 50th birthday of Dr. John McManamy, a current owner of the residence at 210 High Street and the third practicing physician to reside in the house since it was built in 1847. It contains a title history, an anecdotal history resulting from first-hand accounts of people in town and former residents, and a residency record which summarizes information on the curious question of who lived in the house over the years. The history is supplemented by copies of the first deed to the land, the wills of Eleazer Johnson and Daniel Johnson dated 1847, a chain of title and a short genealogy of the members of the Johnson family who built the house. The information obtained within was compiled through research of the grantor index and probate records at the Registry of Deeds, research at the Newburyport Public Library Documents Room and the Old Newbury Historical Society. Please bear in mind that the research was not done by a professional historian, and it may well contain errors of fact or opinion. Anyone who disagrees with the facts or conclusions herein is welcome to write their own history.

Happy Birthday John!!

Martha McManamy
Newburyport, Mass.
1/4/02

I. Title History

Eleazer Johnson (b. 1773) was the fourth generation of Johnsons in the Newburyport area. He acquired the parcel at High and Olive Street from Samuel Newman, for \$200 in April 1836. (See deed attached) His wife was Sally Newman, with whom he had eight children.

Eleazer Johnson's grandparents were Eleazer and Elizabeth (Titcomb) (Toppan) Johnson. Eleazer Senior has been described as a Son of the Revolution. It was he who led the first tea party, the one that happened in Newburyport, prior to the destruction of the tea in Boston Harbor. The tea was seized from a British vessel and burned in Market Square, Newburyport. The adze he used to break open the chests of tea is at the Old Newbury Historical Society. He had black hair and eyes, and is said to have been able to carry timber over the bows of a vessel against any four men in his yard. He inherited one-half of his father's shipping industry and became very influential in the shipping industry in town.

Another family ancestor, Judge John Lowell, built the house diagonally opposite on High Street, #203, in 1771. He was said to be the author of the clause in the State Constitution abolishing slavery.

Eleazer Johnson's father, Joseph, was a ship captain. Not much is reported about him, but Joseph's brother Eleazer played a role in the Revolution. Like his father, he was considered to be strong, evidently a major advantage in the shipbuilding trade. He was declared to be "the strongest man in town". He commanded the brig "Dalton" which was captured by the British in Dec. 1777, and he was imprisoned in Plymouth for two to three years in old Mill Prison. The boat had a crew of 120 men and had sailed in 1776. He was finally released through the efforts of Benjamin Franklin. He later became the President of Mechanics Bank.

Our Eleazer (Joseph)(Eleazer)(William) Johnson (see attached genealogy) was a Newburyport merchant. He was a member of the Newburyport Maritime Society, and like his ancestors, he also had some adventures as a ship captain. His ship was captured by British privateers off the mouth of the Mississippi and a prize crew put aboard. He succeeded in recapturing the vessel "by a stratagem" (Johnson Genealogy). Later in his life he went into business with Paul Simpson, whom he had rescued from drowning in the Merrimac River.

Eleazer Johnson lived in the Lowell-Johnson House at 203 High Street from 1809 until his death on 8/3/1847. Upon his death, he willed to his wife Sarah Johnson ("provided she remains a widow") his dwelling house on High Street, next to the Dexter estate (see will attached). He bequeathed to his daughters, Martha Jane and Nancy G. Johnson, his house in Middle Street, "with the Barn and out Buildings with the land under and adjoining the same". He granted his sons Richard and Daniel his store on Terry Wharfe and some shares in Mechanics Bank. He specified that the remainder of his estate,

including the land which later became 210 High Street, be divided one third to his wife and the remainder to his surviving children and their heirs. This will was signed in May 1844. He died three years later, on 6/7/1847.

His son Daniel Johnson died "on or about 8/18/1847". The will of Daniel Johnson dated 7/14/1847, (see will attached) designated him as a Newburyport gentleman. His will calls for his executor to ***"dispose of such part of my estate as may be sufficient to purchase the lot at the corner of High Street and Olive Street, which belongs to the estate of my said father...and to erect upon said lot a two-story dwelling house, with four rooms upon the floor, and an entry through the centre of the house – together with such outbuildings, and all other conveniences as may be necessary and proper – the whole to be finished in the best manner."*** He had the house built for his two sisters, Martha Jane and Nancy G. Johnson, who were unmarried at the time. The will states as a condition of the bequest: "that said property shall not be sold, or mortgaged, or any lien created upon it during the lifetime of either of my said sisters, but shall be enjoyed by them personally whether married or not, and if married, in the same manner as if they were singlewomen". Surprisingly, there is no record of Nancy Johnson in the genealogy or street directories, however, Martha did live in the house for some time (see Residency Records, below.)

On 11/30/1847 Joseph Johnson and William Johnson, merchants, with Richard, mariner granted to Martha Jane and Nancy G. Johnson for \$880 the remainder of the land. Apparently this is a portion of the lot adjoining the house which had remained the property of Daniel's brothers as a result of their father's will. Having no use for the property, they sold it to their sisters so that it might remain with the house.

In January, 1926, William R. Johnson, Martha Jane's nephew and Richard's son, granted to a Marjorie H. Thurlow (unmarried) ½ of the land and buildings bounded by High St., Low St and the Morrill land plus ½ of the land bounded by High Street/Cashman property/Caldwell/Olive Street. This is part of the 210 High Street parcel. Later the same day Marjorie H. Thurlow granted to William R. Johnson and Lillian R. Johnson (husband and wife) the same property. This property flip may have taken place to add Lillian to the title. Two years later, William died at age 73.

Upon William's death, Lillian and Frances R. Johnson, Lawrence B. Johnson and Richard W. Johnson (three of her living children) transferred the property to Charles and Sara Hall. Seven-eighths of the property were transferred for \$3,000. The remaining one-eighth of the land, the southern portion, was transferred by Lawrence B. Johnson, Lillian's son, as guardian of his youngest sister Elizabeth Johnson on 8/2/1928. Elizabeth was 17 at the time. This portion of the property was transferred from him to Charles F.A. Hall and Sara J. Hall for \$1,125.

Charles Hall began to practice osteopathic medicine in Newburyport in 1902. He and Sara lived together in the house until her death in the early 1940s. In May 1946 Charles Hall and Elizabeth Chetty Hall (his second wife) transferred part of the property to Elwood and Barbara Johnson, ***"the southern portion, including the garage on the***

remaining land of the grantor. Grantees are permitted to leave it until requested by grantor to remove it." The Halls retained ownership of the northern portion of the property in order to maintain residency in Newburyport for their children to attend school there. The next year they attended school in West Newbury, and the remaining portion of the property was sold from Charles F. A. Hall to Elwood Johnson in 1947. This Johnson family is unrelated to the earlier Johnsons, so far as the author can gather at present.

Elwood Johnson died in 1981, leaving considerable debts including a tax lien. In November 1986 Barbara H. Johnson transferred the property to Manuel J. and Mariana B. Muros. In May 1992, the Muros family transferred the house and land to the McManamy family.

Thus, there have been a total of five families in the house over its 154 years to date: the Johnsons (1847 to 1928), the Halls (1928 to 1946), the second Johnsons (1946 to 1986), the Muros (1986 to 1992), and the McManamys (1992 to present). There have been three practicing medical doctors living in the house, excluding Sara Hall: Charles Hall, an osteopathic physician, Elwood Johnson, a general practitioner, and John McManamy, an anesthesiologist and pediatrician. A number of lives began, ended, and were probably deeply affected by living in the house, and many made their mark on it. The next section is an informal compilation of stories that have come to light concerning the house and the people who lived in it.

II. Anecdotal History

The most detailed history of the house came from a visit by the Hall sisters, Kay (Francis) and Petey (Marion) on May 30, 2001. Kay married Ernest Frey and now lives with him on Prospect Street in West Newbury. They came to the house for a visit and tour, along with Dustie, the sister of John Battis, a former Olive Street neighbor, and another childhood friend. All four women went to Kelley School and had memories of assemblies in the main hall, skating on the Mall, walking to Parkman School each day on foot to make way for the Immaculate Conception students to use Kelley School when their school burned down, and the German dentist during World War II who visited the school and remarked on students' teeth.

They lived in the house in the 1930s and 40s, before the second Johnsons. Their father was an osteopathic physician who was helped through medical school by his first wife, Sara Hall. She herself was also a physician, though she may never have practiced medicine. She died of cancer, which she kept hidden from him until the final few weeks of her illness (per the Hall daughters). In 1946, Dr. Hall married a second time, to Elizabeth Chetty Hall, a woman 33 years his junior.

Dr. Hall used the front of the house for his office: exam room on the right, waiting room on the left, expanding if needed into their living room on the northern side of the house. He may have had a washroom in the connecting room between the front and back of the house on the Olive Street side, since the plumbing and tile work are still there. Their father's portrait hangs in Anna Jacques Hospital, as does their "uncle", Mel Ames, who took over their father's practice upon his retirement. Elwood Johnson's portrait hangs there also.

They remarked on the house and what has changed:

There was a coal-burning stove in the kitchen and pantries on the sink side of the kitchen, another pantry making an entryway at the little side door leading to Olive Street that we now keep bolted shut. This door was their main back door to use.

There was wallpaper with a hunting theme in the downstairs hall, evidence of which still remains in the closet behind the bathroom.

The mantels were all painted, not black marble as today. (The Muros' had stripped all the paint off the mantels.)

They drove in from High St. to a one-car garage.

Their parents slept in the southwestern side and the kids in the southeast side as we do.

Their floor was linoleum. The governess/maid, Jukie, slept in the room over the kitchen, which is now our son Evan's room.

They played dress up in the third floor closet.

Petey seems to be a mischievous sort, with lots of energy even now in her 70s. She spoke of hiding things in the "rat hole" (where is it?). Among the treasures lost there is a Masonic ring that belonged to a friend of her mother's. She also described playing up in

the unfinished attic which has no floor and falling through the floor into the third floor closet.

They listened in the upstairs hallway while their parents entertained numerous guests, including the Tuesday Club, where the men ate and drank and shared writings with each other (including the author John Marquand). Their father threw a ball to the dog in the formal room and shattered a lampshade, which was afterwards turned towards the wall to hide the spot.

They summered on Middle Street in West Newbury, which they called "The Farm" although it had no animals.

Other recollections about 210 High Street:

When we originally moved in to the house in 1992, the movers knew the house well as "Doc Johnson's office". They remembered that the exam room was on the right as you enter, and the waiting room on the left. As they brought boxes in, they asked us to identify the destination as to their old references. "Where to? Exam room or waiting room?" This was the first of many references to old Doc Johnson that we encountered.

We can always tell if someone comes to the house who has been associated with it in the past, since they always come to the kitchen door. (O'Connor painters, Atkinson Oil). We never use this door, so this necessitates a long process of unbolting and moving items to gain access to the door. One such visitor told us about the son of Doc and Mrs. Johnson. He was quite shy, apparently, and had a rabbit in the yard that he played with. This visitor said that Doc Johnson worked until the day he died, and that Mrs. Johnson had a drinking habit (not surprisingly). She also gave piano lessons in the home.

A number of people seem to have a proprietary sense of the home. Shortly after we moved in, we got a call from Atkinson Oil. They informed us that they intended to service our boiler, as they had done continually since 1938 when it was installed. They have provided very good service.

Note: There is a copy of the Johnson family crest in Reminiscences of a Newburyport Nonagenarian, by Sarah Anna Emery, pg. 214.

III. Residency records

The source for these records is the street directories, which began in 1849.

Oddly, there is little consistent residency history at 210 High Street prior to 1929 when Dr. Charles and Sara Hall moved into the house. Prior to that time, there is some history of Johnson family members living at a so-called 202 High Street, and perhaps the street numbers were changed at some point to accommodate new housing built closer to downtown. A review of the residence records suggests that 202 High Street referred to the house that is now listed as 210. Because of this, this author assumes that 202 and 210 are synonymous.

Another curious fact is that the records show a veritable party of Johnson family members residing at 203 High Street, diagonally across the street, and a few members listing their address at 202/210 High Street after having listed it at 203 the previous year. In some periods, there appears to be no one listing 202/210 High Street as his/her address in the street directory. Therefore it appears that perhaps 210 was used as a sort of annex for the Johnson family, with the person's main address remaining at 203 High Street.

Although the house was built around 1847 for the Johnson family, there is no record of any Johnsons residing there until 1854, when William Johnson listed 202 High Street as his residence. He "moved over" from 203 where he had listed his residence since 1849 with Joseph, merchant and Captain Richard (his brothers). William would have been 49 years old at the time, and unmarried. He was joined in 1856 by his sister, Martha Jane, who was then 45 years old, and for whom the house was originally built. (There is no reference to Nancy Johnson in the residency records either, thus her existence continues a mystery though she is named in Daniel Johnson's will as his sister.) In 1869, William and Martha remain at the house and are joined by someone not in the immediate family, a boarder, Harrison G. Johnson, whose address is listed as 210 High Street. This is the first mention in the records of that address.

In 1889, Miss Caroline Johnson, Mrs. Richard Johnson, and William R. Johnson list their residence at 203. Mrs. Richard Johnson is Frances (Woodbury) Johnson, the wife of Captain Richard in the preceding paragraph. William R. would be the 34-year-old son of Captain and Mrs. Richard Johnson, and Caroline would be their 36-year-old daughter. Apparently William R. stayed at 203 when he married Lillian Richardson, though they were the owners of record at 210 at that time. Their children, Lawrence B., Frances, and Richard W. all lived at 203 in 1919, when they were in their 20s and were working as an actuary in Boston, a bookkeeper and a student, respectively.

From 1879, when Harrison G. is the only Johnson resident at 210, to 1929 when the Halls purchased the home from the Johnson family and began residency, there are no Johnsons listing 202/210 as their abode. It is hard to believe that it remained vacant, hence the supposition that there was informal movement back and forth between the two houses.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Chain of Title, 210 High Street
2. Eleazer Johnson deed to land
3. Genealogy of Portion of Johnson Family Related to 210 High Street
4. Eleazer Johnson will dated 7/6/1847
5. Daniel Johnson will dated 9/14/1847
6. Newburyport Births, pp. 214-217
7. Etched In Stone, Newburyport, Massachusetts Cemeteries, Vol. One pp. 264-5

CHAIN OF TITLE

1. Samuel Newman, for \$200 on 4/1/1836. (B290 leaf 30) grants to Eleazer Johnson (b. 1775) the parcel at High and Olive Street.
2. Eleazer Johnson on 7/6/1847 (will #43649 B414P148) wills parcel one-third to his wife and the remainder to his surviving children and their heirs.
3. Daniel Johnson on 10/5/1847 (will #43643 B414P197 probated 10/5/1847) wills that his executor sell items from his estate sufficient to purchase the lot and build a two-story house on it for the use of his sisters, Martha Jane and Nancy G. Johnson.
4. Joseph Johnson and William Johnson, merchants, with Richard, mariner, on 11/30/1847 (B392Leaf 18) grant to Martha Jane and Nancy G. Johnson for \$880 the remainder of the land.
5. William R. Johnson grants to Marjorie H. Thurlow (unmarried) on 1/22/1926, ½ of the land and buildings bounded by High St., Low St and the Morrill land plus ½ of the land bounded by High Street/Cashman property/Caldwell/Olive Street. This is part of the 210 High Street parcel.
6. Marjorie Thurlow 1/22/1926 (B2669P201) grants to William R. Johnson and Lillian R. Johnson (husband and wife) ½ of land bounded by High/Cashman property/Caldwell/Olive St. This is the same parcel.
7. Lillian R. Johnson, widow, Frances R. Johnson, Lawrence B. Johnson and Richard W. Johnson (her children) grant to Charles and Sara Hall seven-eighths of the property for \$3000 in 1928.
8. Lawrence B. Johnson, guardian of his minor sister Elizabeth Johnson - probate 8/2/1928 grants the remaining one-eighth of the land, the southern portion, to Charles F.A. Hall and Sara J. Hall for \$1125 (B 2775P500, 8/2/1928).
9. Charles Hall and Elizabeth Chetty Hall (his second wife) on 5/27/1946 (B3491P177) grant part of the property to Elwood and Barbara Johnson, "the southern portion, including the garage on the remaining land of the grantor."
10. Charles F. A. Hall grants to Elwood Johnson the remaining northern portion on 5/20/1947 (B3528P90).
11. Barbara H. Johnson grants the property to Manuel J. and Mariana B. Muros for \$265,000 on 11/20/1986 (B8692P582). Tax lien, probate #354575
12. Muros family grants property for \$315,000 to McManamy family on 5/28/1992, (B11312P508).

Johnson acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed, before me.

30.

D. L. Bingham - Justice of the Peace.
15 minutes past 11 o'clock A.M.
Essex, ss. Recd March 31. 1836. Recorded & examined by R. H. French Jy.

Samuel Newman

Know all men by these Presents,
That I Samuel Newman of Newbury in the County
of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Esquire, ^{to} Eleazer Johnson.
in consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars
paid me by Eleazer Johnson of Newburyport in said
County of Essex Merchant, the receipt whereof I do here-
by acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell
convey and confirm unto him the said Eleazer and
his heirs and assigns forever. a certain lot of land
situate in Newburyport in said County of Essex, con-
taining fifty rods more or less, bounded South Westerly
on high street north fifty four degrees west, fifty
five rods and eighteen links, by said street, thence
north forty six degrees East ten rods and three links
by land of the heirs of John Pettingill Esq deceased,
thence South forty five degrees East four rods and
twenty links by land of said heirs thence South
forty five degrees West nine rods and ten links
by Olive street to the first mentioned bounds. **TO**
Have and TO Hold, the same with all
the privileges and appurtenances to the same be-
longing, to him the said Eleazer and his heirs
and assigns, to his and their sole use and behoof
forever. And I do hereby for myself, my heirs, exe-
cutors and administrators, covenant and engage to and
with the said Eleazer his heirs and assigns, that I
am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they
are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to
sell and convey the same in manner aforesaid, and that
I and my heirs will warrant and defend the same to him
the said Eleazer Johnson his heirs and assigns, forever, aga-

wife of said Samuel in consideration of one dollar
paid me do hereby relinquish all my right of dower
in and to the above described premises. All Wit-
ness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands
and seals this twenty ninth day of March in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and thirty six.

Sam Newman — Seal.

Signed, sealed, and delivered

Phoebe Newman — Seal.

in presence of

John Newman.

Phoebe Newman 2^d

Esex. ss. March 29th 1836. Then the
aforesaid Samuel Newman
personally acknowledged the aforesaid instrument by
him signed and sealed, to be his deed, before me.

In: Testor. Justice of the Peace
Esex. ss. Recd April 1st 1836. Recorded & examined by R. H. French Jy.

Thomas Hale.

to

Edmund Knight.

Know all men by these Presents,

that I Thomas Hale of Newbury in the County
of Essex Commonwealth of Massachusetts Esquire,
in consideration of the sum of Twenty Two hun-
dred and fifty dollars paid me by Edmund Knight
of Newbury port County and Commonwealth aforesaid,
the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do here-
by give, grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm
unto him the said Edmund Knight and his heirs
and assigns forever, a certain parcel of land, situated
in Newbury, County and Commonwealth aforesaid,
containing about forty eight acres, bounded Easterly on land
of the late Joseph A. Hale deceased, Northerly on land of
the late Abel Merrill, deceased, and the road leading
to Crane-neck. Westerly on land of Thomas Elliott, southerly
on land formerly owned by Abner Greenleaf deceased,
being the farm now occupied by Benjamin Stanwood -
To Have and To Hold, the same, with all the privi-
leges and appurtenances to the same belonging, to him the said

Genealogy of Portion of Johnson Family Related to 210 High Street

Source and references for this abbreviated genealogy are from The Genealogy of the Descendents of William Johnson (located at Newburyport Public Library reference room and the Old Newbury Historical Society)

1. William Johnson (pg. 23)

The earliest ancestor in the Newburyport area is William Johnson, born 2/21/1679. He was considered very prosperous in the seafaring industry, and went by the appellation "Captain". He had a total of 14 children with several wives. With Martha Pierce, he had a son Eleazer, born 5/11/1718. William Johnson died in 1741.

2. Eleazer Johnson (pg. 60) lived at Federal and Water Street. He married Elizabeth (Titcomb) Toppan in 1741. (Mr. Toppan had died without any children from the marriage with Elizabeth.) Eleazer was considered a "Son of the Revolution" and a ship captain. He was a leader in the stamp and tea tax riots against England. He died intestate on 5/12/1792. His fourth child was Joseph.

3. Joseph Johnson (pg. 115) was born in 1743. He married Elizabeth Dole in 1767 and died 3/5/1775, aged 31, intestate. He was also a ship captain. He and Elizabeth had several children, one of whom was Eleazer Johnson. Another was a boy named Richard who drowned with Captain Willomb and his crew at sea in 1781, aged 12 years (buried along with his father in Section D-6 of Old Hill Burying Ground).

4. Eleazer Johnson (pg. 193) was born 5/9/1773. He married Sally Newman in 1797 and died 6/7/1847. Eleazer and Sally had eight children, of which all but one died without children.

Children:

Joseph b. 1801

Sally b. 1803

William b. 1805

Elizabeth b. 1807

Martha Jane b. 1811. She died unmarried 12/19/1876.

Richard b. 1813

Ann b. 1815

Daniel b. 12/15/1819, died unmarried 8/18/1847. He had the house built for Martha.

5. Richard Johnson (pg. 193) married Frances Woodbury in 1852 and died in 1872. His profession was master mariner. He and Frances had two children, Caroline and William R.

Children:

Caroline Johnson was born 1853 and died unmarried in 1926.

6. William R. Johnson (pg. 314) was born in 1855. He married Lillian Richardson and was President of the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank. He and Lillian had 5 children. He died in 1928.

7. Children: (pg. 315)

Lawrence B. b. 1893, died unmarried in 1940.

Frances b. 1895

Margaret (died young)

Richard b. 1905, WWII.

Elizabeth, b. 1911. Had two children, Lawrence and Frances.

No. 43649

Johnson

Deager, Aft, mer. test

1847. July 6

13/13

the whole to revert to the Survivor and
her Heirs, forever

6th my Will is that my Real Estate outbequeath^{ed}
be sold my Debts paid, and the remainder
of my Property except as above bequeathed
be divided as follows, one third to my Wife
the remainder to my surviving Children
and their Heirs in equal proportions

7th I hereby appoint my Sons Joseph & Wm P
Johnson Executors to this my last
Will and Testament, In witness whereof
I the said Eleazer Johnson set my hand
and Seal this 25th Day of May 1844

Signed sealed & declared
by the said Eleazer Johnson
to be his last will & testament,
in our presence, who in his
presence and at his request
and in the presence of each
other have set our names
as Witnesses hereto

Eleazer Johnson

Edmund A. Britton

John Andrews &
Jacob Stone

No. 43643

Johnson

Daniel K. rpt. gent. test

1847. Sept. 14

18/10

743643
1847. October 5.

I, Daniel N. Johnson, of Newburyport, in the County of Essex, and State of Massachusetts, gentleman, being in feeble health of body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make, publish and declare the following as my last will and testament, and hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made -

First - I order and direct that all my just debts and incidental expenses be paid -

Second - I give and bequeath unto my brother Richard Johnson, one half of the brick store in Market square which is now occupied by Mr. Samuel Pragon and which is bequeathed to me in the will of my late honored father, Eleazer Johnson, deceased; to the said Richard, and his heirs and assigns forever -

Third - I order and direct the Executor hereafter named to dispose of such part of my estate as may be sufficient to purchase the lot of land at the corner of High Street and Olive Street, in said Newburyport, which belongs to the estate of my said father - and to erect upon said lot a two story dwelling house, with four rooms upon the floor, and an entry through the centre of the house - together with such outbuildings, and all other conveniences as may be necessary and proper - the whole to be finished in the best manner; and at

the discretion of my said Executor - the house to stand back from High Street on a line with the house owned by Joseph Storer Jr. and now occupied by William C. Williams -

and the said house and land. I hereby give and bequeath unto my two sisters Martha J. and Nancy I. Johnson, to be held and enjoyed by them personally in equal shares during their lives, and at the decease of one of them, the share of the deceased shall be enjoyed by the survivor and to be disposed of at her decease as she may think proper by will, and in the absence of a will to descend to her heirs at law - the express condition of this bequest is that said property shall not be sold, or mortgaged, or any lien created upon it during the lifetime of either of my said sisters, but shall be enjoyed by them personally, whether married or not, and if married, in the same manner as if they were singlewomen -

Fourth - I hereby give and bequeath unto my said brother Richard, the balance and residue of all my estate of every name and nature which I may have or be entitled to, at the time of my decease whether in my actual possession, or not, however and ~~whether~~ wherever the same may be situated -

And I hereby constitute and appoint Isaac Pearson, of said Newburyport, Painter, as the sole Executor, of this my last will and testament -

In witness whereof I the said Daniel N. Johnson have hereunto subscribed my name

and affixed my seal this fourteenth day of July
A. D. Eighteen hundred and forty seven -

Signed, sealed, published, and
declared by the testator to be
his last will and testament,
in our presence, who in his
presence and in the presence
of each other, have at his
request signed our names as
witnesses, the date above written -

Daniel M. Johnson



Jos. B. Moss.

Joseph A. Frothingham

James P. Frothingham - ~~was~~

JOHNSON, Daniel, s. Daniel, jr. and Mary, Oct. 15, 1806.
 Daniel, s. Harrison G. O. and Hannah, Aug. 30, 1827.
 Daniel Coffin, s. Isaac, bp. June 25, 1769. C. R. 1.
 Daniel Coffin, s. Daniel Coffin and Sally, Sept. 16, 1803.
 Daniel Newman, s. Eleazar and Sally, Dec. 15, 1819.
 Daniel Sawyer, s. Daniel and Mary Abby, July 9, 1848.
 Dolly, d. William, bp. July 8, 1787. C. R. 1.
 Dolly Pearson, d. Philip and Sarah, Jan. 17, 1798.
 Edward Augustus, s. William P[ierce. C. R. 1.] and Henrietta,
 Aug. 11, 1810.
 Eleazar, jr., s. Eleazar and Hannah, Oct. 6, 1775.
 Eleazar, s. Eleazar, jr. and Jane, Aug. 17, 1800.
 Eleazar Austin, s. Daniel and Sally, Sept. 17, 1797.
 Eleazer, s. Eleazar, jr., bp. Oct. 11, 1775. C. R. 3.
 Eleazer, jr., s. twin, William Pierce and Sarah, Nov. 12, 1790.
 Eleazer, s. Eleazar and Jane, Aug. 17, 1800.
 Eleazer, s. Eleazar, jr. and Fanny, Apr. 26, 1813.
 Eliezer, s. Joseph and Elizabeth, May 9, 1773.
 Eliza, d. Abraham and Patty, Apr. 10, 1786.
 Eliza Jane, d. William B. and Lydia, Dec. 14, 1848.
 Elizabeth, d. Joseph and Elizabeth, May 9, 1775.
 Elizabeth, d. Francis, bp. Apr. 14, 1776. C. R. 3.
 Elizabeth, d. Joseph and Hannah, Oct. 26, 1781.
 Elizabeth, d. Capt. Nicholas, bp. Sept. 12, 1784. C. R. 1.
 Elizabeth, d. Isaac and Elizabeth, Jan. 8, 1786.
 Elizabeth, d. Nicholas, jr. and Elizabeth, Sept. 8, 1804.
 Elizabeth, d. Eleazar and Sally, Oct. 4, 1807.
 Elizabeth, d. Thomas and Elizabeth, Oct. 2, 1808.
 Elizabeth, d. Nathaniel and Elizabeth, Aug. 26, 1816.
 Elizabeth, d. Isaac, 4th and Sally, Oct. 6, 1822.
 Elizabeth Ann, d. Nathaniel and Elizabeth, Oct. 26, 1821.
 Elizabeth Coffin, d. Daniel Coffin and Sally, Aug. 2, 1795.
 Elizabeth Kenney, d. William B. and Lydia, Apr. 13, 1841.
 Elizabeth Le Breton, d. Henry and Mary Anthony, Oct. 4, 1829.
 Elizabeth Loring Woart, d. Nicholas and Eliz[abe]th, bp. July
 15, 1838. C. R. 2.
 Emma Augusta, d. Patrick and Abigail, Oct. 11, 1848.
 Fanny, d. [Capt. C. R. 1.] Eleazar, jr. and Fanny, Apr. 19, 1823.
 Francis Holmes, s. Daniel C. and Sarah, Nov. 10, 1815.
 Francis William, s. Jonathan G. and Betsey, —, 1831.
 Frederick William, s. Philip and Miriam, Apr. 15, 1834.
 George Frederick, s. William Pierce, bp. Nov. 16, 1824. C. R. 1.
 George Moseley, s. Isaac, 3d and Sally Boardman, Nov. 7,
 1827.

NEWBURYPORT BIRTHS

JOHNSON, Gilman White, s. [Dr. C. R. 1.] Jonathan G. and Betsey,
 Dec. 9, 1825.
 Green Pearson, s. Eleazar and Hannah, Aug. 10, 1785.
 Hannah, d. Daniel, bp. Apr. 16, 1769. C. R. 1.
 Hannah, d. Eliezer, jr. and Hannah, May 29, 1770.
 Hannah, d. Dan[ie]l and Hannah, Oct. 12, 1774.
 Hannah, d. Joseph and Hannah, Nov. 28, 1777.
 Hannah, d. Isaac and Sally Boardman, July 26, 1834.
 Hannah Cooper, d. William B. and Lydia, Sept. 22, 1845.
 Hannah Greenleaf Perkins, d. [Dr. C. R. 1.] Jonathan Greenleaf
 and Betsey, Oct. 4, 1819.
 Hannah Sawyer, d. Samuel O. and Frances Ann, May 6, 1841.
 Harriot, d. Isaac, 4th and Sarah, Feb. 11, 1811.
 Harrison Gray, s. Harrison Gray Otis and Hannah, Mar. 11,
 1823.
 Harrison Gray, s. Harrison Gray and Hannah, July 26, 1845.
 Harrison Gray Otis, s. Samuel Otis and Frances, Feb. 14, 1841.
 Henry, s. Nicholas and Mary, Oct. 4, 1796.
 Henry Le Breton, s. Henry and Elizabeth, Apr. 17, 1825.
 Isaac, s. William and Lydia, May 24, 1764.
 Isaac, s. Isaac, bp. Oct. 25, 1766. C. R. 1.
 Isaac, jr., s. Isaac [jr. C. R. 3.] and Elizabeth, Dec. 13, 1784.
 [1783. C. R. 3.]
 Isaac, s. Isaac and Mary [Sarah. C. R. 3.], Mar. 16, 1792.
 Jacob Bartlet, s. Jacob and Mary, Aug. 29, 1817.
 Jacob George, s. Jacob B. and Frances Ann, June 2, 1843.
 Jacob Perkins, s. [Dr. C. R. 1.] Jonathan G. and Betsey, Mar.
 1824.
 Jane, d. Eleazar, jr. and Jane, Apr. 3, 1804.
 Jeremiah, s. Eleazar, jr. and Jane, Mar. 15, 1799.
 Joanna, d. Francis and Joanna, Aug. 4, 1774.
 John, s. Abraham and Patty [Martha. C. R. 2.], Oct. 10, 1784.
 John, s. Isaac, 4th and Sally, Sept. 23, 1818.
 John Bailey, s. Eliezer and Sarah, Jan. 26, 1768.
 John Edward, s. James and Betsey L., Dec. 30, 1843.
 John Sewall, s. Eleazar, jr. and Jane, Apr. 1, 1806.
 Jonathan Greenleaf, s. twin, William Pierce and Sarah, Nov. 11,
 1790.
 Jonathan Greenleaf, s. Jonathan G. and Betsey, Sept. 18, 1822.
 Joseph, s. Joseph and Elizabeth, Aug. 29, 1768.
 Joseph, jr., s. Joseph and Hannah, June 24, 1780.
 Joseph, s. Eleazar and Hannah, Mar. 27, 1787.
 Joseph, s. Eleazar and Sally, Jan. 17, 1801.
 Joseph, s. Nathaniel and Elizabeth, Jan. 30, 1820.

JOHNSON, Joseph Lawrence, s. Samuel M. and Martha Hodgkins, Nov. 27, 1828.
 Joseph Toppan, s. James and Charlotte, Nov. 28, 1808.
 Joseph Warren, s. Isaac, 4th and Sally, June 11, 1825.
 Julia Ann, d. Daniel Coffin and Sally, June 4, 1808.
 Katharine, d. John and Jane, bp. Aug. 11, 1839. C. R. 2.
 Lewis Henry, s. Jonathan and Betsy, bp. Nov. 3, 1833. C. R. 1.
 Lucy Ann, d. Capt. Nicolas, jr., bp. Sept. 24, 1820. C. R. 1.
 Lucy Anna, d. David and Lucy P., Aug. 19, 1844.
 Luther Calvin, s. Eleazer A., bp. Apr. 23, 1826. C. R. 4.
 Lydia Hodge White, d. Jonathan and Betsy, bp. Mar. 23, 1845. C. R. 1.
 Margaret Laughton, d. William Peirce and Henrietta, Jan. 20, 1809.
 Marianne, d. John Baily, bp. Sept. 12, 1802. C. R. 3.
 Marianne, d. John B., bp. Mar. 2, 1806. C. R. 3.
 Martha, d. W[illia]m, bp. June 12, 1768. C. R. 3.
 Martha, d. Isaac and Mary, Aug. 1, 1790.
 Martha Jane, d. Eleazer and Sally, Sept. 2, 1811.
 Mary, d. William Pierce and Sarah, Apr. 26, 1777.
 Mary, d. Capt. Nicholas, bp. June 2, 1782. C. R. 1.
 Mary, d. William, bp. Oct. 24, 1790. C. R. 1.
 Mary Adeline, d. Jonathan G. and Betsey, May 22, 1827.
 Mary Ann, d. John B. and Mary, July 6, 1802. [July 16. dup.]
 Mary Ann, d. John Bailey and Mary, Nov. 6, 1805.
 Mary Ann, d. Eleazer, 3d and Mary Ann, Aug. 31, 1822.
 Mary Ann, d. Jacob and Mary, June 25, 1824.
 Mary Ann Frances, d. Samuel O. and Mary Frances, Oct. 7, 1846.
 Mary Ann Tappan, d. Theodore, bp. Sept. 15, 1839. C. R. 4.
 Mary Bracket, d. Isaac, 4th and Sally, Mar. 31, 1813.
 Mary Bradbury, d. Philip and Sarah, Mar. 18, 1800.
 Mary Hodge, d. Nicholas, jr., bp. Oct. 13, 1811. C. R. 1.
 Mary Kenney, d. Daniel and Mary, July 20, 1849.
 Mary Lawrence, d. Samuel M. and Martha Hodgkins, Mar. 23, 1827.
 Mary M. Brackett, d. Isaac, jr., bp. Aug. 8, 1814. C. R. 3.
 Mary Moody, d. Isaac, bp. Aug. 13, 1798. C. R. 3.
 Mary Moody, d. Isaac and Elizabeth, June 1, 1799.
 Miriam Philips, d. Philip, jr. and Miriam, May 19, 1819.
 Moses Kimball, s. Joshua J. and Ann D., Mar. 31, 1836.
 Nancy Toppan, d. Eleazer, jr. and Fanny, Sept. 30, 1815. (error, should be 1814.)
 Nanny Greenleaf, d. Capt. Nicholas, bp. Mar. 26, 1780. C. R. 1.
 Nathaniel, s. Nathaniel and Elizabeth, Jan. 22, 1818.

JOHNSON, Nicholas, Capt., Nov. 28, 1752.
 Nicholas, s. Daniel, bp. May 12, 1771. C. R. 1.
 Nicholas, s. [Capt. C. R. 1.] Nicholas and Mary, Oct. 14, 1777.
 Nicholas, s. Nicholas, jr. and Elizabeth, Jan. 18, 1802. [Jan. 19. dup.]
 Nicholas, s. Philip, jr. and Miriam, Aug. 30, 1826.
 Nicholas, s. Henry and Mary Anthony, Nov. 13, 1827.
 Nicholas, s. Nicholas and Elizabeth, July 31, 1832.
 Persis Pamela, d. David and Lucy P., July 1, 1846.
 Peter William, s. John and Jane, bp. Apr. 23, 1837. C. R. 2.
 Philip, s. Nicholas and Mary, Jan. 20, 1789.
 Philip, s. Philip and Sarah, Mar. 16, 1792.
 Philip, s. Philip, jr. and Miriam, Jan. 2, 1821.
 Philip Henry, s. [Capt. C. R. 1.] Eleazer, jr. and Fanny, Aug. 2, 1821.
 Richard, s. Joseph and Elizabeth, July 9, 1770.
 Richard, s. [Capt. C. R. 1.] Eleazer and Sally, Oct. 18, 1813.
 Rufus Smith, s. Jacob and Mary, Mar. 5, 1820.
 Sally, d. Philip and Sarah, Dec. 27, 1798. C. R. 5.
 Sally, d. Isaac and Elizabeth, Oct. 5, 1801.
 Sally, d. Daniel Coffin and Sally, Mar. 14, 1802.
 Sally, d. Eleazer and Sally, Jan. 2, 1803.
 Samuel Moody, s. John Bayley and Mary, Jan. 1, 1799.
 Samuel Otis, s. Harrison Gray Otis and Hannah, Nov. 22, 1821.
 Samuel Porter Williams, s. Isaac, 4th and Sally, Sept. 21, 1820.
 Sarah, d. Joseph and Hannah, Jan. 31, 1777. [bp. Feb. 11, 1776. C. R. 3.]
 Sarah, d. Nicholas, bp. Mar. 25, 1787. C. R. 1.
 Sarah, d. William Pearce, bp. Mar. 16, 1788. C. R. 1.
 Sarah, d. Philip and Sarah, Dec. 24, 1795.
 Sarah, d. Isaac, 4th and Sally, Jan. 23, 1816.
 Sarah Elizabeth, d. [Dr. C. R. 1.] Jonathan G. and Betsey, June 7, 1821.
 Sarah Elizabeth, d. Eleazer, 3d and Mary Ann, Aug. 18, 1824.
 Sarah Greenleaf, d. Eleazer, jr. and Fanny, Aug. 25, 1816.
 Sarah Jane, d. Thomas and Elizabeth, Jan. 18, 1815.
 Sarah Jane, d. Philip, jr. and Miriam, Aug. 24, 1822.
 Sarah Jane, d. William Pierce, bp. Nov. 16, 1824. C. R. 1.
 Sarah Smith, d. Nathaniel and Elizabeth, Nov. 21, 1823.
 Serena, d. [Capt. C. R. 1.] Nicholas, jr. and Elizabeth, Nov. 14, 1817.
 Susan Higginson, d. Nicholas and Elizabeth, bp. Dec. 23, 1832. C. R. 2.
 Temperance, d. William and Abigail, Apr. 29, 1774.

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Cemeteries**

Volume One

**Belleville Cemetery
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St. Paul's Church Graveyard
Sawyer Hill Burying Ground**

Compiled by Noreen C. Pramberg

I Eleazer Johnson, sensible of the uncertainty of
this Life, being by the blessing of GOD, sound
in mind, Do make and Declare this to be
my last Will and Testament

1st I give and bequeath to my Wife Sarah
Johnson during her life, provided she
remains a Widow, the Dwelling House
wherein I now live, with the Barn and out
Buildings with the Land under & adjoining the
same, Bounded N & E on High Street, & Easterly
by the Deater Place, & Westerly on Low Street
and S W on a new street, thence by Land of
Henry W Kinsman, and Nathaniel Smith
to High Street, meaning to bequeath all the
Land contained in the several Purchases
attached to the Travy Place, this I give in
lieu of Dower in my other Real Estate

2nd I give unto my Wife all my Furniture, Clothing
Provisions, Farming tools, Crops on the ground
Hay in the Barn, Horse, Chaises, Sley, Carts
Cows and live stock and every article or thing
belonging to me in the House or on the
Premises, for her sole use and disposal forever
without appraisement

3rd I give unto my Sons, Richard and Daniel N
Johnson, and their Heirs my store in the Block
at the Corner of Ferry Wharf and in case of
the Death of either before coming into possession
the whole to revert to the survivor and his
Heirs

4th I give & bequeath to the said Richard & Daniel
Johnson each Five Shares in the Mechanics
Bank in Newburyport,

5th I give unto my Daughters Martha Jane and
Harry G Johnson, and their Heirs in equal
Proportions my House in Middle Street, with
the Barn and out Buildings with the land
under & adjoining the same, in case of the
Death of either before coming into possession

HUMBLY shew
Johnson, was
That they are

Honorable Daniel A. White Esquire,
Judge of Probate for the County of Essex.

HUMBLY shew Joseph Johnson, merchant, and William P. Johnson, mariner, both of Newburyport in said county,

THAT they are named and appointed executors of the last Will and Testament of Cleaver Johnson, — late of Newburyport — in said County, merchant, — deceased; who at the time of making the same, was of full age, and of sane mind, and last dwelt in said County, and lately, viz. on the seventh of June last, died, leaving estate to be administered; whereby it appertains to your petitioners to administer said estate according to said will, they having a legal right to accept of their said trust. Whereupon the said executors herewith present the same to your honor, to be approved, allowed, and recorded, as the law directs; and pray that administration of said estate according thereto, may be granted and committed to them agreeably to the law in such cases made and provided.

Dated at Salem the sixth day of July,
A. D. 1847.

Joseph Johnson
for himself and Wm P Johnson

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ESSEX, ss. At a Court of Probate holden at Lowell in and for said County, on the first Tuesday in August, A. D. 1847.

THE instrument hereto annexed, having been duly presented for probate as the last will and testament of Cleaver Johnson, late of Newburyport in said County, merchant, deceased, and it being made to appear that notice has been given according to order to all persons interested, and that there is no objection to the probate thereof; John Andrews junior, one of the witnesses thereto subscribed, being present, makes oath

that he saw the said Cleaver Johnson, the testator sign and seal the said instrument, and heard him declare the same to be his last will and testament, and that he the said Andrews subscribed his name as a witness to the execution thereof, in presence of said testator together with Edmund L. de Boston captain, and Jacob Stone, and that said testator was then, to the best of his knowledge, of sound and disposing mind.

It is thereupon considered and decreed by the Court here, that the said instrument be approved, allowed, and recorded, as the last will and testament of the before named deceased, and that it have full force and effect as such, agreeably to the laws of the Commonwealth aforesaid, in such cases made and provided; and that the execution of said last will and testament, and the administration of the estate of said deceased according thereto, be granted and committed to Joseph Johnson and William P. Johnson,

the executors therein named, they giving bond according to law, for the faithful discharge of their said trust.

D. A. White Judge of Probate.

TO the Honorable

Daniel A White
Judge of Probate for the County of Essex.

Esquire,

HUMBLY shew: *Isaac Pearson, of Newburyport, in the County of Essex, & State of Massachusetts, painter*

THAT he is named and appointed execut or of the last Will and Testament of *Daniel N. Johnson* late of *Newburyport* in said County, gentleman, deceased; who at the time of making the same, was of full age, and of sane mind, and last dwelt in said County, and lately, viz. on or about *Aug. 18. 1847*, died, leaving estate to be administered; whereby it appertains to your petitioner to administer said estate according to said will, he having a legal right to accept of his said trust. Whereupon the said execut or herewith presents the same to your honor, to be approved, allowed, and recorded, as the law directs; and prays that administration of said estate according thereto, may be granted and committed to him agreeably to the law in such cases made and provided.

Dated at *Newburyport* the *14th* day of *September*
A. D. 1847.

Isaac Pearson
per *J. P. Frothingham, Atty*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ESSEX, ss. At a Court of Probate holden at *Salem* in and for said County, on the *first* Tuesday in *October*, A. D. 1847.

THE instrument hereto annexed, having been duly presented for probate as the last will and testament of *Daniel N. Johnson*, late of *Newburyport* in said County, gentleman, deceased, and it being made to appear that notice has been given according to order to all persons interested, and that there is no objection to the probate thereof, *James P. Frothingham* esquire, one of the witnesses thereto subscribed, being present, makes oath,

that he saw the said *Daniel N. Johnson* the testator sign and seal the said instrument, and heard him declare the same to be his last will and testament, and that he the said *Frothingham* subscribed his name as a witness to the execution thereof, in presence of said testator, together with *Joseph B. Morris* (and) *Joseph A. Frothingham*, and that said testator was then, to the best of his discerning, of sound and disposing mind.

It is thereupon considered and decreed by the Court here, that the said instrument be approved, allowed, and recorded, as the last will and testament of the before named deceased, and that it have full force and effect as such, agreeably to the laws of the Commonwealth aforesaid, in such cases made and provided; and that the execution of said last will and testament, and the administration of the estate of said deceased according thereto, be granted and committed to

Isaac Pearson,

the execut or therein named, he giving bond according to law, for the faithful discharge of his said trust.

D A White Judge of Probate.