



Joshua Winsor House & Store c. 1799

489 Washington Street



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Joshua Winsor House and Store, c. 1799

The property at 489 Washington Street was once two distinct buildings – a dwelling house and a store. They may have been built separately, but by 1825 they were joined together. The store is the easier to date, the dwelling is a bit murkier.

Joshua Winsor, the builder of the store and probably the adjoining house, was a prominent member of the Duxbury community and the owner of a large fishing fleet. His house, wharf, and other outbuildings were on Duxbury Bay –32 Long Point Ave was built over Winsor's foundation.

In 1798 Winsor obtained a retailer's license. The decision to become a merchant, selling goods in a store, was likely precipitated by the coming of the new road – Washington Street. Winsor was a strong advocate of the road and likely saw the potential business opportunities it would bring. So, we can assume that once the road was complete, or nearly so, Winsor built his **store, c. 1799**, facing the cart path that would become Mattakesett Court. This portion of the building continued to be owned by Joshua Winsor, even after he sold the attached dwelling house to his son, Thomas Winsor, in 1825. The deed to his son indicated that Joshua Winsor was allowed to access the store, i.e., *“reserving the above said store with the land under said store with a privilege to pass at the easterly end of said store to land goods into said store and to take goods from the same as shall be most beneficial and least prejudicial together with the dwelling house and all appendages except the above described store”*

The dwelling house was built before 1825 and possibly as early as 1799 but it is impossible to know exactly when or why. However, we can make some educated guesses.

1. Each of Joshua Winsor's children built a house on land that their father owned at the time of their marriage:
 - Lucy Winsor & Samuel Delano built a house on Plumfield Lane
 - Hannah Winsor and Solomon Washburn built 534 Washington Street
 - Judith Winsor and Rufus Hathaway built a Washington Street house that no longer stands
 - Joseph and George Winsor built a double house with their spouses at 486 Washington Street.
 - Thomas and Welthea Winsor built 42 Harrison Street

All of the above were deeded to his children by Joshua Winsor in 1815 (Thomas Winsor's deed was 1808, but recorded along with his siblings in 1815). Ellis Winsor, the youngest son by Joshua's third wife, purchased 42 Harrison Street in 1825.

The child that is missing from the above is Seth Winsor, who married in 1802 and died c. 1804. If he, at the time of his marriage, built his own house, then it *may* be the dwelling at 489 Washington Street, in which case the date would be 1802.

2. The house was built for youngest son Ellis at the time of his marriage in 1819. Ellis purchased Thomas Winsor's house in 1825, but he could have been living at 489 Washington before then.
3. Joshua Winsor perhaps built a house for employees or to be leased at the time of the building of the store, c. 1799
4. The house was built as a newer residence for Joshua Winsor himself, c. 1799 – a new Federal style that allowed him to “keep up with the Joneses”? This last is the least likely scenario as deeds continued to demonstrate that Joshua Winsor was still on his homestead “mansion house” during his lifetime.

Since we can't pinpoint when the dwelling house was built, but it was likely built either with the store or shortly after, it is safe to say c. 1799 for it as well.

It has become the custom in the last decade for houses to have both the husband's and wife's name on a dateboard. However, in this case, as the store was Joshua Winsor's business and the first occupants of the dwelling house are unknown, **I think it is reasonable to only have Joshua Winsor's name on the dateboard.** He had three wives and any one of them could have been the spouse at the time of construction of the dwelling house since we are uncertain of the date– also, we don't know the extent of any of the wives' involvement in Joshua's business affairs.

The Land

The land of 489 Washington Street was once part of the extensive Samuel Sprague Sr. farm. This farm, encompassing 230 acres, included land from Sprague's wharf (Snug Harbor), up the coastline of Duxbury Bay to the Bluefish River. It included land on both sides of today's Washington Street. Portions of the farm had once been owned by early Duxbury settlers, Henry Howland and Experience Mitchell.

When Samuel Sprague Sr. died in 1710, the farm was split between his two sons, John Sprague received the land on the north of Harrison Street (including the former Experience Mitchell farm), extending to the Bay; Samuel Sprague Jr. received the land on the south side of Harrison Street (including the former Henry Howland farm that extended to the Bay). Through a quirk of intermarriage, John's son Peleg's widow, Mercy Chandler, married Samuel Jr.'s son Phineas Sprague, thus the farm was consolidated again.

Joshua Winsor began purchasing former Sprague land in 1777, and according to the notes of amateur historian Henry Fish, "Joshua Winsor was probably one of the first – if not the first – to build along the shore of what is now the Village. His gambreled roof dwelling stood near the present location of the Yacht Club house and just east of it was his wharf, and just south of it was another belonging to his brother Nathaniel...these brothers carrying on the fishing trade." In 1798 and 1801 Joshua Winsor made two additional large purchases of former Sprague land from Samuel Delano Jr. The location of 489 Washington Street was within the bounds of the 1798 deed.

Timeline

Jul 21, 1777

Joshua Winsor bought a dwelling house and land from Benjamin Freeman, house carpenter, at Flake Hill for 126 pounds 13 shillings, that Freeman had purchased from Phineas Sprague with Nathaniel Winsor. (Book 59/Page 242). [Flake Hill, so named for the drying of fish, was near Long Point]. Joshua greatly expanded the house. His son-in-law, Rufus Hathaway, painted Winsor's house on Duxbury Bay, c. 1793-1795.



Jun 16, 1779

John Peterson agreed to a lease to Joshua and Nathaniel Winsor the use a cartway across John Peterson's farm to access their houses for \$100.

Dec 5, 1791

Death of Olive (Thomas) Winsor, wife of Joshua Winsor, leaving him with seven children between the ages of 18 to 2.

Jan 28, 1793

Joshua Winsor married his sister-in-law, Ruth Thomas of Marshfield. She died eight months later giving birth to a stillborn child.

May 15, 1794

Lucy Winsor, daughter of Joshua and Olive Winsor, married Samuel Delano Jr. She left the Winsor household and built a house on Plumfield Lane on Joshua's land.

May 21 1794

Joshua Winsor married for a third time, Deborah Fish

Dec 1, 1795

Judith Winsor, daughter of Joshua and Olive Winsor, married the artist and physician, Rufus Hathaway. She left the Winsor household and built on Washington Street (house no longer standing) on Joshua's land.

- 1797 Ellis Winsor born, son of Joshua and Deborah Winsor
- May 12, 1798 **Joshua Winsor purchased 14 acres of land adjacent to his own on Duxbury Bay from Samuel Delano Jr. for \$1,087.50 (Book 90/Page 17)**
- Aug 1798 Petition to lay out Washington Street
- 1798 Joshua Winsor was granted a retailer license
- Aug 1799 Washington Street to be laid out “from Joshua Winsor’s to Capt. Brown’s in 3 months
- 1800 US Census The household of Joshua Winsor consisted of 10 people: Joshua (age 51), his wife, Deborah (age 43), Thomas (age 20), Seth (age 18), Hannah (age 16), Joseph (age 11), George (age 7), and Ellis (age 3). Also included is one woman, possibly a domestic servant, and one free person of color, also a domestic servant.
- Feb 16, 1801 **Joshua Winsor, now described as Merchant instead of shipwright, purchased “Sprague’s Neck” from Samuel Delano Jr. for \$3000.**
- Mar 1802 Thomas Winsor, son of Joshua Winsor, married Welthea Sprague, the daughter of Hon. Seth Sprague. They likely built their house (42 Harrison Street) on Joshua’s land at this time.
- Sep 1802 Seth Winsor, son of Joshua Winsor, married Betsey Hunt. *Could they have built 489 Washington Street at this time?* Seth died c. 1804.
- Mar 1803 Thomas Winsor (age 23) was appointed postmaster of Duxbury, much to the chagrin of some.

BOSTON, March 12.

REMOVAL—JUDAH ALDEN, Esq. has been removed from the office of Postmaster, at Duxbury, and Mr. THOMAS WINSOR appointed in his stead. This measure of the *President’s man Gideon*, has excited much dissatisfaction among the good people of Duxbury; as they will not in general be so well accommodated, and will have to pay an additional expence of several miles. This may be *democratic economy*, and the *democratic way* of rendering “equal and exact justice to all men.”—The true reasons, however, which led to the above removal, doubtless, are, Mr. ALDEN has been *faithful* in his office: was *guilty* of having served as an officer during the whole of the

- Jan 31, 1805 Hannah Winsor, daughter of Joshua and Olive Winsor, married Solomon Washburn. She left the Winsor household and built 534 Washington Street on Joshua’s land.

Feb 26, 1808 Joshua Winsor sold to his son, Thomas Winsor, a “house and lot of land” for \$2,300 (Book 123/Page 235). Deed recorded in 1815. *This is 42 Harrison Street.*

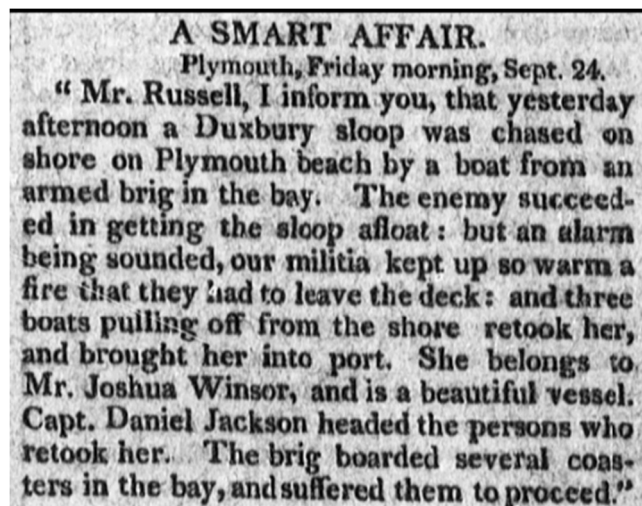
1810 US Census Joshua Winsor’s house consisted of 9 people: Joshua Winsor (age 61), his wife Deborah (age 53), children Joseph (age 21), George (age 19), and Ellis (age 13). Also one girl 16-25 who may have been a domestic servant and 1 person of color, likely also a servant.

Oct 11, 1810 Joseph Winsor, son of Joshua and Olive Winsor, married Lydia Sampson.

Apr 4, 1811 George Winsor, son of Joshua and Olive Winsor, married Alice Turner. At this time, he and Joseph built a double house at 486 Washington Street.

Jun 30, 1813 Thomas Winsor purchased half of Ahira Wadsworth store at 1 Water Street (Book 119/Page 259) for \$327. They entered into business together as Wadsworth & Winsor.

1812-1815 War of 1812. Winsor’s vessel *Cupid* was almost captured by the British.



A SMART AFFAIR.
Plymouth, Friday morning, Sept. 24.
“ Mr. Russell, I inform you, that yesterday afternoon a Duxbury sloop was chased on shore on Plymouth beach by a boat from an armed brig in the bay. The enemy succeeded in getting the sloop afloat: but an alarm being sounded, our militia kept up so warm a fire that they had to leave the deck: and three boats pulling off from the shore retook her, and brought her into port. She belongs to Mr. Joshua Winsor, and is a beautiful vessel. Capt. Daniel Jackson headed the persons who retook her. The brig boarded several coasters in the bay, and suffered them to proceed.”

1815 Joshua Winsor deeded his children’s houses and land to them: Joseph and George (486 Washington St), Thomas’ deed is recorded (42 Harrison Street), Hannah Washburn (534 Washington St.), Judith Hathaway (house not standing), and Lucy Delano (Plumfield Lane)

Feb 24, 1818

Thomas Winsor dissolved his partnership with Ahira Wadsworth and formed a trading company with his brothers, George and Joseph Winsor.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the connexion in trade heretofore existing under the firm of WADSWORTH & WINSOR, (in the town of Duxbury,) is by mutual consent this day dissolved. All persons having demands against said firm, are requested to exhibit them; and all persons indebted to said firm, are called upon to make payment.

AHIRA WADSWORTH,
THOMAS WINSOR.

Duxbury, Feb. 24, 1818.

COMPARTNERSHIP—Notice is hereby given, that the subscribers have formed a connexion in business, in the town of Duxbury, under the firm of

THOMAS WINSOR & COMPANY.

THOMAS WINSOR,
JOSEPH WINSOR,
GEORGE WINSOR.

Duxbury, Feb. 24, 1818.

May 1824

Good example of the type of fish caught off the Grand Banks by the Winsors. The “South American Market” for the lesser quality fish was the food source for enslaved people.

COD FISH.

1000 QUINTALS Bank COD FISH—300 do small do—150 do do do. suitable for the South American market—Dun Fish, Pollock, scaled Herrings, &c. for sale by THOMAS WINSOR & CO. No. 5 and 6, D. Spear's-wharf.

may 11 epistf

Apr 1824

Another typical fishing voyage for a Winsor schooner

COD FISH, &c.

2500 QUINTALS Bank, Bay and Streights Codfish,

300 do. Streights Codfish, suitable for the Brazil market,

200 do. Pollock and Haddock Fish,

220 bbls. Streights, Bay, and Shore Liver Oil,

100 boxes scaled 1st and second sort Smoked Herrings, &c.

For sale by THOMAS WINSOR & CO. Nos. 5 and 6, D. Spear's wharf. epistf march 27

- Sep 19, 1825** Thomas Winsor sold to his father Joshua Winsor his house at 42 Harrison Street for \$3,000 (Book 156/Page 58). Joshua immediately sold the house to his youngest son, Ellis Winsor for \$1,500 (Book 156/Page 57)
- Sep 19, 1825** Joshua Winsor sold to Thomas Winsor for \$3,000 “*one hundred and forty rods of land being part of my home farm and is bounded as follows beginning at the southwest corner bound being a stake standing by the road in a line in front of my store thence by the road north five degrees east seventeen rods and twenty two links to a stake thence south seventy seven degrees east eight rods to a stake thence south five degrees west seventeen rods and fifteen links to a stake standing in a line of the front of my said store thence by and in a line of the front of my said store to the bounds first described...reserving the above said store with the land under said store with a privilege to pass at the easterly end of said store to land goods into said store and to take goods from the same as shall be most beneficial and least prejudicial together **with the dwelling house and all appendages except the above described store**” (Book 156/Page 57)*
- 1825** For the first time we know who is living in the house at 489 Washington Street. The family consisted of Thomas Winsor (age 45), his wife Welthea (age 41), and their children, Henry (age 22), Jane (age 20), Seth (age 18), Thomas (age 16), Alfred (age 14), Harriet (age 9), Elizabeth (age 7), and Rufus (age 3).
- 1826** The Winsor firm builds or purchases their largest vessel – a merchant traded, *United States*. At 244 tons, length 96 ft., breadth 23 ft., depth 11 ft., and with three masts – the ship demonstrated the Winsors foray into maritime trade well beyond fishing. It was a gamble that did no pay off..
- 1826** Severe downturn in the Thomas Winsor & Co. business. Over the next year, the assets of the business, including much land and vessels were sold to cover debts.
- Apr 17, 1826** Thomas Winsor sold his ½ of the store building he still owned on Water Street with Ahira Wadsworth to Wadsworth for \$470 (Book 154/Page 253)

Oct 1826

Auction to sell the goods in Thomas Winsor's store at 489 Washington St.

Auction Sale.

TAKEN on several writs, and to be sold by consent of parties, on *MONDAY* the 16th instant,
IN DUXBURY,

14 head of neat Cattle, Oxen, Cows, Heifers, &c. 3 valuable Horses, several Hogs, 20 tons of English and Salt Hay, several acres of Potatoes, one valuable Chaise and Harness, Wagons, &c.

Also—All the Carts, Wagons, and Farming Tools on two farms.

AFTER THE ABOVE,

All the Goods in the Store of Thomas Winsor & Co. consisting of every variety of Woollen and Cotton Goods, W. I. Goods, Crockery and Hard Ware, &c. &c. which are usually found in a country store. The stock is large and valuable.

Also—A large quantity and variety of *HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE*, among which are 3 large and valuable Clocks, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

The sale will be adjourned from day to day until all is sold.

SPENCER CUSHMAN, Dep'y Sheriff.

Duxbury, October 12, 1826. 1w

Nov 20, 1826

Dissolution of Copartnership.

THE Copartnership heretofore existing in the name of *THOMAS WINSOR & CO.* is by mutual consent this day dissolved.


*THOMAS WINSOR,
JOSHUA WINSOR,
JOSEPH WINSOR,
GEORGE WINSOR,
ELLIS WINSOR.*

Duxbury, Nov. 20, 1826.

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Dec 1826

Sale of vessels to "close a concern"

 **For Sale, to close a concern,**
 The schr MINERVA, 100 tons burthen,
 and schr CONCORD, 70 tons burthen,
 built at Duxbury.
 Also, a quantity of Codfish, in store lately occu-
 pied by Thomas Winsor & Co.—will be sold low.
 Apply to THOMAS WINSOR, Brimmer's T.
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Jan 26, 1827

Loss of shares of the Duxbury South River Manufacturing Company, a cotton mill located on Chandler Pond, Duxbury.


TAKEN on execution against Thomas Win-
 sor, Joshua Winsor, Joseph Winsor,
 George Winsor and Ellis Winsor, Fifteen
 Shares in *The Duxbury South-River Manufac-*
turing Company; and the same will be sold at
 PUBLIC AUCTION at the boarding house of said
 Company on Wednesday the 7th day of Feb-
 ruary next, at two o'clock P. M.
 SPENCER CUSHMAN, *Deputy Sher'ff*
 Duxbury, Jan, 6, 1827. 1837

Feb 14, 1827

Numerous land takings by the court settle debts. The land extended along Duxbury Bay from the Bluefish River past Plumfield Lane on the east side of Washington Street. The land was owned Joshua, Thomas, Joseph, George and Ellis Winsor, partners in Thomas Winsor and Company.

May 1827

Another vessel to be sold to "close a concern"


BRIG FIDES.
 For sale the brig FIDES, of 135 tons,
 built at Duxbury of the very best mate-
 rials and in the most faithful manner in
 1819. She carries a large cargo, sails fast, is a su-
 perior vessel, and well found in every respect. She
 will be sold low. Inquire of JAMES ANDREWS
 or THOMAS WINSOR. 2w may 15

Jun 27, 1827

Joshua Winsor died at age 81 of consumption.

Jul 1827

The Swan to be “sold low”


FOR SALE.
 The sch SWAN, 43 tons burthen. low deck, suitable for the Cod or Mackerel Fishery, was built at Duxbury, is a good vessel, and will be sold low. Apply to THOMAS WINSOR, T wharf.
July 24 epistw

Oct 27, 1827

Jane Winsor, daughter of Thomas and Welthea Winsor, married her first cousin and neighbor, Capt. Gershom Winsor, the son of Nathaniel Winsor Jr., who lived at 479 Washington Street. *She is one of Duxbury's Women at Sea who traveled with her husband on at least one voyage.*

Dec 1827

The largest vessel built by the Winsors – the ship *United States* was for sale.

FOR SALE.
 The copper fastened and coppered ship UNITED STATES, two hundred and forty-four tons register;—stows 1800 boxes sugar;—has made but two voyages and was coppered previous to the last, and is a superior vessel. Apply to THOMAS WINSOR, T wharf. epif nov29

1828

Thomas Winsor was still operating as a merchant with his brother-in-law Phineas Sprague, now at T Wharf in Boston. Numerous advertisements show his various imports for sale. The Winsors likely moved to Boston permanently around this time. Thomas and Welthea's youngest child, Frederick, was born in Boston in 1829.

Jan 13, 1828

William Henry Sampson of Plympton married Sarah Sprague, the youngest sister of Welthea Sprague Winsor. They would eventually occupy 489 Washington Street.

1830 US Census

Thomas Winsor and family were living in Boston. William H. Sampson appears to still be living in Plympton. It is unknown if anyone was occupying 489 Washington Street at this time.

Dec 5, 1830

Thomas Winsor relinquished his rights to the land of Joshua Winsor to his three sisters, Hannah, Lucy and Judith. The parcels included the “orchard lot” with buildings next to Solomon Washburn's shop; the “Hall lot” located to the east of **Thomas Winsor's house lot and the store lot**; and, *‘the lot on which the Old Mansion house now stands together with said house, shed, barn, wharf, flats, and stores standing thereon being the same lately owned and occupied by my father Joshua Winsor [house at Long Point] deceased and which I own in common with Joseph Winsor, George Winsor, and Ellis Winsor, which undivided fourth part I convey to my*

sisters aforesaid reserving right to pass and repass with carts carriages to and from the store lot and wharf.” (Book 176/Page 282)

Mar 1832

Thomas Winsor died in Boston at age 52. Will included “**Lot of land with dwellinghouse and store thereon situated in Duxbury**”

DEATHS.

In this city, Mr. Thomas Winsor, aged 52. He endured a painful sickness of thirteen months with uncommon fortitude —proving what solid consolations can be derived from a firm belief in the Christian religion, and the conscious rectitude of one's own life.

1833 Ford Map of Duxbury shows the property occupied by W. H. Sampson. At this time the household would have included William H. Sampson (age 3), his wife Sarah (age 28), and their son Oscar (age 4)



Dec 19, 1833

Birth of Eugene Henry Sampson, son of William and Sarah Sampson –
Possibly the first child born in the house.

Feb 22, 1836

Seth Sprague Jr., guardian of Seth Winsor sold to William H. Sampson of Duxbury for \$81.67 ... “*a lot of land devised and willed to Seth Winsor by Thomas Winsor late of Boston situate in Duxbury and bounded as follows beginning at the southwest corner adjoining land of Nathaniel Winsor thence by the said north five degrees east ten rods and one link thence south seventy nine and half degrees east eight rods and one half links to a stake thence south five degrees west ten rods and five links to a road leading by Nathaniel Winsor's land and thence by said road to the bound first described with a dwelling house and store adjoining situate thereon said dwelling house being now occupied by said William H Sampson the*

said land being a part of a lot conveyed by Joshua Winsor to said Thomas Winsor by deed dated the nineteenth of Sept 1825” (Book 193/Page 258)

Feb 26, 1836

Thomas Sprague of Boston, guardian of Rufus H. Winsor and Frederick Winsor or Boston sold to William H. Sampson of Duxbury for \$326.37 “*a lot of land devised and willed to said minors by Thomas Winsor late of Boston situate in Duxbury...beginning at the southeast corner adjoining land of Nathaniel Winsor, thence by the road north five degrees east ten rods and one link thence south seventy six and half degrees east eight rods and one half link to a stake thence south five degrees west ten rods and five links to a road leading by Nathaniel Winsor’s land and thence by said road to the bound first described with **a dwelling house and store adjoining** situate thereon said dwelling house now occupied by said William H. Sampson said land being part of a lot conveyed by Joshua Winsor to Thomas Winsor by deed dated nineteenth of September 1825...” (Book 193/Page 257)*

Sep 30, 1836

Welthea Winsor, Henry Winsor, Alfred Winsor, and Harriet Winsor all of Boston and Jane Winsor and Thomas Winsor of Duxbury sold to William H. Sampson \$653.33 “*a lot of land devised and willed to us by Thomas Winsor, late of Boston situate in Duxbury and bounded as follows beginning at the southwest corner adjoining land of Nathaniel Winsor, thence by the road, north five degrees east ten rods and one link, thence south seventy six and half degrees east eight rods and one and half links to a stake, thence south five degrees west ten rods and five links to a road leading by Nathaniel Winsor’s land, and thence by said road to the bound first described **with a dwelling house and store adjoining** situate thereon said dwelling house being now occupied by said William H. Sampson said land being a part of a lot conveyed by Joshua Winsor to said Thomas Winsor by deed dated the nineteenth of September 1825...” (Book 193/Page 256)*

Sep 30, 1836

Welthea Winsor of Boston [widow of Thomas Winsor], guardian of Elizabeth and Judith Winsor of Boston, sold to William H. Sampson of Duxbury ... “*lot of land devised and willed to said minors by Thomas Winsor late of Boston...beginning at the southwest corner adjoining land of Nathaniel Winsor thence by the road north five degrees east ten rods and one link, thence south seventy six and half degrees east eight rods and one half links to a stake thence south five degrees west ten rods and five links to a road leading by Nathaniel Winsor’s land and thence by said road to the bound first described with **dwelling house and a store adjoining** situate thereon, said dwelling house now being occupied by said William H. Sampson, said land being a part of a lot conveyed by Joshua*

Winsor to said Thomas Winsor by deed dated the 19 September 1825...
(Book 193/Page 257)

- Mar 29, 1837** Birth of Leonice Marston Sampson, daughter of William H. and Sarah Sampson in 489 Washington Street.
- May 4, 1839** Birth of William H. Sampson to William H. and Sarah Sampson in 489 Washington Street.
- 1840 US Census** The household consisted of 8 people: William H. Sampson (age 37), engaged in commerce, his wife, Sarah (age 34), and their children: Oscar (age 11), Eugene (age 7), Leonice (age 3), and William (infant). Also, one woman, age 50-59, and one young man, age 15-19.
- Aug 4, 1841** Birth of Lucy Sprague Sampson, daughter of William H. and Sarah Sampson, in 489 Washington Street.
- Aug 19, 1841** Death of William H. Sampson, son of William H. and Sarah Sampson, at age 2 in 489 Washington Street.
- Jul 1846** William H. Sampson, along with Gershom B. Weston and John Hicks, proposed a railroad line to Duxbury.
- Jun 29, 1847** Birth of Sarah Sprague Sampson, daughter of William H. and Sarah Sampson in 489 Washington Street.
- 1850 US Census** The household consisted of William H. Sampson (age 47), a retail merchant, his wife, Sarah (age 45), and their children, Leonice (age 13), Lucy (age 9), and Sarah (age 2). Also in the household were Abiah Sampson (age 60), and Polly Coomer (age 66). The real estate was worth \$2000. Their son, Eugene (age 17), was boarding on Somerset Street, Boston and clerking at the firm of Sprague, Soule & Co.
- Next door was merchant Samuel Knowles, Sampson's partner in the retail business.
- Jun 21, 1850** Eugene H. Sampson, living in Boston and signing his name "Stinking Pork" planned to get a keg of powder to Duxbury to celebrate the Fourth of July by lighting a canon "behind Swift's shop."
- Aug 24, 1851** Oscar H. Sampson, eldest son of William H. and Sarah Sampson, married his cousin, Ellen Constance Sampson, and left the household.
- c. 1852** William H. Sampson and his family moved to 2 ½ Leverett Street, Boston. The house on Washington Street was likely leased from this time until its sale in 1865.
- A comical article was written in the Sept. 5, 1853 edition of the *Boston Daily Bee* entitled, "A Human Skeleton Found in a Cellar." The

Sampsons' Irish maid found a skeleton in a box in the basement of their Boston house and swooned. Apparently, the skeleton was left by Dr. H. Dow, a visitor to the former owner of house, and the bones were educational.

May 18, 1853

William H. Sampson of Boston mortgage to Plymouth Savings Bank for \$1200 "...a lot of land with the buildings thereon, standing situate in Duxbury Village...bounded as follows beginning at the south west corner adjoining the land of Erastus Sampson; thence by the road north five degrees east ten rods and one link; thence south seventy six and one half degrees east; eight rods and one half links thence south, by Sampson and Knowles land five degrees west ten rods and five links to a road leading by Erastus Sampson's land, and thence by said road to the point of the beginning being the same lot conveyed to me by the heirs of Thomas Winsor..."

Oct 18. 1853

William H. Sampson of Boston and Samuel Knowles of Duxbury sold a large piece of land with buildings to William Cook of Provincetown (former Joshua Winsor homestead on Long Point, Duxbury Bay) (Book 254//Page 248)

1855 MA Census

The family of William H. Sampson was residing in Boston: William H. Sampson (age 53), grocer, Sarah (age 50), their children, Eugene (age 21), bookkeeper, Leonice (age 18), Lucy (age 14), Sarah (age 8), and an Irish domestic servant, Margaret Hagarty (age 27)

1857 Map of Duxbury Village showing W. H. Sampson as the owner of the property, with a separate building (store). There is no lane (Mattakeesett Court) going to the shore



- 1860 US Census** The Sampsons were living in Boston (Ward 3) in a boarding house owned by William Jenkins. William H. Sampson (age 57), insurance agent, Sarah (age 55), Lucy (age 19), and Sarah (age 13). Also in the boarding house was their daughter, Leonice (age 22) and her husband, Samuel H. Morse (age 27), auctioneer, and their infant son, Frederick.
- Jan 30, 1864** Seth L. Sprague assumed the mortgage of William H. Sampson to the Plymouth Savings Bank for \$1250 (Book 321/Page 45)
- Jul 21, 1865** Seth L. Sprague of Boston sold to Gertrude W. Hollis of Duxbury for \$775 “...*a lot of land with the buildings thereon standing, situated in Duxbury Village...beginning at the southwest corner adjoining the land of Erastus Sampson, thence by the road north five degrees east ten rods and one link thence south seventy six and one half degrees east eight rods and one and one half links, thence south by land formerly owned by Sampson & Knowles five degrees west ten rods and five links to a road leading by Erastus Sampson’s land and thence by said road to the point of beginning, being the same lot conveyed by Willaim H. Sampson to the Plymouth Savings Bank as per mortgage deed book 252, page 245, and by said Bank assigned to Seth L. Sprague as per book 321, page 45...*” (Book 330/Page 83)
- Jul 25, 1865** Gertrude and John Hollis mortgaged the property to Samuel A. Winsor for \$500 (book 329/Page 216)
- Nov 6, 1865** John B. Hollis and Gertrude W. Hollis sold to [Willard] Clark of Duxbury, trader, for \$300 “...*real estate situated in Duxbury and lying on the east side of the road leading to the post office and bounded beginning at the southwest corner adjoining the land of Erastus Sampson, thence by the road five degrees east ten rods and one link, thence south seventy six and one half degrees east, eight rods one and half links, thence south by land formerly owned by Sampson and Knowles five degrees west ten rods and five links to a road leading by Erastus Sampson’s land, thence by said road to the first bound. Said premises is subject to a mortgage to Samuel A. Winsor...*”
- May 15, 1868** Emma G. Clark, the daughter of Willard and Lydia Clark, died at age 18 of carditis (inflammation of heart), likely in 489 Washington Street.
- Dec 4, 1869** William H. Sampson and his wife Sarah of Boston sold to Willard Clark of Duxbury “...*our late homestead place in Duxbury bounded on the north by the land of Aaron Josslyn, on the south by land of Erastus Sampson, on the east by land of Spencer G. Winsor and on the west by the road* (Book 364/Page 17)

1870 US Census

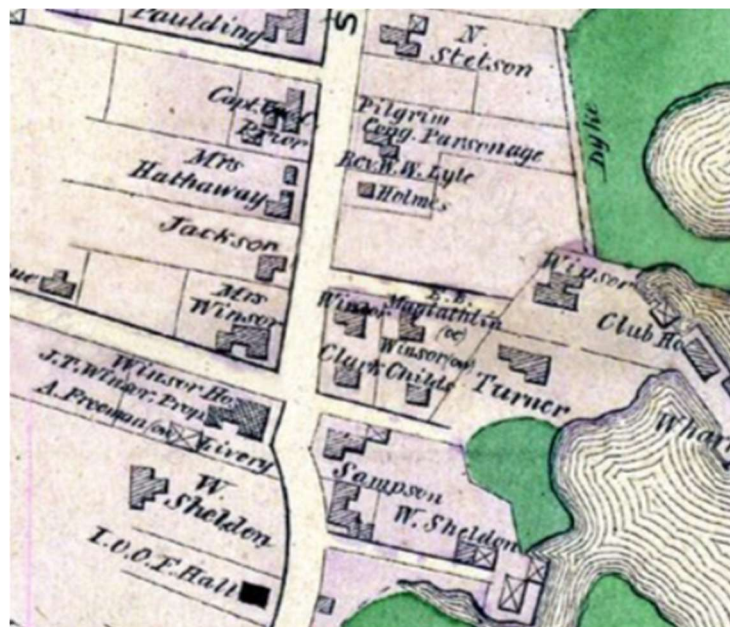
The household consisted of Willard Clark (age 65), a tin plate worker, and his wife, Lydia Clark (age 52). The real estate was valued at \$1,300 and Clark’s personal estate was \$400.

According to his granddaughter, Willard Clark used the store for his own business as a tinsmith and stove dealer.

Feb 8, 1870

Willard Clark mortgaged the property for \$800 “...a certain lot of land containing $\frac{3}{4}$ an acre more or less with a dwelling house and barn thereon lying in the central part of said Duxbury on the easterly side of the road leading from Duxbury Village to the tide mill and bounded on the north by the land of Aaron Josselyn in the south by land of Erastus Sampson on the east by land of Spencer Winsor, on the west by said road...being the same conveyed to Willard Clark by deed of John B. Hollis and Gertrude W. Hollis by deed dated Nov 6, 1865 AND by deed of William H. Sampson dated Dec. 4, 1869 with Plymouth Five Cent Savings Bank...” (Book 364/Page 17)

1879 Duxbury Village showing Clark occupying 489 Washington Street. Mattakeesett Court now exists. Neighbor George Child’s house to the south was taken down in ?.



Sep 21, 1881

Willard and Lydia Clark mortgaged the property to their daughter, Louisa A. Clark, for \$725 (Book 476/Page 122)

Nov 20, 1883

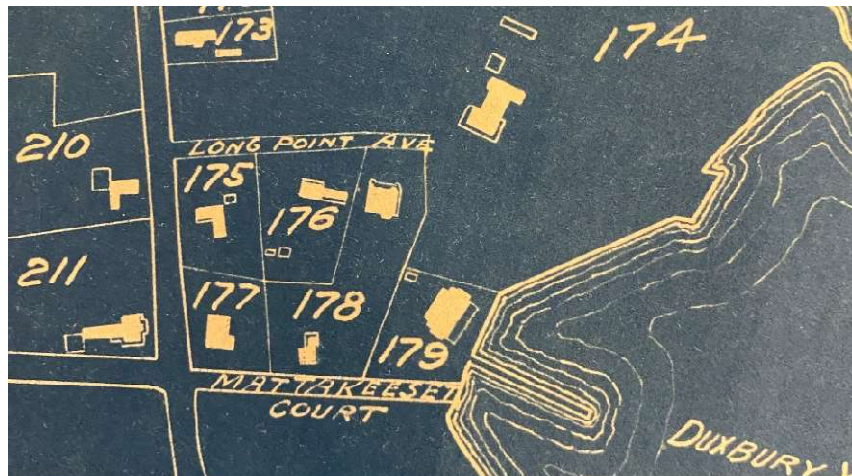
Willard and Lydia Clark sold the property to their daughter, Louisa A. Clark, for \$1 (Book 501/Page 279)

- Oct 13, 1885 Willard Clark died of pneumonia at age 85
- May 9, 1886 Lydia (Goodwin) Clark, the wife of Willard Clark, died
- Apr 17, 1899 Layout of Mattakeesett Court by County Commissioners
- 1903 Map of Duxbury showing 489 owned by Willard Clark.



- Dec 10, 1912 Death of Louisa A. Clark at age 75. Her will gave property to her sister, Adaline C. Harlow who lived in Denver, CO.
- Nov 5, 1913 Death of Adaline C. Harlow, daughter of Willard and Lydia Clark, in Denver, CO at age 74.

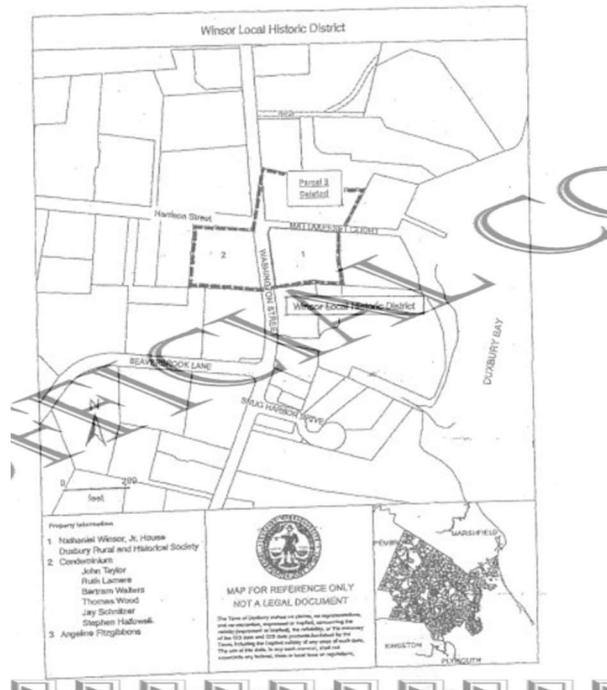
1914 Assessor's Map shows 489 owned by the Estate of Louisa A. Clark



- Sep 12, 1918** Emma L. Harlow and Olive G. Harlow of Denver, CO (daughters of Adeline C. Harlow), sold to John C. Runkle of Cambridge (Book 1299/Page 125). Runkle then took a mortgage on the property with the Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank for \$2000 (Book 1299/Page 127)
- Oct 1, 1918** John C. and Gertrude Runkle mortgaged the property to Harry I. Reed of Wakefield for \$2000 (Book 1312/Page 30)
- Sep 12, 1919** John C. Runkle of Cambridge to his wife, Gertrude Runkle (Book 133/Page 11)
- Sep 16, 1919** Gertrude Runkle of Cambridge sold the property to Channing and Bertha Robinson of Brookline (Book 1329/Page 318).
- Nov 9, 1920** The Robinsons mortgaged the property to the Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank for \$7000 (Book 1370/Page 179)
- Mar 23, 1921** Channing and Bertha Robinson purchased the lot to the east on Mattakeesett Court, from Lucy P. Irwin (Book 1384/Page 119).
- Oct 31, 1930** Bertha Robinson mortgaged the property to the Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank for xx (Book 1600/Page 467)
- Feb 3, 1937** Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank assigned the two Robinson mortgages to Rebekah R. Higginson (Book 1729/Page 309)
- Oct 11, 1945** The mortgages assumed by Rebekah R. Higginson of Cohasset were discharged (Book 1892/Page 474)
- Oct 11, 1945** Bertha B. Robinson, the widow of Channing Robinson, sold the property to Angeliene S. Fitzgibbons (Book 1892/Page 475)
- Will of Angeline S. Fitzgibbons (Probate Docket No. 112,214)
- Dec 2011** James M. Fitzgibbons of Brookline, executor of will of Ann M. Fitzgibbons sold to the Duxbury Yacht Club for \$1,300,000

Aug 14, 2013

Establishment of Winsor Historic District encompassing the NYC Mattakeesett House, the DRHS Headquarters, and the former Seth Sprague Jr. House.



Biographical Sketches of Occupants

Joshua Winsor – Ownership c. 1799-1825



Joshua Winsor (1794-1827) was the second of eight sons and two daughters born to Samuel and Rhoda Delano Winsor. His father, Samuel, was the first of the Winsor name to come to Duxbury. He began building small vessels on Clarks Island before moving to the “Nook” at building at the base of Captain’s Hill.

In 1773 Joshua Winsor married Olive Thomas of Marshfield, who bore him eight children. Following her death, Joshua married her sister, Ruth, who lived less than a year, likely dying in childbirth. In 1794, 45-year-old Joshua married for the third time, Deborah Fish, with whom he had one son. She raised his five youngest children who, at the time of the marriage, ranged in age from 3 to 12.

Joshua Winsor owned land from Bluefish River to today’s Mattakeset Court, on both sides of Washington Street. Joshua’s house stood at the end of Long Point

Ave. next to his wharf. It has been immortalized in a painting by his son-in-law, Rufus Hathaway. Recent scholarship has focused attention on the black woman in the lower left of the painting. Census records of 1790 and 1800 corroborate that Joshua did indeed have a person of color in his house. It begs the question whether this person was enslaved prior to 1783, when the Supreme Court of Massachusetts deemed slavery incompatible with the Commonwealth’s Constitution. We can only speculate unless further evidence is presented. Regardless of her condition, it is notable that Winsor had one of the very few (11 in 1790) black residents of Duxbury in his household.



Joshua Winsor house by Rufus Hathaway. Smithsonian American Art Museum

Joshua Winsor, along with his other enterprising young men in the years following the American Revolution became a successful merchant engaged in the fishing industry. By 1787, Duxbury had 64 vessels sailing to the Grand

Banks, fishing for mackerel and cod. Once caught and brought back to Duxbury, Winsor could dry, salt and store his fish all on his property. For a list of Winsor vessels, see Appendix A.

With his older brother, Nathaniel Winsor Sr., Ezra Weston Sr., and Samuel Delano, he joined an effort to lift the local economy and favor the burgeoning shipbuilding and fishing industries with the creation of main road running north to south along Duxbury Bay. Washington Street was begun in 1799, the year Winsor likely built 489 Washington Street. In 1803 he further assisted the road by building the bridge over the Bluefish River, but not before years of controversy that earned Winsor's friend Ezra Weston Sr. the nickname King Caesar.

Like other prosperous landowners in Duxbury at the time, Joshua Winsor allowed his children to build their houses on his property. As each married, they left what must have been a crowded household and moved to their own homes. In 1815, Joshua deeded the properties to each child.

In about 1818 he entered into business with his sons, Thomas, George, Joseph and Ellis under the name Thomas Winsor & Co. For more information about the demise of this firm, see the Thomas Winsor biography below. The company prospered for a time but by 1826 their debts were insurmountable, and its assets were liquidated. Much of the land that Winsor had acquired was sold to cover debts. In 1827, at age 78, Joshua Winsor found himself virtually bankrupt, and died while he watched his empire collapse.

The children of Joshua Winsor and Olive Thomas were:

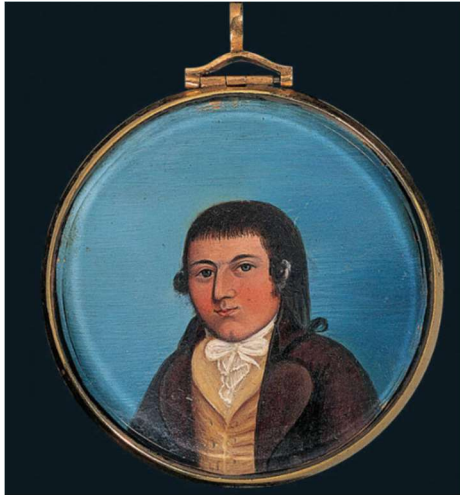
1. **Silvina Winsor (1773 – infancy).**
2. **Lucy Winsor (1775-1867).** Married Capt. Samuel Delano Jr., the brother of famed mariner and author, Capt. Amasa Delano. Lucy and Samuel and lived on Plumfield Lane. Samuel Delano Jr. was one of the first American sailors to enter a Japanese port when he was aboard the *Grace* in 1792. He also made a daring rescue of the ship *Rodney* when it was run aground off Duxbury Beach.
3. **Charles Winsor (1778-1779).**
4. **Judith Winsor (1778-1881).** Married physician and painter Dr. Rufus Hathaway. They lived on Washington Street (no longer standing). She lived to 103 years old. One of their many grandchildren, Judith Winsor McLaughlin Smith, was the oldest living suffragist to cast a ballot in 1920 after the passage of the 19th Amendment.
5. **Thomas Winsor (1780-1832).** See below
6. **Seth Winsor (1782-1804).** Mariner. Married Betsey Hunt in 1802 but died before the birth of their only child in 1804. That child did not survive.
7. **Hannah Thomas Winsor (1784-1861).** Married block maker Seth Washburn and lived in Washington Street.
8. **Olive Winsor (1786-1789).**
9. **Joseph Winsor (1789-1862).** Married three times, Lydia Sampson, Betsey Sprague, and Temperance Downing. Built a house on Washington Street. After the break-up of Thomas Winsor & Co. he continued in the fish business and later was a box maker.
10. **Capt. George Winsor (1791-1880).** Mariner and market fish business with his brothers. Married twice: Alice Turner and then Frances E. Cornish. After selling his Washington

Street house he built on Bay Road. Eventually moved with his second wife and two daughters to Seattle, Washington.

The son of Joshua Winsor and Ruth Fish

Ellis Winsor (

Thomas and Welthea Winsor – Occupied 1825-1829



Thomas Winsor, c. 1797 by Rufus Hathaway. Collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art

Thomas Winsor (1779-1832) was the fifth child of Joshua Winsor and Olive Thomas, and their eldest son. He was born in his parents' home on what is today Long Point Ave., close to the Winsor wharf, fish flake yard, and other buildings associated with his father's and uncle's successful fishing enterprise. In 1791, when Thomas was 11-years-old, his mother died. His father quickly married Thomas' aunt Ruth, but she died within eight months, devastating the family yet again. His father married a third time in 1794, but by then Thomas was 14 and less likely to need the care of a stepmother. Winsor's formal schooling would have ended in his early teen years, after which he would have gone to work on one of his father's fishing vessels or in other aspects of the business.

Thomas made a good match when he married 17-year-old **Welthea Sprague (1784-1855)** in 1802. He was 21 at the time. She was one of the fifteen children born to Hon. Seth Sprague and Deborah Sampson. Seth Sprague was one of the most influential members of the Duxbury community and many of his children would go on to have successful careers – including Peleg Sprague, who became a US Senator for Maine and also a district court judge. Seth Sprague was also an ardent abolitionist. Shortly before Thomas and Welthea married, Seth Sprague converted to the Methodist faith and, in 1823, built a Methodist church on Washington Street (today St. John's Episcopal Church). While many of the Spragues joined the Methodist church, it does not appear Thomas and Welthea left the First Parish Church on Tremont Street.

Thomas was an enterprising young man and became postmaster of Duxbury when he was only 23. His first business venture was a partnership with his brother-in-law, Capt. Ahira Wadsworth. Together they operated a retail store on the corner of Washington and Water Street. In 1818 he dissolved his partnership with Wadsworth and formed Thomas Winsor & Co. with his brothers Joseph and George. This venture soon included his father and youngest brother, Ellis, as well. Joshua, at age 69, was probably not involved in the daily operation of the business, but certainly his assets were leveraged for its expansion.

While the business invested in one of Duxbury's cotton mills, their focus was market fishing. Numerous newspaper advertisements illustrated the fish sold on Boston's T Wharf from the

Winsor schooners. In 1826, the company acquired the newly built three-masted ship, *United States*. This was no fishing vessel, but a 244-ton merchant trader. Within a year, the Winsor firm was bankrupt and its assets began to be sold or confiscated. In 1827 Joshua Winsor lost most of the land he had acquired throughout his lifetime and the stock in the store at 489 Washington Street was auctioned off. Did the Winsors overextend themselves, did they have a few bad voyages, or was something else at play? Without their business records, we will never know.

Thomas Winsor moved his family to West Cedar Street in Boston around this time, although he continued to own his Washington Street property. His own fortunes quickly recovered as he went into business with his brother-in-law Phineas Sprague. When Thomas died in 1832, at age 52, he was able to leave his widow and children well provided for.

Welthea Sprague Winsor continued to live Boston. A contemporary of the Winsors' daughters, Welthea Smith of St. George Steet, Duxbury, often visited the Winsors' West Cedar Street home in the city. Letters between Smith and her girlhood friends describe a lively and affluent household.



Chestnut and West Cedar Street, c. 1892

Thomas and Welthea Winsor had ten children, nine of them were born in Duxbury and spent at least a couple of years living at 489 Washington Street:

1. **Henry Winsor (1803-1889)**. Born and raised in Duxbury, moved to Philadelphia early in his career. Became the President of the Boston & Philadelphia Steamship line. Later in his life, he wrote *Duxbury Fifty Years Ago* reminiscing about his youth in town. He left the town of Duxbury \$5,000 in his will to establish a library.
2. **Jane Winsor (1805-1888)**. Married her cousin and next-door neighbor, Capt. Gershom Winsor, the son of Nathaniel Winsor Jr. She went to sea with him on at least one voyage. Raised her children in Duxbury after her husband was lost at sea.
3. **Seth Winsor (1807-1886)**. Named for Thomas' brother. Became a cooper in Duxbury.
4. **Thomas Winsor (1809-1887)**. Became a master mariner, first in Duxbury and then in Boston. He owned the Boston Towboat Company. He married his cousin, Susan Winsor, and raised four children.
5. **Alfred Winsor (1811-1871)**. Born in Duxbury but moved to Boston when he was 17. He married Ann Maria Bird of the prominent Bird family of Brookline. Alfred and Ann raised five children in Brookline where Alfred was a very successful shipping merchant.
6. **Edwin Winsor (1812-1812)**
7. **Harriet Winsor (1816-1905)**. Born in Duxbury, raised in Boston. She married Richard Soule Jr. of Boston. His parents were both from Duxbury. Harriet and Richard lived in

Brookline where they raised 4 children. Harriet is responsible for giving Cedar Street in Duxbury its name – she summered on the street and did not like its original name of “Back Street.”

8. **Elizabeth Hale Winsor (1818-1882)**. Born in Duxbury, raised in Boston. She married John A. Bird of Brookline (the brother of Ann Maria Bird above). They lived in Roxbury where John was a druggist and raised two children.
9. **Judith Sprague Winsor (1820-1912)**. Born in Duxbury, raised in Boston. She married Capt. Bailey Loring of Duxbury. After retiring from sea, he was a wharfinger in Boston. They had one child who did not survive infancy.
10. **Rufus H. Winsor (1822-1842)**. Died of consumption at age 20.
11. **Dr. Frederick Winsor (1829-1889)**. Born and raised in Boston. He was only 2 when his father died. The only Winsor child to have a college education, he was a surgeon in the Civil War and the head of Massachusetts State Hospital. He married Ann Bent Ware, the daughter of Unitarian minister, Rev. Henry Ware. Four of the Winsors’ children founded prominent schools. Daughter Mary P. Winsor was the founder and director of the Winsor School; Ann W. Allen founded the Roger Ascham School in Scarsdale, NY; Elizabeth W. Pearson co-founded the Eliot-Pearson School of nursing; Frederick Winsor Jr. founded the Middlesex School.

William H. and Sarah Sampson – Occupied c. 1830-1852

The third resident and storeowner to live at 489 Washington Street was **William Henry Sampson (1802-1882)**.

Sampson was born in Plympton and began his career as a merchant in that town. He was no stranger to Duxbury, however, as some of his fellow Plympton Sampson cousins had begun to establish themselves in town and marry into Duxbury families. He was also related by marriage to both Thomas and Joseph Winsor – William’s wife, **Sarah Sprague (1805-1893)**, whom he married in 1828, was a younger sister to Thomas’ wife Welthea Sprague; and William’s sister, Lydia Sampson, was the wife of Joseph Winsor. All that is to say, William was no stranger to the house and store at the corner of Washington and Mattakeeset Court.

It is likely that William and Sarah Sampson took up residence shortly after 1830. When they moved in, they already had one son, **Oscar H. Sampson (1829-1904)**. Four more children were born in the house: **Eugene Henry Sampson (1833-1901)**, **Leonice Marston Sampson (1837-1912)**, **William H. Sampson (1839-1841)**, **Lucy Sprague Sampson (1841-1936)**, and **Sarah Sprague Sampson (1847-1934)**.

William H. Sampson was the business partner of Samuel Knowles (he was married to Sampson’s cousin Lucia). Samuel lived in the former George Frazar house (Long Point Ave) built on the foundation of the Joshua Winsor house. In 1850 Sampson applied for a US Passport which gave his height as 5 ft. 5 ½ in, with a thin face, gray eyes, Grecian nose and gray hair.

By 1852, Duxbury was a shadow of its former self. There was no shipbuilding and years of recession laid ahead for the town. Sampson moved his family to the greener pastures of Boston.

Appendix A.

PARTIAL LIST OF VESSELS BUILT/OWNED BY JOSHUA WINSOR AND HIS SONS

Owned by Joshua Winsor

Betsey, Schooner. Built at Duxbury 1793. 55 8/95 tons, length 55 ft., breadth 16 ft. 10 in, depth 7 ft. Master: Job Samson. Owners: Joshua Winsor. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no head.

Fair Lady. Schooner. Built in Duxbury in 1785. 65 tons, length 60 ft., breadth 16 ft., depth 6 ft., Master: Nathaniel Soule. Owners: Joshua Winsor. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no figurehead.

Federal George, schooner of Duxbury. Registered Jan. 7, 1797. Built at Duxbury in 1796. 100 18/95 tons, length 75 ft. 6 in. breadth 20 feet 4 in, depth 8 ft. Master: Job Samson. Owners: Joshua Winsor. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no head.

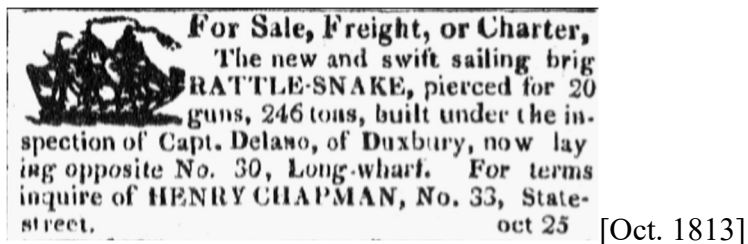
Joseph. Schooner of Duxbury. Registered Mar. 21, 1792. Built at Duxbury in 1792. 54 tons , length 57 ft, breadth 17 ft. depth 6 ft 6 in. Master: Edward Doten Baker. Owners: Joshua Winsor., Nov. 16, 1792, Job Samson became master. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no head.

Joseph. Schooner. Built in Duxbury 1801. 66 tons, length 61 ft., breadth 17 ft., depth 7 ft. Master: Nathaniel Kent. Owners: Joshua Winsor. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no figurehead.

Lucy. Schooner. Built in Scituate 1807. Registered in Duxbury 1809. 60 tons, length 60 ft., breadth 16 ft., depth 6 ft. Master: Nathaniel Kent. Owners: Joshua Winsor. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no figurehead.

Morgan Ratler. Brigantine of Duxbury. Registered Jun 7 1800. Built at Duxbury in 1800. 186 24/95 tons, length 79 ft, breadth 23 ft, depth 12 ft. Master: Job Samson. Owners: Joshua Winsor, Job Samson. Two decks, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no head.

Rattle Snake. Brig. Built in Duxbury 1813. 246 tons, length 105 ft., breadth 27 ft., depth 9 ft. Master: Samuel Delano [Jr.]. Owners: Joshua Winsor. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, a billethead. Master carpenter: Samuel Delano [Jr.]



For Sale, Freight, or Charter,
The new and swift sailing brig
RATTLE-SNAKE, pierced for 20
guns, 246 tons, built under the in-
spection of Capt. Delano, of Duxbury, now lay-
ing opposite No. 30, Long-wharf. For terms
inquire of **HENRY CHAPMAN**, No. 33, State-
street. oct 25 [Oct. 1813]

Sea Flower. Schooner. Built in Duxbury 1804. 94 tons, length 68 ft., breadth 20 ft., depth 7 ft. Master: Job Sampson, Nathaniel Kent. Owners: Joshua Winsor. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no figurehead.

Swan. Schooner. Built in Duxbury 1813. 43 tons, length 55 ft., breadth 16 ft., depth 6 ft. Master: Benjamin Smith Jr. Owners: Joshua Winsor. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no figurehead.

DUXBURY.

Oct. 10.—Arrived, schr. *Swan*, Houghton,
with 130 bbls. mackerel to Thomas Winsor
& co.

[Oct. 1823]

Owned by Joshua Winsor and Thomas Winsor

Concord. Schooner. Built in Duxbury in 1807. 68 tons, length 62 ft., breadth 18 ft., depth 6 ft. Master: Jacob Smith. Owners: Joshua and Thomas Winsor. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no figurehead. By 1816 it was owned by Ahira Wadsworth and Thomas Winsor; in 1818 it was solely owned by Thomas Winsor. In 1830 it was registered in Boston and owned by Thomas Winsor of Boston and John Thomas of Portland, ME.

Enterprise. Schooner. Built in Duxbury 1802. 74 tons, length 64 ft., breadth 19 ft., depth 7 ft. Master: George Peterson. Owners: Joshua Winsor, Thomas Winsor. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no figurehead.

Owned by Joshua Winsor and his sons (some were owned under Thomas Winsor & Co.)


Agenora, brig, built in Duxbury 1825. 204 tons, 89 ft. breadth 22 ft. Master: Hosea Winsor. Owners: Joseph Winsor, Joshua Winsor, Thomas Winsor, George Winsor, Ellis Winsor, Hosea Winsor. Two decks, two masts, square stern, no galleries, a billethead. Luther Turner, master carpenter.

Cowlstaff. Schooner. Built in Duxbury in 1815. 96 tons, length 65 ft. breadth 19 ft. depth 8 ft. Master: George Peterson, Richard Cooper Jr, Nathaniel Soule. Owners: (originally owned by Joseph and George Winsor), later in 1819 owned by Thomas, Joseph, George and Ellis Winsor.

Deborah. Schooner. Built in Duxbury 1804. 85 tons, length 65 ft, breadth 19 ft. depth 7 ft. Master: Nathaniel Kent, Freeman Hall. Owners: Joshua Winsor. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no figurehead. Re-registered in 1818 with owners Joseph and George Winsor. Reregistered in 1825 with Joseph Winsor, Joshua Winsor, Thomas Winsor, Ellis Winsor and George Winsor as owners.

Exertion. Schooner. Built in Duxbury 1818. 107 tons, length 76 ft., breadth 20 ft., depth 8 ft. Master: George Winsor. Owners: Thomas Winsor, Joshua Winsor, Joseph Winsor, George Winsor, Ellis Winsor, James Winsor. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no figurehead. Reregistered in 1820 with owners Thomas, Joshua, Joseph, George and James Winsor.

Harbinger. Brig. Built in Duxbury 1820. 189 tons, length 85 ft., breadth 22 ft., depth 11 ft. Master: Hosea Winsor. Owners: Joseph Winsor, Thomas Winsor, Joshua Winsor, George Winsor, Ellis Winsor. Two decks, two masts, square stern, no galleries, a billethead. Master carpenter: Luther Thomas.



For **BALTIMORE**,
 The coppered brig **HARBINGER**,
 Winsor, master, will sail **THIS DAY**, and will
 take such freight as offers, on reasonable terms;
 also, passengers, having excellent accommoda-
 tions. Apply to **THOMAS WINSOR & CO.**
 Spear's-wharf, or **T. THAXTER**, State-street.
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[Mar. 1824]

SALT afloat—The cargo of brig Har-
 binger, 700 hhds. Sicily Salt—for sale, by
THOMAS WINSOR & CO. No. 4, D. Spear's
 wharf. epistf Feb 22

[Feb. 1825]


Reaper. Sloop. Built in Duxbury 1815. 55 tons, length 57 ft., breadth 18 ft., depth 6 ft. Master: David A. Shaw. Owners: Joseph Winsor, Joshua Winsor, Thomas Winsor, George Winsor, Ellis Winsor. One deck, square stern, no gallery, no figurehead.

Smyrna. Brig. Built in Duxbury in 1822. 218 tons, length 98 ft., breadth 23 ft., depth 11 ft. Master: Henry B. Sampson. Owners: Thomas Winsor, Joshua Winsor, Joseph Winsor, George Winsor, Ellis Winsor, Job Sampson, Henry B. Sampson Jr., William Sampson, Henry Farnum of Boston, Joseph Ballister of Boston. Two decks, two masts, square stern, no galleries, a figurehead. Master carpenter: Luther Turner. *Note: this is one of 3 vessels named Smyrna in Duxbury. It was the 1825 built brig owned by Ezra Weston that was the first American ship in the Black Sea.*

United States. Ship. Built in Duxbury 1826. 244 tons, length 96 ft., breadth 23 ft., depth 11 ft. Master: George Winsor Jr. Owners: Joseph Winsor, Joshua Winsor, Thomas Winsor, George Winsor, Ellis Winsor, George Winsor Jr. Two decks, three masts, square stern, no galleries, a billethead. Master carpenter: Luther Turner.

Owned by Thomas Winsor and others

Fides. Brig. Built in Duxbury 1819. 135 tons, length 75 ft., breadth 20 ft., depth 9 ft. Master: Jacob Burgess. Owners: Ellis Winsor, Thoams Winsor. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, a billethead.



BRIG FIDES.
 For sale the brig **FIDES**, of 135 tons,
 built at Duxbury of the very best mate-
 rials and in the most faithful manner in
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 will be sold low. Inquire of **JAMES ANDREWS**
 or **THOMAS WINSOR**. 2w may 15

Minerva. Schooner. Built at Kingston 1804. 97 tons, length 64 ft., breadth 18 ft., depth 9 ft. Master: Briggs Alden. Owners: Thomas Winsor. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no figurehead.

Selina and Jane. Schooner. Built in Duxbury in 1816. 172 tons, length 69 ft., breadth 20 ft., depth 10 ft. Master: Samuel Hunt. Owners: Thomas Winsor and Ahira Wadsworth. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no figurehead.

Thomas. Brig. Built in Duxbury 1805. 174 tons, length 78 ft., breadth 22 ft., depth 11 ft. Master: Job Sampson. Owners: Joshua Winsor, Job Sampson, Thomas Winsor. Two decks, two masts, square stern, no galleries, no figurehead. Master carpenter: Joshua Cushing. Reregistered 1818 with owners Job Sampson, Joshua Winsor, Thomas Winsor, Benjamin Smith Jr., a billethead was added.

Wanderer: Brig. Built in Duxbury 1811. 192 tons, length 77 ft., breadth 23 ft., depth 12 ft. Master: Ahira Wadsworth. Owners; Thomas Winsor of Dux and Ebenezer Nickerson of Boston. One deck, two masts, square stern, no galleries, a figurehead. Master carpenter: Joshua Cushman.

