Lynde Street

...one of two streets laid out across Staniford’s Purchase named after the Lynde family. Simon Lynde had apprenticed to a merchant in London and had been in business in the Netherlands. He came to Boston in 1650 and became one of the Assistant Justices of the Superior Court acquiring large land possessions in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

His son Samuel Lynde, born in 1653, was also a prominent Boston merchant, a member of the first church in Boston and a lieutenant in the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1691. He owned a brick house and brick warehouse on Cornhill Street, and a pasture and orchard on Cambridge Street. He was very active in town affairs from 1692 to 1708 and in 1690 he was one of the grand jury which indicted Thomas Hawkins and nine others for piracy. From November 1702 to 1718, he was one of the “Majesties Justices”.

Lynde Street which is located between the 1st Harrison Gray Otis House and West Church off Cambridge Street was made into a dead end as a result of the Urban Renewal Plan.

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