Building Contract for 330 Harvard Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts
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This Agreement made on this first day of July A.D 1844. Between Levi Conant of Boston, provision dealer, of the One Part, and William H. Hayden and Thomas H. Megroth of Cambridge in the County of Middlesex, housewrights, of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Hayden and Megroth on their part do agree to erect and finish a dwelling house and stable on a lot of land situated on Harvard Street, Cambridge [Rosty?] on or before the first day of December next and furnish materials for the same, in a good and workman like manner and agreeable to plans and specifications of the same drawn by William Hovey, Jr. dated May 30th 1844 and signed by the parties of this agreement and the said Hayden and Megroth are to receive as a full compensation for said work four thousand and four hundred dollars in installments as follows, Five hundred dollars when the stable is put up and trimmings on and slated and the cellar of the house finished, five hundred dollars when the buildings are raised and boarded, eight hundred dollars when the house is ready for plastering, and one thousand dollars when the house is plastered and out side finished, eight hundred dollars when the inside is all finished, except painting and papering, and the balance of eight hundred dollars when the work is all completed according to plans and specifications. It is further agreed that in case any difference of opinion should arise in regard to any of the work or stock, it shall be left to two disinterested men, if they can not agree, they shall choose the third man. And each of the parties bind themselves to abide by their decision. And it is further agreed that if any extra work shall be done on said
house by request of said Conant, said Hayden and Megroth shall be paid therefor a reasonable consideration, and if any of the specified work in this agreement shall be omitted by request of said Conant a reasonable deduction shall be made therefor. And for the faithful performance of this agreement the parties respectively bind themselves & their respective executors, administrators and assigns as well as themselves. In Witness whereof we have hereto set our hands & seals on the day and year first above written.

Levi Conant (seal)
In presence of William H. Hayden (seal)
Isaace S. Gross Thomas H. Megroth (seal)
William Hovey, Jr. to Hayden & Megroth’s signature
Middlesex July 22d 1844. Rec’d & Recorded by
Wm. S. Stone [?] Regß.