Early Salem was a community of a few homes, shops, inns, and trades people (like blacksmiths). Imagine downtown Salem with dirt roads, and no traffic lights or lights of any kind. People walked and rode horses. Travelers passed by in wagons or stage coaches.

Another interesting early landowner was Roderick Bane. In 1813, Salem expanded a few blocks to the east, and in 1818, Bane bought two lots. One was near Macado’s and the other near Mac ‘n Bobs. With this purchase, Bane became the first black landowner in Salem. Very little else is known about him.

Which streets have different names today? Which ones stayed the same? One other original street name from early Salem (1829) is still in use today: Strawberry Alley. Look for it next to Mac ‘n Bobs.

Be like James Simpson, and make your own town! Draw some streets and give them names. Then add some buildings. Put a sign on each one to tell what they are.