



## Notes on 52-60 Dow Street, Salem

According to Patricia Kelleher at the Salem Historical Commission, all of the buildings at the point were destroyed in the Great Fire, which happened on June 25, 1914.

In reviewing both the current assessor's map and the 1911 Walker Lithograph and Publishing Company Map, it would appear that the lot area that was 17-21 Prince Street on the 1911 map includes the area that is now 52-60 Dow Street on the current assessor's map. Based on the 1911 map and the current day assessor's map, it appears Dow Street was extended and widened to its current configuration after the fire.

Prior to the fire, the area that is now known as 52-60 Dow Street was owned by the Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company. The pamphlet "1914 Data on Burned District at Salem, MA", published by F.W. Dodge Co. lists the Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company as owning wooden apartment houses at the location then known as 17-21 Prince Street.

According to the pamphlet "1914 Data on Burned District at Salem, MA", published by F.W. Dodge Co., the Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company lost a number of housing units in the 1914 fire, along with most of their factory buildings. The Phillips Library Manuscript Finding Aids state that: "On June 25, 1914, the Great Salem Fire, which spread through the city of Salem, destroyed all but a few of the Company's buildings. It was decided to rebuild the company immediately, and by February 1916, the Company was up and running . . ." <http://phillipslibrarycollections.pem.org/cdm/ref/collection/p15928coll1/id/3278> (accessed February 6, 2017).

The Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company retained ownership of the land area that is now 52-60 Dow Street after the fire and, based on records from the Salem Assessors' Office, the building is thought to have been built c. 1920. There does not appear to be a building inspection card referencing 52-60 Dow Street deposited at the Salem Historical Commission which confirms building date, however the Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company retained ownership of the property from 1914 to July 28, 1941 when the Company sold the land and building at 52-60 Dow Street to Edmond J. Richard of Wenham.

The following evidence noted above and below indicates that Naumkeag Stream Cotton Company was the likely builder of the property that is now 57-59 Harbor Street and that the building was built c. 1915:

Deed descriptions from the Essex South County Registry of Deeds (1941 reference only)  
Plans on record at the Essex South County Registry of Deeds, particularly Book 3263, Page 287.

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Plaque to read: Built for Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company, c. 1920. Replaced an apartment building burned in Great Salem Fire of 1914

