



Notes on 61 Congress 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 9-11 Congress Street on the 1911 map is the area that is now 61 Congress Street on the current assessor's map.

Prior to the fire, the area that is 61 Congress Street was owned by Malvina Boulanger. The pamphlet "1914 Data on Burned District at Salem, MA" and published by F.W. Dodge Co., notes that Malvina Boulanger lost a wooden residence at the area that was then known as 9-11 Congress Street.

The Building Inspection Records of the City of Salem, now located at the Salem Historical Commission, do not include a card which references the building located at 9-11 Congress Street. However, records from the Essex South Registry of Deeds indicate that Malvina Boulanger owned the lot and building at the time of the fire and that she sold the lot "with the building thereon" to her husband, Hubert Boulanger on August 13, 1916. Records at the Salem Assessor's Office concur that the building at 61 Congress Street was built c. 1915. The following evidence above and below indicates that Malvina and Hubert Boulanger were the owners of the property that is now 61 Congress Street at the time it was built:

Deed descriptions from the Essex South County Registry of Deeds

MACRIS On-Line Database

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The 1916 and 1917 Salem Directories reveal that Malvina and Hubert were living at 9 Congress Street during those years. According to the 1910 United States Census, both Hubert and Malvina were living at 11 Congress Street and that they were 59 and 53 years old, respectively. At the time, they had one daughter, Eva, living with them who was born in Massachusetts and was 10 years old at the time. Hubert and Malvina were both Canadian French; Hubert could speak English but it appears Malvina could only speak French. Hubert and Malvina immigrated in 1891 but had not naturalized as of 1910. Hubert's occupation is listed as proprietor of a grocery store. Interestingly, Hubert is listed as illiterate but Malvina is listed as literate. By the 1920 United States Census, the couple had sold the property at Congress Street and moved to a residence on Lynch Street.

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Plaque to read: Built for Malvina Boulanger, 1915. Replaced an apartment building burned in Great Salem Fire of 1914



Owners	Date of Conveyance	Registry Reference
Philippe Belanger of Salem to Malvina Boulanger of Salem, wife of Hubert Boulanger	October 30, 1907	Book 1896, Page 290
Malvina Boulanger of Salem to Hubert Boulanger	August 12, 1916	Book 2284, Page 154
Hubert Boulanger of Salem to Tomas Claveau of Salem	August 3, 1920	Book 2459, Page 172
Estate of Thomas Claveau to Anna Berube	May 25, 1929	Book 2459, Page 172
Ana Berube to Salem Five Cent Savings Bank	May 25, 1929	Book 2806, Page 570
Salem Five Cent Savings Bank foreclosed on mortgage	August 9, 1934	Book 3001, Page 413
Salem Five Cent Savings Bank to Charles Michaud and Aurelie Michaud	September 25, 1937	Book 3124, Page 242
Heirs of Michaud to Kenneth J. Nadeau And Diane Nadeau	May 24, 1983	Essex County Probate Docket 353948 Book 7117, Page 49
Kenneth J. Nadeau and Diane Nadeau To Sanai Realty Trust, Normand J. Houle, Trustee	November 4, 1986	Book 8608, Page 448
Normand J. Houle, Trustee of Sanai Realty Trust to Shore Bank and Trust, as assigned to Seaward Development, LLC	November 22, 1989	Book 10239, Page 65
Seaward Development LLC forecloses mortgage	January 13, 1997	Book 13949, Page 85
Seaward Development LLC to Michel P. McCarthy, Trustee Congress Realty Trust	February 7, 1997	Book 13965, Page 517
Rosita E. Visone, successor Trustee to Congress Realty Trust to Rosita E. Visone And John Visone, Trustees 61 Congress Street Realty Trust	December 18, 2008 May 14, 1999	Book 28672, Page 352 Book 8078, Page 109
Anthony Visone, successor Trustee to 61 Congress Street Realty Trust to Margay Management LLC	December 14, 2011	Book 31071, Page 422
Margay Management LLC to Congress & Ward LLC	December 2, 2014	Book 33712, Page 507
Congress & Ward LLC to Congress Street Residences, LP	June 10, 2016	Book 34994, Page 386