

55 Buffum Street

Curtis E. Wadleigh

Tinware Manufacturer

Built circa 1872

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May 17, 1849		Mary Pepper, wife of John W. Pepper	\$889.00	"Commencing at the Southeast bound, and running Northwesterly by Buffum Street one hundred seventy nine and one half feet; thence Southwesterly by other land of mine, one hundred and thirty seven feet, thence Southeasterly on several courses, by a way, which if on a straight line would measure one hundred and seventy feet; thence Northeasterly one hundred and seventy four and one half feet, by land now or late of Fuller and of Symonds, two courses, as the fences stand. To the point begun at, together with the use of the way aforesaid, which extends from School Street to the premises."	Essex County Registry of Deeds		411:220	
				"Commencing at the S.E. bound and running N. Westerly by Buffum Street one hundred and seventy nine and one half fee, thence S. Westerly land now or late of Innis one hundred and thirty nine feet, thence S. Easterly on several courses (by a way) which if on a straight line would measure one hundred and seventy feet, thence N. E. one hundred seventy four and one half feet by land now or late of Fuller and of Symonds on two courses the fences stand at				
October 15, 1867	Mary Pepper, widow	Seabury F. Rogers	\$1,500.00	the point begun at."	Essex County Registry of Deeds	Deed	732 : 126	
January 18, 1871	John T. Mooney of	George Rust, John T. Mooney, and Curtis E. Wadleigh	\$1,525.00	"Beginning at the SE corner of said land and running N. Westerly fifty eight feet on Buffum Street to land formerly of Innis now of Knight thence running S. Westerly eighty feet by land of said Knights, thence running S. Easterly by land of Rust, Mooney, and Wadleigh sixty one feet six inches, thence running N. Easterly eighty feet by land of said Rust, Mooney, and Wadleigh to point begun at meaning to my undivided one third part of the North Westerly portion of the estate conveyed to George Rust and others from Seabury F.	Essex County Registry of Deeds		815:9	"meaning hereby to convey the same premises conveyed to me by Mary Pepper, with the privilege in the way conveyed to me by deed from said Mary Pepper, and more particularly described in a deed fro John A. Innis, to Mary Pepper, cororded B. 411. L. 220." The "way" mentioned here would eventually become an extension of Bryant Street. "One undivided third part of a certain parcel of land together with one undivided third part of the buildings thereon, situated on
April 8, 1874 May 31, 1923	Salem Etta R. Wadleigh under the last will of Curtis E. Wadleigh, late of Salem, by virtue of a license granted on the twenty first day of May, 1923 by the Probate Court for the County of Essex	Curtis E. Wadleigh Isabelle Roper and Luke Roper, both of Salem, as Joint tenants not as tenants in common		Rogers." "Northeasterly by Buffum Street, fifty-six (56) feet; Northwesterly by land used as a passageway eighty (80) feet; Southwesterly by land of Mooney fifty-inie and one half (59 1/2) feet and Southeastery by land of Mayo eighty (80) feet." "Northeasterly by Buffum Street,	Essex County Registry of Deeds Essex County Registry of Deeds		901:104 2555:367	Buffum Street in said Salem" "being the premises described in deeds recorded Essex South Dist Registry of Deeds Book 901, Leaf 104, and Book 2252, Page 443."
April 5, 1938	Isabelle Roper	Clara Vounessea	Consideration paid	fifty-six (56) feet: Northwesterly by Bryant Street eighty (80) feet; Southwesterly by land now or late of Mooney fifty-nine and one half (59 1/2) feet; and Southeastery by land now or late of Mayo eighty (80) feet."	Essex County Registry of Deeds	Deed	3141 : 131	
April 5, 1938	Clara Vounessea	Isabelle Roper and Edith Roper	Consideration paid	"Northeasterly by Buffum Street, fifty-six (56) feet; Northwesterly by Bryant Street eighty (80) feet; Southwesterly by land now or late of Mooney fifty-nine and one half (59 1/2) feet; and Southeastery by land now or late of Mayo eighty (80) feet."	Essex County Registry of Deeds	Deed	3141 : 131	
March 5, 1945	Isabelle Roper, being a widow of Salem	Peter E. Copelas Jr. and Helena M. Copelas	Consideration paid	"Northeasterly by Buffum Street, fifty-six (56) feet; Northwesterly by Bryant Street eighty (80) feet; Southwesterly by land now or late of Mooney fifty-nine and one half (59 1/2) feet; and Southeastery by land now or late of Mayo eighty (80) feet."	Essex County Registry of Deeds	Deed	3398 : 21	
January 5, 2011	Peter Copelas, also known as Peter Copelas Jr. of Salem, Massachusetts	Peter Copelas Jr. and Peter Andrew Copelas, trustees of Naumkeag Realty Trust	One dollar (\$1.00) and other nominal consideration paid	"Northeasterly by Buffum Street, fifty-six (56) feet: Northwesterly by Bryant Street elighty (80) feet; Southwesterly by land now or late of Mooney fifty-nine and one half (59 1/2) feet; and Southeastery by land now or late of Mayo eighty (80) feet."	Essex County Registry of Deeds	Deed	30137 : 71	

				"Northeasterly by Buffum Street, fifty-six (56) feet; Northwesterly by Bryant Street eighty (80) feet; Southwesterly by land now or late				
	Peter Andrew			of Mooney fifty-nine and 50/100				
	Copelas, as the sole	Jamie Mitchell and Jessica		(59.5) feet; and Southeastery by				
	trustee of Naumkeag	Roy Mitchell, husband and		land now or late of Mayo eighty				
November 21, 2019	Realty Trust	wife	\$540,000.00	(80) feet."	Essex County Registry of Deeds	Deed	38047 : 23	

Introduction:

North Salem, historically known as "Northfields," primarily consisted of agricultural land prior to its residential development during the 19th century. Buffum Street, named by the descendents of early Salem settler Robert Buffum, is credited as being among the first 19th century residential streets of North Salem.¹ Throughout the 19th century, North Salem experienced industrial growth as tanneries were established, particularly in the nearby Blubber Hollow area and along the North River. These leather factories provided employment for many of 55 Buffum Street's tenants in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Architectural Details:

The house at 55 Buffum Street was likely built around 1872 for Curtis E. Wadleigh. It appears that the home was built with the purpose of being a rental property. 55 Buffum Street faces southeast and could be classified as a Late-Victorian Eclectic, incorporating elements of the Greek Revival and Italianate architecture styles that were massively popular in the mid to late 19th century. The centered front door also alludes to the style of the Colonial Revival home, although its construction would have predated the popularity of the Colonial Revival architectural style by a few years. The house features decorative wood brackets under its eaves, cornice returns, an Italianate style portico, and a brick and stone foundation. The builder is unknown, but the house shares similarities with Curtis E. Wadleigh's home at 31 Buffum Street, built circa 1869, so it is possible that they share the same builder.

¹ MHC MACRIS SAL.CS, "Buffum Street."

1849-1871: The Property

This property's history of ownership was traced back to 1849, when John A. Innis sold a larger lot of land to Mary Pepper for \$889,² which contained the parcel that would eventually become 55 Buffum Street. The property is described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast bound, and running Northwesterly by Buffum Street one hundred seventy nine and one half feet; thence Southwesterly by other land of mine, one hundred and thirty seven feet, thence Southeasterly on several courses, by a way, which if on a straight line would measure one hundred and seventy feet; thence Northeasterly one hundred and seventy four and one half feet, by land now or late of Fuller and of Symonds, two courses, as the fences stand. To the point begun at, together with the use of the way aforesaid, which extends from School Street to the premises.³

It is possible that Mary Pepper and her husband, John W. Pepper, might have utilized the land for agricultural purposes. The deed also referenced use of a "way" or private lane at the northwest edge of the property. This "way," was utilized as an unofficial extension of Bryant Street for many years, and would end up becoming an official part of Bryant Street in the early part of the 20th century.

The property was not sold again until 1867, when Seabury F. Rogers bought it from Mary Pepper for \$1,500.⁴ At this point there is no mention of a house on the property. According to the 1869 Salem City Directory, Seabury F. Rogers was a confectioner who lived at Derby mansion⁵—the home of famous eighteenth-century merchant, Elias Hasket Derby, which was used as a multi-family tenement house at that time.⁶

² Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 411, Page 220.

³ Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 411, Page 220.

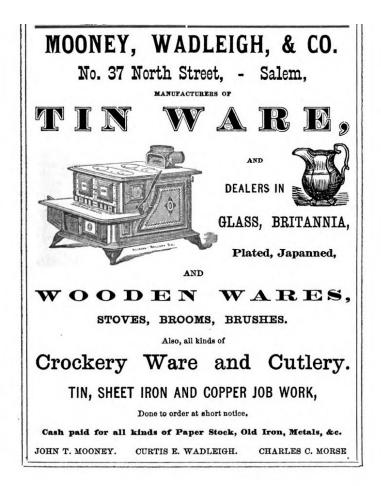
⁴ Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 732, Page 126.

⁵ 1869 Salem City Directory.

⁶ "The Derby House." *National Parks Service*, U.S. Department of the Interior, www.nps.gov/sama/learn/historyculture/derbyhouse.htm.

1871-1922: The Wadleighs & 55 Buffum Street's Early Years

In 1871, Seabury F. Rogers sold the property to George Rust, John T. Mooney, and Curtis E. Wadleigh for \$1,525.7 This was one of several real estate investments Wadleigh made with Rust and Mooney around this time period. Wadleigh also co-operated a tinware manufacturer known as "Mooney, Wadleigh, and Company" alongside John T. Mooney and others.



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⁷ Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 815, Page 9.

⁸ 1872 Salem City Directory.

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In 1874, John T. Mooney sold a section of his portion of the property purchased from Seabury F. Rogers, described as "one undivided third part of a certain parcel of land together with one undivided third part of the buildings thereon, situated on Buffum Street in said Salem" to Curtis E. Wadleigh. This appears to be the first time buildings are listed on the property, and as there is an 1872 map of the city of Salem which depicts a house in the location of 55 Buffum Street, it is likely that construction of the house had begun around the year 1872.



It is unclear whether the home was originally built as a single or two-family dwelling. By 1880, the house was in use as a two-family home, and it continued this way for the remainder of the Wadleigh family's ownership.

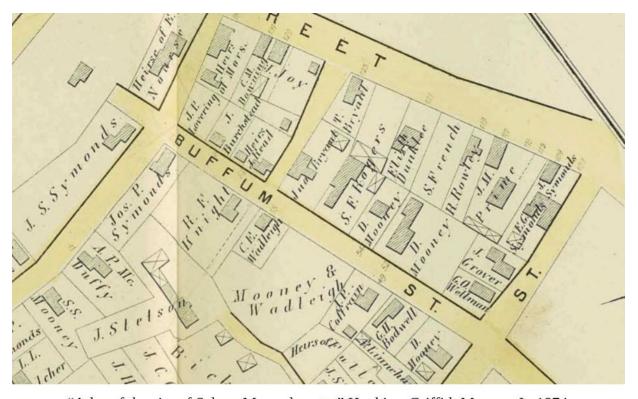
⁹ Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 901, Page 104.

¹⁰ "Map of the City of Salem Mass." Atlas of Essex County, Massachusetts: from actual survey and official records: Philadelphia: D.G. Beers & Co., 1872, p.118-119.

Note that this map mislabels Bryant Street, which should be the parallel street to the right.

Curtis E. Wadleigh himself never lived in the home. The first mention of 55 Buffum Street in the Salem City Directory is in 1874, when a clergyman named Joshua Gill is the only listed resident. 11 No further information about Joshua Gill or how long he lived in the residence was found.

The house is also shown in an 1874 Salem atlas, in which it is clearly labeled as number 55. The remainder of the land from Wadleigh, Mooney, and Rust's 1871 land purchase can also be seen, and the "way" which was then an unofficial extension of Bryant Street is marked with dotted lines.



"Atlas of the city of Salem, Massachusetts." Hopkins, Griffith Morgan, Jr, 1874.

Curtis E. Wadleigh, who lived at nearby 31 Buffum Street, 12 was originally from New Hampshire. In July of 1862, at the age of 22, Wadleigh enlisted to serve in the Civil War as a

¹¹ 1874 Salem City Directory.

¹² Historic Salem, Inc., "31 Buffum Street, Salem, Massachusetts 01970," House Histories of Salem. https://hsihousehistory.omeka.net/items/show/141.

Private in the 23rd Massachusetts Infantry of the Union Army. In December of 1862, he was wounded in Whitehall, North Carolina, and discharged from the army.¹³

In 1868, Curtis E. Wadleigh married the daughter of George Rust, Lucy Rust. ¹⁴ When George Rust died in 1890, his share of 55 Buffum Street was inherited by Lucy E. Wadleigh and Curtis E. Wadleigh. ¹⁵

In 1907, Lucy E. Wadleigh passed away, and in 1909, at the age of 68, Curtis E. Wadleigh married 46 year old Etta Rust, ¹⁶ the daughter of his late-wife's brother, John Rust. ¹⁷

¹³ U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865. Historical Data Systems, Inc.; Duxbury, MA 02331; American Civil War Research Database.

¹⁴ New Hampshire, U.S., Marriage and Divorce Records, 1659-1947.

¹⁵ New Hampshire, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1643-1982.

¹⁶ New England Historic Genealogical Society; Boston, Massachusetts; *Massachusetts Vital Records*, 1911–1915.

¹⁷ 1880 United States Federal Census.

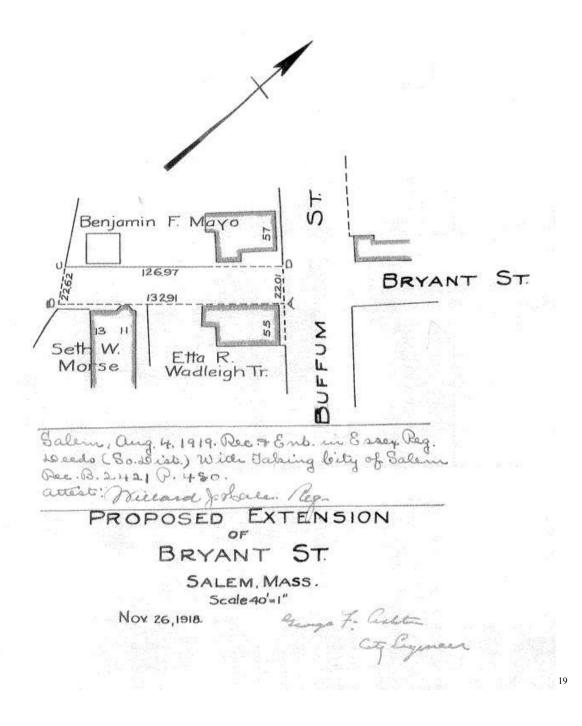


Wadleigh family plot, Greenlawn Cemetery, Salem, MA. Photo © Jacques Denault, used with permission.

When Curtis E. Wadleigh passed away in 1913, Etta R. Wadleigh continued to live at 31 Buffum Street, ¹⁸ and rented 55 Buffum Street to various tenants.

In 1918, the city of Salem drafted a proposal to officially extend Bryant Street, following the same perimeters as the "way" mentioned in 55 Buffum Street's earlier deeds and shown on the 1874 Salem city atlas.

¹⁸ 1920 United States Federal Census.



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¹⁹ Essex County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 2421, Page 480.

1923-1944: The Ropers

In 1923, Etta R. Wadleigh sold 55 Buffum Street to Isabell²⁰ and Luke Roper for \$5,000.²¹ The deed describes the property as follows:

Northeasterly by Buffum Street, fifty-six (56) feet; Northwesterly by land used as a passageway eighty (80) feet; Southwesterly by land of Mooney fifty-nine and one half (59 1/2) feet; and Southeasterly by land of Mayo eighty (80) feet.²²

With this transaction, the modern boundaries of 55 Buffum Street's property were established. Isabell and Luke Roper also became the first owners of 55 Buffum Street to live in the house.

Luke Roper and Isabell Birtwhistle were married in Halifax, Yorkshire, England in the year 1895.²³ The Ropers had one daughter named Edith, who was born in 1896.

The Roper family lived in Halifax until their emigration to Salem, Massachusetts in 1906.²⁴

In September of 1906, 30 year-old Isabell Roper departed Liverpool, England with 10 year-old Edith. They spent a little over a week aboard the ship *Arabic* before arriving in Boston.²⁵

²⁰ Let it be noted that Isabell Roper's name is spelled various ways throughout the documents cited. For the sake of standardization, I have chosen to spell her name "Isabell" in the write-up of this house history, as that is the spelling written in the deed books. In the sources cited you will see her name spelled "Isabelle," "Isabell," and "Isabell." All spellings refer to the same person.

²¹ Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 2555, Page 367.

Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 2555, Page 367.
 England and Wales Marriage Registration Index, 1837-2005.

²⁴ 1901 England Census.

²⁵ Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, 1891-1943.



Raphael Tuck & Sons "Oilette" postcard no. 6228, White Star Line, entitled "Celebrated Liners S. S. "Arabic" (used and postmarked May 1905). Wikimedia Commons.

Mr. Andrew Pearson Mrs. Pearson Mr. James R, Petersen Mr. Stephen Pickles Mr. Harry Pitts

Mr. G. H. Rawcliffe
Mr. William Reed
Miss Ellen Reynolds
Mrs. Isabel Roper
Miss Edith Roper
Mrs. C. Rose
and Infant
Master William Rose
Master Lawrence Rose
Mrs. Roulston
Miss Roulston

Mr. Arie Sandman Mr. Reuben Sawyer Miss Helen Schenck Miss H. Setterberg Mrs. W. A. Shackleton Master Arthur Silk Mr. George Simpson Miss Maud B. Simpson Miss Esther Sjoberg Mrs. Mary Smith Mrs. A. C. Smith Mrs. A. F. Smith Mr. Stephen E. Smith Miss Sarah E. Smith Mrs. T. Snell Mr. E. Burke Spencer Miss Natalie R. Steele Mr. George C. Steiner Mr. Walter F. Stevens Miss Lilly Strobeck Mrs. Eliza Sutcliffe Miss Olive Sutcliffe Miss Joy Sutcliffe

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Mr. Edgar Thackrah
Miss Elfrida Theorin
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Mrs. Tierney
Miss Kate Till
Mr. John Turner

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While otherwise unrelated to the Ropers, it may be of interest to note that during WWI, on August 19, 1915—nine years after the Ropers set sail aboard the S.S. *Arabic* to start their new life in Massachusetts—the S.S. *Arabic* was sunk by a German torpedo, killing 44 passengers and crew members. The sinking of the *S.S. Arabic* is often compared to the sinking of the RMS *Lusitania*, which occurred in May of the same year.



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²⁶ National Archives and Records Administration (NARA); Washington, D.C.; *Book Indexes to Boston Passenger Lists, 1899-1940*; Microfilm Serial: T790; Microfilm Roll: 22

²⁷ "White Star Liner 'Arabic' Sunk off Coast of Ireland." The Houston Chronicle, August 19, 1915.

Records of Luke Roper arriving in Massachusetts were not found, but it is known that he arrived before Isabell and Edith, ²⁸ likely to secure a job and living situation. Luke Roper worked as a machinist, and the family rented an apartment at 6 Woodside Street before purchasing and moving into 55 Buffum Street.

In 1928, Luke Roper received a permit to alter the third floor of the house in order to add a third apartment.²⁹ This reveals that 55 Buffum Street has been a three-family dwelling since 1928.

DATE OF PERMIT	PERMIT No.	OWNER #27-0026 Luke Ropes		LOCATION 55 B	uffum St	reet R-2
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		70200	BUILDER			

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3/2/00 #1017-00 INSTALL KITCHEN CABINETS. 3RD FLOOR est. 3,000.00 fee 23.00 P.S. CURRENT OWNER: PETER COPELAS...LETTERS IN FILE

9/11/00 #172-00 REPAIR FRONT PORCHES. est. 3,000.00 fee 23.00 T.J.S.

Luke Roper was 66 years old when he passed away in 1937.³⁰ At the time, Edith would have been about 41 years old, and was working as a bookkeeper for a shoe factory.³¹ Edith Roper never married and had been listed as a renter of 55 Buffum Street in the Salem city directories.

On April 5, 1938, Isabell Roper sold 55 Buffum Street to a woman named Clara Vounessea for

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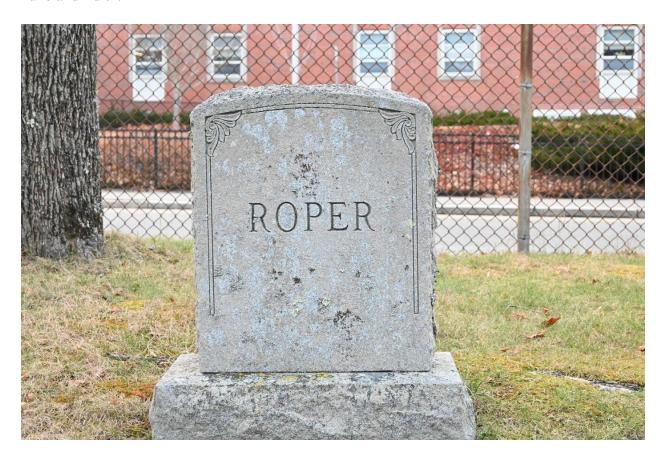
²⁸ Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, 1891-1943

²⁹ "55 Buffum Street Property Card," Building Department, City of Salem Records.

³⁰ Massachusetts, U.S., Death Index, 1901-1980.

³¹ 1937 Salem City Directory.

an unknown sum described as "consideration paid."³² That same day, Clara Vounessea sold the property back to Isabell and Edith Roper, establishing Edith as an owner of the property.³³ Unfortunately, Edith died a few years later in 1943, at 47 years-old.³⁴ Isabell Roper only kept the house for two years after Edith's death, eventually selling it in March of 1945.³⁵ Isabell Roper passed away in 1969 at the age of 93,³⁶ and is buried in Salem's Greenlawn Cemetery alongside Luke and Edith.



Roper family grave, Greenlawn Cemetery, Salem, MA. Photo © Jacques Denault, used with permission.

³² Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book 3141, Page, 131.

³³ Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book 3141, Page, 131.

³⁴ Massachusetts, U.S., Death Index, 1901-1980.

³⁵ Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book 3398, Page 21.

³⁶ Massachusetts, U.S., Death Index, 1901-1980.



Roper family grave, Greenlawn Cemetery, Salem, MA. Photo © Jacques Denault, used with permission.

Also buried in the Roper family plot is a young woman named Sarah E. Prowse. Records show Sarah Prowse arriving in Massachusetts from England in 1912, and staying with the Ropers in their Woodside Street apartment. Sarah Prowse passed away in Salem Hospital of typhoid fever in 1913 at the young age of 23.³⁷ Sarah E. Prowse's obituary, published in the Boston Globe on October 20, 1913, reveals that she was Isabell Roper's sister.³⁸

³⁷ Massachusetts, U.S., Death Records, 1841-1915.

³⁸ "Death of Miss Sarah E. Prowse." Boston Daily Globe (1872-1922); Oct 20, 1913; ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Boston Globe, pg. 14.

1945-2019: The Copelas

Peter E. Copelas Jr. and Helena M. Copelas purchased 55 Buffum Street from Isabell Roper on March 5, 1945.³⁹ Peter Copelas Jr. was the son of Greek immigrants Peter and Demetra Copelas. Helena M. Rooney was the daughter of Irish immigrants Henry and May Rooney.⁴⁰ Peter Copelas Jr. and Helena M. Rooney were married in 1935,⁴¹ and the young couple lived in Beverly with Peter Copelas Sr. for the first years of their marriage.⁴² During this time, Peter Copelas Jr. established his own laundromat in Salem called "Peter's Laundry Company." According to various records, Peter's Laundry Company provided employment for many members of the Copelas family, including Peter Copelas' brother, Hercules Copelas.⁴³

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/YRS. (Mr., Mrs., Miss)	HELENA	MAY COPEL	AS WIFE
9. Address of That Perso 7 OXFORD 7	ERRACE,	BEVERLY, E.	
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³⁹ Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book 3398, Page 21.

⁴⁰ 1910 US Federal Census.

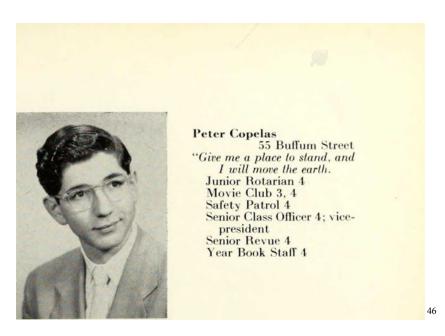
⁴¹ Ancestry.com. Massachusetts, U.S., Marriage Index, 1901-1955 and 1966-1970.

⁴² 1940 US Federal Census.

⁴³ The National Archives in St. Louis, Missouri; St. Louis, Missouri; *Draft Registration Cards for Massachusetts*, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947; Record Group: Records of the Selective Service System, 147; Box: 197

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Peter E. and Helena M. Copelas' son, also named Peter Copelas, attended Salem High School and graduated in 1954. He continued to live at 55 Buffum Street while attending college.45



Peter's Laundry Company remained at 135 Boston Street in Salem for over 70 years. It appears as though Peter and Helena Copelas' son inherited the family business, and in 2011 was recognized by the Massachusetts State House for "efforts to diversify their workforce and welcome onto their staff adults who are working to recover from various forms of mental illnesses." 47

⁴⁵ 1957 Salem City Directory.

⁴⁶ "1954 Salem High School Yearbook." Ancestry.com. U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-1999 [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010.

47 "Business Leaders Celebrated for Diversifying Workforce." *News - Salem Gazette - Salem, MA*, Salem Gazette, 23 Apr. 2011,

salem.wickedlocal.com/article/20110422/news/304229266?template=ampart.

Helena M. Copelas passed away in 1972 at the age of 64.48 At some point after Helena M. Copelas' passing, it appears that Peter Copelas married Helena's sister, Dorothy Rooney. 49 50 Peter Copelas Jr. passed away in 2000 at 88 years-old.⁵¹

55 Buffum Street remained in the Copleas family for 74 years, until the home was sold in 2019 to Jamie Mitchell and Jessica Roy Mitchell. 52

⁴⁸ "Helena M. Copelas, Greenlawn Cemetery, Salem, MA." *Cemetery Find*,

cemeteryfind.com/PublicSearch/BurialSearch/Greenlawn%20Cemetery

49 Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts, U.S., Death Index, 1970-2003* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations

Inc, 2005.

50 Ancestry.com. U.S., Departing Passenger and Crew Lists, 1914-1966 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2016.

In 1956, Peter and Helena Copelas visited Ireland for a month with Helena's sister Dorothy Rooney and mother May Rooney.
The Peter E. Copelas, Greenlawn Cemetery, Salem, MA." *Cemetery Find*,

cemeteryfind.com/PublicSearch/BurialSearch/Greenlawn%20Cemetery ⁵² Essex County Registry of deeds, Book 38047, Page 23.

1870s-1960s: Occupants

55 Buffum Street has a long history of working-class tenants. The only owners to live in the house were the Ropers and Copelas. Other occupants of the house were found through resources such as Salem City Directories and United States Federal Census Records.

It appears that many of these occupants did not leave much of a paper trail, but sources that were found relating to their lives are compiled below.

List of Residents (Based on Available Sources), 55 Buffum Street, Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts

	Occupation (as of years		
Name	indicated)	Source(s)	Notes
Joshua Gill	Clergyman	1874 Salem City Directory	
Edwin O. Foster	Shoe cutter, reporter/journalist	1876, 1878, 1879 Salem City Directories, 1880 US Federal Census	It appears that he changed careers from shoe cutter to journalist towards the end of his time living at 55 Buffum St.
Ella Foster	N/A	1880 US Federal Census	
Alice Foster	N/A	1880 US Federal Census	
Hugh P. Furfey	Plumber	1880, 1882-1883, 1886 Salem City Directories	
John Donigan	Currier	1879, 1882-1883, 1886 Salem City Directories	
John F. Bassett	Reverend	1881 Salem City Directory	
Edmond Lapham	Leather splitter	1890-1891 Salem City Directory	
Theodore B.	Financo	1890-1891, 1893-94, 1895-96, 1897-98,	
	Joshua Gill Edwin O. Foster Ella Foster Alice Foster Hugh P. Furfey John Donigan John F. Bassett Edmond Lapham Theodore B.	Name indicated) Joshua Gill Clergyman Edwin O. Shoe cutter, reporter/journalist Ella Foster N/A Alice Foster N/A Hugh P. Furfey Plumber John Donigan Currier John F. Bassett Reverend Edmond Lapham Leather splitter Theodore B.	Name indicated) Joshua Gill Clergyman Clergyman 1874 Salem City Directory 1876, 1878, 1879 Salem City Directories, 1880 US Federal Census Ella Foster N/A Rise Foster N/A 1880 US Federal Census 1880 Salem City Directories 1879, 1882-1883, 1886 Salem City Directories 1879, 1882-1883, 1886 Salem City Directory Edmond Lapham Leather splitter 1890-1891 Salem City Directory 1890-1891, 1893-94, 1893-94, 1893-94, 1895-96, 1897-98,

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			Salem City Directories	
			1893, 1893-1894	
	Robert E.		Salem City	
1893-1894	Webber	Baker	Directories	
	George		1895-1896 Salem	
1895-1896	_	Currier	City Directory	
			1899, 1899-1900	
	Moses D.		Salem City	
1899-1900		N/A	Directories	
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	Moses D.	Salem Hat and Bonnet	Salem City	G D 25
	Webber Jr.	Bleachery	Directories	See Page 25
			1901, 1901-1902	
			Salem City	
	_		Directory, 1900	
	Louis H.	Railroad Conductor,	US Federal	Widowed - Head of
1900-1902	LaBorde	freight brakeman	Census	Household
			1900 US Federal	
	John LaBorde	Shoecutter	Census	Son
			1900 US Federal	
	Lewis LaBorde	Shoecutter	Census	Son
	Charles		1900 US Federal	
	LaBorde	School (student)	Census	Son
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1906-1910	Isabel Hooper	N/A	Directories	Household
		Salem Beef Company,	1906, 1908, 1910	
	Howard A.	Manager (Cudahy	Salem City	
	Hooper	Packing Company)	Directories	Son
	Horatio N.		1906 Salem City	
1906	Shepard, Jr.	Tinsmith	Directory	
			1910, 1911,	
			1910, 1911,	
			1913, 1917,	
			Salem City	Husband - Head of
			Directories, 1920	Household
	George T.	Blacksmith (Electric	& 1930 US	
1910-1930	_	Railroad)	Federal Census	See Page 26
	Alice M.	<u>'</u>	1920 & 1930 US	
	Brown	N/A	Federal Census	Wife
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	Ralph Brown	N/A	1920 & 1930 US Federal Census	Son
	Israel C.	N/A	1920 & 1930 US Federal Census	Father-in-law
	Christianna (Anna)	N/A	1920 & 1930 US Federal Census	Mother-in-law
1911	Thomas Lee	Machinist	1911 Salem City Directory	
1913-1914	Alexander (Alex) Hamilton	Engineer	1913, 1914 Salem City Directories	
1914-1915	Adam Hebb	N/A	1914 & 1915 Salem City Directory	
1917-1921	Walter H. Grinnell	Machinist (Shoe Machinery Co.)	WWI Draft Registration Card, 1917 & 1921 Salem City Directories, 1920 US Federal Census	Head of Household See Pages 27 & 28
	Ada L.	Sealer (Lamp Factory)	1920 US Federal Census	Sister
	Myra B.	Clerk (Steam Railroad)	1920 US Federal Census	Sister
	L. E.	N/A	1920 US Federal Census	Mother
1923-1945	Isabell Roper	Landlord	Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 2555 Page 367, 1933-34, 1936, & 1937, 1945 Salem City Directories, 1930 US Federal Census	Wife - Homeowner
			1933-34, 1936, & 1937, 1945 Salem City Directories, 1930	Husband -
1923-1937	Luke Roper	Machinist, Landlord	US Federal Census	Homeowner (died 1937)

1923-1943	Edith Roper	Bookkeeper (Shoe Factory)	US Federal Census	Homeowner (died 1943)
1930-1943	Sarah (Sadie) A. Sullivan	Seamstress (Dressmaking)	1942, 1943 Salem City Directory, 1930 & 1940 US Federal Census	Head of Household
1930-1943	Agnes V. Brock	Bookkeeper (Parker Bros. Inc.)	1933-34, 1936, 1937, 1940, 1942, 1943 Salem City Directories, 1930 & 1940 US Federal Census	Roommate, 1933-34 directory indicates ownership of an automobile
1933-1942	Albert G. Symonds	N/A	1933-34, 1936, 1940, 1942 Salem City Directories, 1940 US Federal Census	Head of Household, 1936 directory indicates ownership of an automobile
1942	Frank W. Symonds	Machinist (Atwood & Morrill Co.)	1942, 1943 Salem City Directories	Son
1940-1947	Dollie Stanchfield	Leather Worker in Peabody	1937, 1944, 1947 Salem City Directory, 1940 US Federal Census	Daughter, Widow of Herman Stanchfield
1947-1948	Albert Stanchfield	Leather Worker	1947, 1948 Salem City Directory	Son (of Dollie)
1944	Alex Soloman	Salesman	1944 Salem City Directory	
	Deborah Soloman	N/A	1944 Salem City Directory	
1946-1948	Emma R. Cole	Nurse	1946, 1947, 1948 Salem City Directories	
1945-1964	Peter E. Copelas Jr.	Landlord, Owner of Peter's Laundry Co.	1946, 1947, 1951, 1959,	Homeowner

			1960, 1961, Salem City Directory	
	Helena M. Copelas	Landlord, Forelady	1946, 1947, 1951, 1959, 1960, 1961, Salem City Directory	Homeowner
1948-1951	Dollie L. Matheson	Nurse	1951, Salem City Directory	
1948-1950	Dollie F. Matheson	Nurse	1948, 1949, 1950 Salem City Directory	
1954-1962	Mattie A. Berry	N/A	1954, 1955, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962 Salem City Directory	Widow of Lyman O. Berry
1951-1961	Dorothy F. Rooney	Office Secretary (National Shawmut Bank)	1960, 1961, 1962 Salem City Directories	Widow of Henry J. Rooney
1951-1960	Mary C. Rooney	N/A	1951, 1959, 1960 Salem City Directory	Widow of Henry Rooney

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WEBBER MOSES D. JR. (Salem Hat
& Bonnet Bleachery), 268 Essex,
b. 55 Buffum. See page 68

Salem Hat and Bonnet Bleachery

Ladies:

Why buy new hats when you can have your old ones cleaned and colored and shaped to the latest styles to look as good as new for half the expense



Ostrich Feathers cleaned, colored and curled. New Hats made to order. * * * *

M. D. WEBBER, JR., 268 ESSEX ST., SALEM, MASS

Ancestry.com. *U.S.*, *City Directories*, *1822-1995* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011.

Grave of George T. Brown and Alice M. Brown, Greenlawn Cemetery, Salem, MA.



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Walter H. Grinnell WWI Draft Registration Card

	,	3678 REGISTRATION CARD No. 184	
		Name in fell Malter Howard Grinnell 21	
	2	Home 55 Buffum Salom mass	
	3	(Month) (197) (Year)	
	4	Are you (1) a natural-born cilizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)?	
	5	Where were Jenevors Mass you born! Gister (Station)	
	6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	
	7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Machinist 1	
	8	By whom employed? Montey Shoe Machine Co Where employed? Beverly Mars	
	9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a righer or brother unfer 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)?	
	10	Married or single (which) 2 A dire flag. Race (aposity - bich):	
	11	What military service have you had? Rank Mank; branch;	
	12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds) IS: Dependents	
	1	I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.	
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REGISTRAR'S REPORT
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2 Color of eyes? Blue Color of heir Brown Ball!
3 Has person lest arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)?
Augh Counchard (Signature of registers)
Precinct SALEM
City of County JUNE 5, 1917
State

Ancestry.com. U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA:

Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005.

55 Buffum Street tenant Margaret "Peggy" Porter in the 1956 Salem High School Yearbook

Margaret M. Porter

PEGGY

55 Buffum Street

Talkative, loyal, has vivacious personality.

Activities: Art Club 2; Glee Club 1, 2; Library Corps 2, 4; Senior Revue 4.

JOYCE A. POIRIER

JOYCIE

15 Skerry Street

Sincere, athletic, will be a lovely addition to any community.

Activities: Advance 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 3, 4; Junior Red Cross Council 1; Red and White Council 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 3, 4; Student Council 1; Yearbook Staff 4.



"U.S., School Yearbooks, 1880-2012"; School Name: Salem High School; Year: 1956

Throwall men by these presents, That & john a. I mis of Salem, in the County of Essex and State of Massa. g. a. I mis chusetts, in consideration of eight hundred and eights m. Pepper nune dollars to me paid by mary Sepper wife of John W. Pepper of said Jalem, by and with the consent of said gain til, signified by his executing these presents, the receipt whereof I do hereby admowledge, do hereby your, yours sele and convey unto the said hary - The following described parcel of land situate in north Salem Viz. commencing at the Southeast Gound, and running Morthwesterly by Buffum Street one hundred seventy nine and one half feet; thence douthwesterly by other land of mine one hundred thinty seven feet; thence southeasterly on several courses, by a way, which if on a straight thence Mortheasterly one hundred seventy four and one half feet, by land now or late of taller and as symmas, on two courses, as the fences stand. to the point begun at, Together with the use of The way aforescud, which extends from School Street to the premises . _ - also all my right, title and interest in and to the diberty Hill, so called situ ate in said north Salem, the same being bounded Im whole or in part by land of Joseph S. Leavitt. To have and to hold the aforegranted premises to the said Mary her heirs and assigns, to her and their use and behavy forever, and I do coverant with the said Mary her heurs and assigns, that I am lawfully segred in fee of the aforegranted frem: and convey the same to the said mary in the manner agorescipt, and that I

will warrant and defend the same premues, to the said mary her heurs and assigns forever, against the lawful claume and demands of all persons, On wet. ness whereof, we the said John a, Immo and John to, Pepper and the undersigned, wife of said I mis, who hereby relinguishes her right of derver in the premises, have here: unto set our hands and seals this seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight galma. Imis. hundred and forty nine. seal digned, secelect and delivered John W. Pepper. Eliza P. Imis. m presence og mo. A. nichols. Efsexss, may 17th 1849, Then the above numed Johna, I mus a chnowledged the lecree instrument to be his free act and deed. before me gno. H. nichols. Justice of the peace. Elser 85, Oed, May 18.18 49. 26m. part y. a. Wred, Seek, by I. S. Swill My

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deids to be had for more particulars. To have and to hold the above ises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belong the said Lealury & Bogers whis heirs and arright to his & their we nd be Roof forence. And I the said Welter W. Papper for my self and my itors, and administrators, do commant with the said & f. Bog. and assigns, that A am lawfully beigned in fee simple of the cated haveniles, that they are free from all incumbrances, ears a mortgage to laid Dogers, that I have good right to lell und convey the same to the said & Frozers & his heirs and alligns forever as a foresaid; and that Perile and my Leins, executors and administrators . Roll Evarrant fand Defend the large to the baid . It Rogers is his heirs and assigns _ forever, against the lawful claims and demande of all persons I'm Witmebs. Whereof, I the laid Walter W. Pepper (kowing no wife) have here. funto let my hand and seal this fifteenth day of October in the year of our Waster W. Pepper idora eighteen hundred and birty seven. , bigned, lealed and delivered , Essex es. Oct. 15th. A. D. 1867 Then personally in presence of Ephon Groson.) appeared the above named Waterld. Paper and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free air and deed; esfore me . Ophon. Grown printice of the Geore. Beers en Decid Oct: 15 1867-16 m. before 4 & du. Fier & Op By Sihm Bound Ref.

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the fences stand to the point begun at Fog the with the use of the way extends from School street to the premise Also see my rights and interest to "Diberty & ill", so colled bearing hereby to isome catate conveyed to one by deed recorded with to seep Deeds in B. 411, leas . 220 however the same may be dearribed, reference thereto to be ho more particulars. To have and to holo the place granted premites suith all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the ea Leadury Flogers his heirs and assigns, to his & their use and be hoof for. esser And I the laid cleary Tepper for myself and my heirs, executors, and administrators, do covenant with the said Leabury F. Rogers his being and accions that & am lawfully seized in fee simple of the aforegranted premiles; that they are free from all incum brances, have martgage to Thomas de Sounders, that I have good right to Ell and convey the hame to the said b. F. Log ro & his heirs and assigne cop essex as aforesaid; and that & will and ony heirs, executors and ad. ministrators shall warrant and Defend the dame to the laid of I Dog. ests & his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and de mands of all persons. In witness whereof, & the said chary; Pepper have hereunto set my hand and & al this lifteenth day of October "in the year of our bord eighten hundred and lifty seven. bigned, sealed and delivered , Mary Pepper in presence of Sphon Brown & Basey as Oc: 15th A. D. 1867. Then person sly appeared the above named Mary Teffer and acknowledged the above instrument to be her free act and osed; before me, Sphon Brown Se stice of the Fea Lews so tead, Oct 15 1867. 16m. before 4 t. M. Ace & Eggs Ghu Brown Reg.

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der mi but against none other. In witness where of . I the is aid Elias G. Glunk home hereunts set my hand and seal this supleenth day of January in the year of our dord eighten hun-Elias G. Clark ideal and reventy one. . Figned, sealed and delivered in the T Esseps. January 1642, 1871. Then - personally appreared the above presence of Elien H. Davis John N. Davis nowledged the whove instrument to be his free act and dead. Obgone me. John N. Davis. Justice of the Peace.

Gihm. Shown Reg. Carero Do. Red gant. 18. 1871. 12 m. before 10. of st. Rec 4 En by

. Honor all men by these Preserits, That I Sealing F. Rogers of S. F. Rogers New London in the Country of New London and State of Bonnes S. Rust dul ticul in consideration of fighteen hundred and twenty five dollar 50. A 8 touto Yeard by Teorge Rust, John J. Mooney, and Curtis E. Wadleigh all of Jalem in the County of Casep and Commonwealth of Marsachrisetts the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, egiant, bargain sell and convey unto the said George Rust, John I allooney and Burtis E. Wadleights a certain messuage beluate un Palen referesaid, and bounded and described as follows, viz; Commencing at the South east corner thereof and running Northwesterly by Buffum Street are hundred and seventy mine & one trady feat; thence Southwesterly by land formerly of Innis. one hundred and thirty nine feet; thence South easterly on several courses by a way which, if on a straight line would measure one hundred and seventy get; thence Northicasterly one hundred & seventy four & one half fact by land now or lotse of . Fuller and of orymonds on two courses as the fence Istands to the point begun at, meaning hereby to convey the same premions conveyed to me by Mary Depper, with the privilege in the way conveyed to me by deed from said Mary Pepper, would more particularly released in a deed from John at Innis, to Mary. Sepper, recorded B.411. Lo. 220. To have und to hold the above granted

premises of with all the privileges and apportmances, thereto belonging, to the said grantees & their heirs and assignt, to them & their use and behoof forever. and I the said Seabury F. Rogers, for myself and my heirs, executors, and administrators, do covenant with the said grantes and their heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully severed in fee simple of the afore granted promises; that they are free from all insumilrances, that I have good right to. sall and convey the same to the said grantees & their hairs and ossigns forever, as aforesaid, and that I will and my hims, operators, and administrators shall Warrant and Tegend the same to the said grantees & their heirs and assigns forevers against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. In witness Whereof, I the said Seabury F. Rogers rand I Kannah F. Rogirs rige of said Seabury F. Rogers in token of our release of all right and title of or to both dower and homestead in the granted premises, have hereunto set our hands and beals this swill day of January in the year of our bond eighteen hundred and Ocabury F. Roger seventy one. Signed, sealed, and delivered in y Kunnah & Rogers presence of B. F. Rogers for S.F. Rogers. & State of Connecticut, New Lon-Thomas of Pepper for H. F. R.) don Bounty, Is New Sondon Janwary 9th 1871. then personally appeared the above-named Seabury I Rogers rand acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed. Before me John A. Tibbilo. Notary Public : Seal. Earep 28 Ned Jany 1818 y 1. 1.m. before 10. A.M. Rud-Ex by Gehm. Brown Ref. 7.

Release

J'E. Cloutmon Honor all men by these Presents. I'val I, Jacob 6. Cloutmon of A. S. Dupas, Northehead in the County of Earep & State of Marsachurette in conEnglish, Northehead in the County of Earep & State of Marsachurette in conCone 50°. Robers sideration of Five hundred adolears to me yould by Climis S. Dupar
Streets Bond
Canceled wife of Somuel Dupan of said Warblehead the receipt whereof.

In hereby cacknowledged, do hereby remise, release, and forwer quitclaim unto the said annie S. Dupan all that workswage pituoti
an Dowolen Street in said Warblehead and Countries Southeart.

the said monday's life time) the mortgagor named in said mortgage, guel payment and satisfaction of the same; and in consideration thereof I do hereby concee and discharge said mortgage, and release and quit claim unto the said Whitney and his heur and assigns forever, the premises thereby conveyed but this instrument is in no way to be construed as an assign of said mortgage. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of February a. D. 1874. Benjamin Poole admo Signed and sealed in presence, I bommonwealth of marsachusette Suffolk of Benj Doole gr. as march 31 at 1874. Then personally appeared the above momen Benjamin Poole admir and acknowledged the goregoing instrument to be his gree actioned Before me Benjamin Poole ge gustice of the Seace Essep so Freed, april 9.1874. 30 dock J.M. Free & Exp Ex Gihm Brown Ref.

Throwall men by these Fresento That I John F. Mooney of Salem. J. F. Mooney County of Essep and Commonwealth of Massachusetts In consideration 6. 6. Wadeigh of Phinteen hundred Dollars paid by butto & Wadleigh of said Salem the receipt whereof is beenly acknowledged, do herely give, grant bargain, sell and convey wite the said butis & Wadleigh and his heir and aspigns gover. One undivided third part of a certain parcel of lands together with one underided third part of the buildings thereon, situates on Buggum Street in said Salem, and bounded as gollows. Beginning to S. E. corner of said land and running N. Westerly gifty eight gest on Buffum Street to land garnerey of Innis mou of Thughts thenes running S. Westerly eighty feat by land of said Finights, there running 3. Easterly by land of Furt Mooney and Wadleigh ripty one feet sue in ches, thereo running & sorterly eighty geet by land of said thut. mooney and waderagh to point begun at meaning to be my underded one third part of the North Westerly portion of the Estate conveyed to George Furt and others from Seabury & Rogers by deed dated January 6Th 1871. and tecorded with very Deeds, Southern District 1300k 815. Soeof 9. To have and to hold the above granted premises, with all the purleges and appurtenances to the same belonging, to the said grantee and his heir and

assigns, to their our use and beloog goverer. and I the said operator go myself and my heirs, executors, and administrators do covenant with the said grantee and his him and assign, that I am languely seized in ger simple of the agoreganted premises; that they are gree from all incumbrances that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said operates and his heirs andersign governor as of oversid; and that I well and my hew executors and administrators whole Warrant and Defend the same to the said grantes and his heis and arright goever against the langue claims and demands of all persons. In Witness whereof I the said John F. mooney and I many I. mooney rufe of said John P. mooney who joins in this conveyance in taken of our release of all right and title of or to both down and homestead in the granted premises. have hereunto cet our hands and reals this Eighth day of april in the year , of our doed one thousand eight hundred and severty four. John J. Mooney a romed, sealed, and delivered in lased may F. mooney presence of Char B. Fouren - g S.m.) Ensey as after 1874. Then personally appeared Sophionia Glidden the above named John F. mooney and allnowledged the above instrument to be his gree act and deed. Before me bhat B. Fowler gurtice of the Geace Pasay so taid, april 9.1874. 10 m. legore 4 P. M. Reet Exply Ghu. Brown Reg.

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notice to be not less than twenty one days before the day of sale, and may convey the premises so sold by proper deed or deeds to the purchaser or purchasers absolutely and in fee simple; and such sale shall forever bar us and all persons claiming under us from all right and interest in the said premises, whether at law or in equity. And out of the money arising from such sale the grantee or its assigns shall be entitled to retain all sums then secured by this deed, whether then or thereafter payable, including all costs, charges, and expenses incurred or sustained by them by reason of any default in the performance or observance of said condition, rendering the surplus, if any to said Annie Howe or her heirs or assigns. And we hereby, for ourselves and our heirs and assigns, covenant with the grantee and its assigns that, in case a sale shall be made under the foregoing power we or they will upon request, execute, acknowledge, and deliver to the purchaser or purchasers a deed or deeds of release confirming such sale, and the said grantee and assigns are hereby appointed and constituted the attorney or attorneys irrevocable of the said grantors to execute and deliver to the said purchaser a full transfer of all policies of insurance on the buildings upon the land covered by this mortgage at the time of such sale. AND IT IS AGREED that the grantee or its assigns, or any person or persons in its or their behalf, may purchase at any sale made as aforesaid, and that no other purchaser shall be answerable for the application of the purchase money; and that, until default in the performance or observance of the condition of this deed, we and our heirs and assigns may hold and enjoy the granted premises and IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the receive the rents and profits thereof. said Thomas A. Howe and Annie Howe, hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty ninth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty Thomas A. Howe (seal) three. (seal) Annie Howe Signed and sealed in the presence of George H.W. Hayes to both) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Essex ss. May 29, 1923. Then personally appeared the above named Thomas A. Howe and Annie Howe and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be

> George H.W. Hayes Justice of the Peace My commission expires Jan. 16, 1924

Essex ss. Received May 31, 1923 8 m. past 11 A.M. Recorded and Examined.

their free act and deed, before me

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS That I, Etta R. Wadleigh, of Salem, in the County of Essex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Trustee under the last will of Curtis E. Wadleigh, late of Salem, in the County of RsWadleigh Tree.
to
Roper et al

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sex, and Commonwealth aforesaid, deceased, do by virtue of a license granted to me on the twenty first day of May, 1923, by the Probate Court for the County of Essex and in consideration of the sum of five thousand dollars to me paid by Isabell Roper and Luke Roper, both of Salem, in said County and Commonwealth, as joint tenants and not as tenants in common the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said Isabell Roper and Luke Roper, The land and buildings thereon, situated at 55 Buffum Street, in said Salem, bounded and described as follows: Northeasterly by Buffum Street, 56 feet; northwesterly by land used as a passageway 80 feet; southwesterly by land of Mooney 59 and 1/2 feet; Southeasterly by land of Mayo 80 feet; being the premises described in deeds recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds Book 901. Leaf 104 and Book 2252, Page 433. Taxes and water rates for the current year are to be paid by the Grantees. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said Isabell Roper and Luke Roper and their heirs and assigns, to their own use and behoof forever. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I the said Etta R. Wadleigh, hereto set my hand and seal this thirty first day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty three. Etta R. Wadleigh Tr. (seal) Signed and sealed in pres-Estate Curtis E. Wadleigh ence of -COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Essex ss. May 31 1923 Then personally appeared the above named Etta R. Wadleigh and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed, before me Justice of the Peace Starr Parsons

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Salem Co-op Bk.

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We, Luke Roper and Isabell Roper, husband and wife, joint tenants, of Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts for consideration paid, grant to the Salem Co-operative Bank, situated in Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts, with mortgage covenants, to secure the payment of thirty five hundred dollars and interest and fines as provided in a note of even date, the land in said SALEM, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: Northeasterly by Buffum Street fifty six (56) feet; Northwesterly by Bryant Street eighty (80) feet; Southwesterly by land now or formerly of Mooney fifty nine and one half (59 1/2) feet; Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Mayo eighty (80) feet. Being the same premises conveyed to us by Etta R. Wadleigh, Trustee under the will of Curtis E. Wadleigh, by deed to be recorded herewith. Including all furnaces, heaters, ranges, mantels, gas and electric light fixtures, screen, screen doors, awnings

Essex ss. Received May 31, 1923. 12 m. past 11 A.M. Recorded and Examined

Roper

Vounessea

to

Essex ss. Received Apr. 5, 1938. 20 m. past 11 A.M. Recorded and Examined.

I, Isabell Roper, being a widow, of Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts, for consideration paid, grant to Clara Vounessea of Peabody in said Essex County, with QUITCLAIM COVENANTS the land in said SALEM, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: Northeasterly by Buffum Street fifty-six (56) feet; Northwesterly by Bryant Street eighty (80) feet; Southwesterly by land now or late of Mooney fifty-nine and one-half $(59\frac{1}{8})$ feet Southeasterly by land now or late of Mayo eighty (80) feet. Being the same premises conveyed by Etta R. Wadleigh, Trustee of the will of Curtis E. Wadleigh, to Luke Roper and Isabell Roper as joint tenants, by deed dated May 31, 1923, recorded with Essex South District Deeds, Book 2555, Page 367, said Luke Roper being now deceased. This conveyance is made subject to a mortgage to the Salem Co-operative Bank recorded with said Deeds, Book 3127, Page 96. WITNESS my hand and seal this fifth day of April 1938. THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS) Isabell Roper Essex ss. April 5. 1938. Then personally appeared the above named Isabell Roper and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed,

> Notary Public Daniel C. Fitz My commission expires April 12, 1940.

Essex ss. Received Apr. 5, 1938. 16 m. past 12 P.M. Recorded and Examined.

before me

I, Clara Vounessea of Peabody, Essex County, Massachusetts, being unmarried, Vounessea for consideration paid, grant to Isabell Roper and Edith Roper, and to the survivor of them as joint tenants and not as tenants in common, both of Salem in said Essex County, with QUITCLAIM COVENANTS the land in said SALEM, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: Northeasterly by Buffum Street fifty-six (56) feet; Northwesterly by Bryant Street eighty (80) feet; Southwesterly by land now or late of Mooney fifty-nine and one half (59%) feet; Southeasterly by land now or late of Mayo eighty (80) feet. Being the same premises conveyed to me by deed of said Isabell Roper, to be recorded herewith, and subject to the mortgage therein mentioned. WIT-NESS my hand and seal this fifth day of April 1938. Clara Vounessea THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Essex ss. April 5, 1938. Then personally appeared the above named Clara Vounessea and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed, before me

> Daniel C. Fitz Notary Public My commission expires April 12, 1940.

Essex ss. Received Apr. 5, 1938. 16 m. past 12 P.M. Recorded and Examined.

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Approved N. U. Armour Director.

Essex ss. Received Mar. 5, 1945. 20 m. past 11 A.M. Recorded and Examined

I, Isabelle Roper, being a widow, of Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts, for consideration paid, grant to Peter E. Copelas Jr. and Helena M. Copelas, and to the survivor of them as tenants by the entirety and not as tenants in common, they being husband and wife, of Beverly in said Essex County, with QUITCLAIM COVENANTS the land in said SALEM, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: Northeasterly by Buffum Street fifty-six (56) feet; Northwesterly by Bryant Street eighty (80) feet; Southwesterly by land now or late of Mooney fifty-nine and one-half (59½) feet; Southeasterly by land now or late of Mayo eighty (80) feet. Being the same premises conveyed to myself and my deceased daughter, Edith Roper, as joint twnants, by deed of Clara Vounessea, dated April 5, 1938, recorded with Essex South District Deeds, Book 3141, Page 131. Taxes assessed as of January 1, 1945, are to be paid by the grantees. WITNESS my hand and seal this 5th day of March 1945. Isabell Roper THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Essex ss. March 5, 1945. Then personally appeared the above named Isabelle Roper and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed, before me

Daniel C. Fitz

Notary Public

My commission expires April 3, 1947.

Essex ss. Received Mar. 5, 1945. 20 m. past 11 A.M. Recorded and Examined

We, Peter E. Copelas Jr. and Helena M. Copelas, husband and wife, tenants by the entirety, of Beverly, Essex County, Massachusetts, for consideration paid, grant to the Salem Co-operative Bank, situated in Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts, with MORTGAGE COVENANTS to secure the payment of Four Thousand Dollars in or within 10 years from this date, with interest thereon payable in monthly installments on the 5th day of each month here after, which payments shall first be applied to interest then due and the balance thereof remaining applied to principal; the interest to be computed monthly in advance on the unpaid balance, together with such fines on interest in arrears as are provided for in the by-laws of said bank; with the right to make additional payments on account of said principal sum on any payment date, all as provided in a note of even date, the land, with the buildings thereon, situated in said SALEM, bounded and described as follows: Northeasterly by Buffum Street fifty-six (56) feet; Northwesterly by Bryant Street eighty (80) feet; Southwesterly by land now or late of Mooney fiftynine and one-half (592) feet; Southeasterly by land now or late of Mayo

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Copelas Jr.

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QUITCLAIM DEED

I, the undersigned Peter Copelas, also known as Peter Copelas Jr. of Salem, Massachusetts, for One Dollar (\$1.00) and other nominal consideration paid, grant to Peter Copelas Jr. of 15 Beckford Street, Salem, Massachusetts 01970, and Peter Andrew Copelas of 40 Warren Street, Salem, Massachusetts 01970, trustees of Naumkeag Realty Trust under a Declaration of Trust dated May 15, 2008, the original certificate with respect to which is recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 27777, Page 496, and the appointment of Peter Andrew Copelas as co-trustee is recorded with said Deeds, Book 29367, Page 321, with QUITCLAIM COVENANTS, the land with building and improvements thereon known as and numbered 55 Buffum Street, Salem, Massachusetts more particularly bounded and described as follows:

The land in said Salem, with the building and improvements thereon, bounded and described as fullows:

Northeasterly

by Buffum Street fifty-six (56) feet;

Northwesterly

by Bryant Street eighty (80) feet;

Southwesterly

by land now or late of Mooney fifty-nine and one half (59 1/2)

feet; and

Southeasterly

by land now or late of Mayo eighty (80) feet.

For Grantor's title see deed of Isabelle Roper to Peter E. Copelas Jr. and Helena M. Copelas dated March 5, 1945 and recorded with the Essex South Registry of Deeds, Book 3398, Page 21, together with the Essex County Probate of Peter E. Copelas (No. 01P0087-EP1)

The premises are conveyed subject to a Mortgage and Security Agreement from Peter Copelas to Danvers Savings Bank in the original principal amount of \$150,000.00 dated December 27, 2002 and recorded with said Deeds, Book 19902, Page 401, and to a Collateral Assignment of Leases and Rents dated December 27, 2002 and recorded with said Deeds, Book 19902, Page 411.

Executed under seal this 4th day of January, 2011

Peter Copelas

Property address: 55 Buffum Street, Salem, MA 01970

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MASSACHUSETTS EXCISE TAX Southern Essex District RG0 Date: 11/21/2019 08:33 AM ID: 1329635 Doc# 20191121000290 Fee: \$2,462.40 Cons: \$540,000.00

QUITCLAIM DEED

I, Peter Andrew Copelas, as the sole Trustee of Naumkeag Realty Trust u/d/t dated May 15, 2008, a certificate of which said trust is recorded with the Essex South Registry of Deeds in Book 27777, Page 496, of 135 Boston Street, Salem, Massachusetts, in full consideration paid of

Five Hundred Forty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$540,000.00) hereby grant to

Jamie Mitchell and Jessica Roy Mitchell, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, of 55 Buffum Street, Salem, MA 01970,

with Quitclaim Covenants: the land with building and improvements thereon known and numbered as 55 Buffum Street, Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by Buffum Street, fifty-six (56) feet;

Northwesterly by Bryant Street, eighty (80) feet;

Southwesterly by land now or late of Mooney, fifty-nine and 50/100 (59.5) feet;

and

Southeasterly by land now or late of Mayo, eighty (80) feet.

Subject to easements of record, so far as the same may be now in force and applicable.

The Grantor hereby releases any homestead rights to the within premises and certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that there is no other person that is entitled to claim homestead rights to the within premises pursuant to Chapter 188 of the Massachusetts General Laws. For Grantor's title, see deed of Peter Copelas (a/k/a Peter Copelas, Jr.) dated January 4, 2011 and recorded with said Registry in Book 30137, Page 71.



Signed as a sealed instrument this 20th day of November, 2019:

Peter Andrew Copelas, as Trustee of Naumkeag Realty Trust

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

County of Essex

November 20, 2019

On this day, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Peter Andrew Copelas, Trustee as aforesaid, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which included government-issued photo identification, to be the person who signed the preceding Quitclaim Deed in my presence, and who acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose as Trustee of Naumkeag Realty Trust.

MICHAEL K. MURPHY
Notary Public
COMMONNEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
My Commission Expires
December 28, 2023

Michael K. Murphy Notary Public

My commission expires: December 28, 2023

thereon, or to sell under the power of sale in said mortgage contained, all the remainder of the premises therein conveyed and not hereby released. IN WITNESS WHEREOF said Haverhill Savings Bank has caused its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and these presents to be signed in its name and behalf by Raymond Noyes, its Treasurer, duly authorized this 23d day of July Haverhill Savings Bank. (Corporate seal) Signed and sealed By Raymond Noyes Treasurer. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Essex ss. in the presence of -July 23, 1919. Then personally appeared the above named Raymond Noyes, Treasurer and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of the Haverhill Savings Bank, before me,

Alfred E. Collins Justice of the Peace.

My commission expires May 16, 1924.

Essex ss. Received Aug. 4, 1919. 35 m. past 10 A. M. Recorded and Examined.

Discharge Knipe to Fitzgerald

I, William A. Knipe, holder of a mortgage from Minnie Fitzgerald to me dated November 25, 1914 recorded with Essex South District Deeds, book 2281, page 579, acknowledge satisfaction of the same. WITNESS my hand and seal this 31st day of July 1919. William A. Knipe (seal)) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Essex ss. Witness Ella E. Kimball July 31, 1919. Then personally appeared the above named William A. Knipe and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, be-Justice of the Peace. fore me Charles E. Sawyer Essex ss. Received Aug. 4, 1919. 35 m. past 10 A.M. Recorded and Examined.

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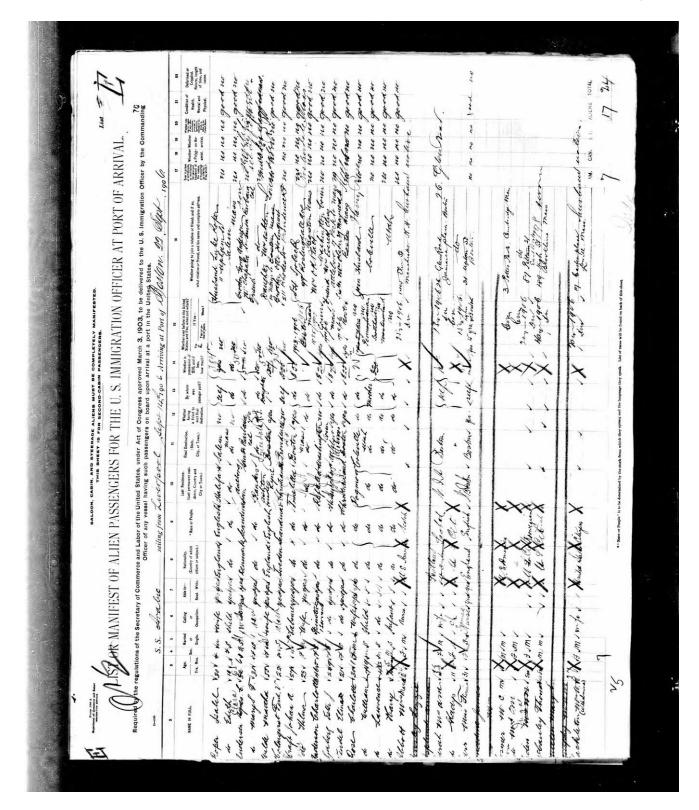
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statement as to city of Salemin City Council, June 1919. RESOLVED, that the common contaking of land, venience, benefit and necessity of the inhabitants of the city require that a public street or way of said city to be called Bryant street should be laid out from Buffum Street southerly about 130 feet, as shown on a plan hereinafter referred to and for that purpose it is necessary to take and lay out as a public street or way of said city a certain parcel of land belonging to or supposed to belong to Benjamin F. Mayo, Seth W. Morse and Etta R. Wadleigh Trustee, bounded as follows: viz: Beginning at a point marked "A" on the westerly line of Buffum Street, on plan of Bryant Street Extention dated November 26, 1918, and extending south-westerly 132.91 feet to point "B" thence turning and running northwesterly 22.62 feet to point "C" thence turning and running northeasterly 126.97 feet to point "D" thence turning and running southeasterly on the westerly line of Buffum street 22.01 feet to the point of beginning; and WHEREAS, this board on the 29th day of November A.D. 1918, passed the following order, viz: WHEREAS, in the

opinion of this board, the public necessity and convenience require that a public street or way to be called Bryant-should be laid out as a highway of the city from Buffum Street southerly about 130 feet as shown on a plan on file in the office of the city clerk of this city, it is therefore hereby ORDERED, that due notice be given to Benjamin F. Mayo, Seth W. Morse and Etta R. Wadleigh Trustee and all others interested, that this board intend to lay out the highway before mentioned, and to take therefor a portion of their land and to lay out the same as a highway of said city; and that Thursday the 12th day of December 1918, at 10 o'clock A.M., at city hall, Salem, is appointed at the time and place for a public hearing, in the matter; and WHEREAS, due notice has been given of the intention of this board to take said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return on the order of notice issued therefor passed as aforesaid; and, WHEREAS, this board did meet at the time and place appointed and notified as aforesaid and has heard all parties interested claiming to be heard in the matter, it is therefore, ORDERED and DECREED that the parcel of land before described be and the same hereby is taken and laid out as a public street or way of said city, according to a plan of the same made by George F. Ashton, City Engineer, dated November 26, 1918, entitled "Proposed Extension of Bryant Street " deposited in the office of the city clerk, to which plan reference may be had. Said laying out, as hereinbefore stated, is over or by land of Benjamin F. Mayo, Seth W. Morse and Etta R. Wadleigh Trustee and we have considered and estimated that no damage is sustained in their property by the several owners aforesaid, and all other persons by the taking of said parcel of land and the laying out of said Bryant street, as shown on said plan, Said owners may remove and take away any and all trees, fences and other property, which will obstruct the building of such street or public way within 60 days from and after the acceptance of this laying out by the city council. Given under our hands, this fifth day of June in the year nineteen hundred and nineteen. S. Herbert Wilkins.) City Omer P. Theriault Michael F. McGrath coun-John L. Sheehan Michael J. Doyle cil William O. Safford Albert Pierce salem. John H. Greeley G. Arthur Bodwell City Council June 5, 1919. Fred W. Broadhead Accepted, and adopted J. Clifford Entwisle Clerk. Approved by the Mayor, June 7, 1919. A True Copy, Attest: J. Clifford Entwisle city Clerk.

Essex ss. Received Aug. 4, 1919. 38 m. past 10 A.M. Recorded and Examined.



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