



Notes on 41-43 Ward 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 26 ½ -28 Peabody Street on the 1911 map includes the area that is now 41-43 Ward Street on the current assessor's map.

Prior to the fire, the area that is 41-43 Ward Street was owned by Mendel Collier and Sarah Collier. The pamphlet "1914 Data on Burned District at Salem, MA", published by F.W. Dodge Co. lists Sarah Collier as owning two wooden apartment houses and a shop. The deeds at the Essex South Registry of Deeds list Mendel's name as Collier, but he is also listed as Collier on other documents. The name Collier is of English origin whereas the name Coller is a variant of the German or Swiss Koller or Kohler—I believe the name Collier is the correct spelling for his name as the 1920 census lists Mendel "Collier's" place of origin as Russia.

Deed references have the property owned by Mendel Collier and Sarah Collier from 1903 to 1965 when the property was foreclosed by Salem Savings Bank. Mendel Collier and Sarah Collier gave a mortgage on October 20, 1914 to the Salem Savings Bank which was the instrument foreclosed on by the bank in 1965. The following evidence indicates that Mendel Collier was the likely builder of the property that is now 41-43 Ward Street and that the building was built c. 1915:

Deed descriptions from the Essex South County Registry of Deeds

Plans on record at the Essex South County Registry of Deeds, particularly Book 2294, Page 600.

Building Inspection records from the Salem Historical Commission; no record card is specific to this property as to 41-43 Ward Street, but it is clear that he owned numerous properties that were inspected by the City within a year or so after the fire. There are a number of buildings on the Building Inspection record cards that are called "Collier Building."

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According to Salem Town Directories in 1913 and 1915, Mendel Collier's profession is listed as "Real Estate" under the "Estate and Insurance" business listings. In 1913 he is listed as living at 24 Peabody Street and in 1915 he is listed as living at 33 Ward Street. Interestingly, in the 1910 Salem Town Directory, a Mendel Collier is listed as a peddler living at 24 Peabody—is this the same person? According to the 1920 United States Census, he lived in Salem with his wife Sarah Collier and his occupation is listed as "none"; at that time they were living as renters at 41 Ward Street. In 1920, Mendel Collier was 62 years of age, born about 1858 in Russia; he immigrated to the United States in 1884 and was not a naturalized citizen as of 1920. He was Jewish and his mother tongue was Yiddish. In 1920, Sarah was 57 years of age, born about 1863 in Russia. She was also Jewish and her mother tongue was Yiddish.

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Plaque to read: Built by Mendel and Sarah Collier, real estate investors 1915. Replaced two apartment buildings and a shop destroyed in the Great Salem Fire of 1914



Owners	Date of Conveyance	Registry Reference
Patrick Dalton of Salem to Medel Coller and Sarah Coller	August 31, 1985	Book 1454, Page 520
Mary E. Sullivan, guardian of the children of James H. Sullivan, late of Salem to Mendell Coller and Sarah Coller	August 7, 1903	Book 1713, Page 511
Mendel Coller and Sarah Coller to Salem Savings Bank	October 20, 1914	Book 2276, Page 196
Foreclosure of Salem Savings Bank mortgage Given by Mendel Coller and Sarah Coller at Book 2276, Page 196	February 12, 1965	Book 5246, Page 237-241
Salem Savings Bank to Laurien R. L'Italien and Alice L. L'Italien	April 8, 1965	Bok 5258, Page 276
Laurien R. L'Italien and Alice L. l'talien to Donald J. Clarke, Edward J. Clarke and Jacob S. Segal, Trustees Clarke Jacobs Realty Trust	March 14, 1978	Book 6450, Page 684
Donald J. Clarke and Jacob S. Segal, Trustees Clarke Jacobs Realty Trust to Frederick D. Small and Karen J. Small	March 30, 1985	Book 7703, Page 159
Frederick D. Small and Karen J. Small to Bank of New England NA	November 6, 1986	Book 8614, Page 63
Mortgage foreclosed by Bank of New England and conveyed to Small Frye Properties, Inc.	September 1, 1989	Book 10199, Page 102
Small Frye Properties, Inc. to Salem Point LP	December 27, 1991	Book 11080, Page 465
Salem Point LP to Salem Point II LP	July 16, 2014	Book 33413, Page 603