

House History and Plaque Program

For Kenneth W. Leisey and Monica R. Leisey

310 Lafayette Street

Salem, Massachusetts 01970

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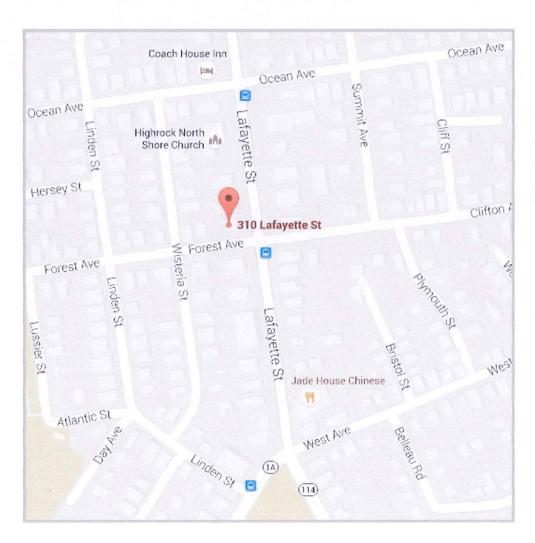
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The House History of 310 Lafayette Street





ccording to available records, the house at 310 Lafayette Street was built for the Mudgett family sometime between 1901 and 1903. The land on which the house sits was bought on September 1, 1901 by Miss Elizabeth S. Mudgett. The 1901 Salem Town Directory listed Elizabeth at 211 Lafayette Street, along with her widowed mother, Sarah A. Mudgett and her brother, Charles D. Mudgett, who ran a boarding and hack stable at 212 Essex Street. Elizabeth's other brother, George, lived down the street at 386 Lafayette Street.

The part of Lafayette Street that includes the 310 address was once a portion of the Derby Farm in Salem, which was subdivided into house lots by developers in 1867. Lafayette Street and the neighborhoods surrounding this main thoroughfare represent a period of rapid expansion in Salem. By the mid-eighteenth century, the old fields had become valuable land for development and had been turned over to private owners who developed the area into individual "farms, summer homes and private estates." The *Atlas of the City of Salem, Massachusetts* by G.M. Hopkins, published in 1874, illustrates this development of the old pastures and fields into the familiar Lafayette Street neighborhoods of today.

The Mudgett family house was built in the Georgian Colonial revival style. Colonial revivals were fashionable at the turn of the twentieth century and found in most of the neighboring houses along Lafayette Street. Georgian influences are found in the façade, which was likely symmetrical when first built, in the dentil moldings along the cornices and the multiple triangular pediments found at the roof and about the door. Some time prior to 1985, the curved window to the right of the entrance was added (note how the other bay windows are straight edged), the entrance portico was enclosed and perhaps enlarged (adding a second pediment), and a curved porch to the right of the entrance was enclosed when the first floor room was enlarged. The white clapboard siding on this home and the black shutters are standard treatments for a Georgian-revival style house.

¹ Essex South County Registry of Deeds (hereinafter ESCRD) Book 1650, Page 429.

² Salem, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1901; see also Ancestry.com. *1860-1900 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch. ³ ESCRD Book 727, Page 300.

⁴ Salem Massachusetts: The City Guide. Lafayette Street Historic District. http://www.salemweb.com/guide/arch/ldistrict.shtml (Accessed April 21, 2015).

⁵ Atlas of the city of Salem, Massachusetts, G.M. Hopkins, Publisher, 1874 http://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/206060?show=full (Accessed April 21, 2015).

⁶Massachusette Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS), http://mhc-macris.net/Details.aspx?MhcId=SAL.2062.



On May 21, 1906, Elizabeth sold the house to her brother Charles for the price of "one dollar and other valuable considerations." The deed was not recorded until March 4, 1910. Their mother, Sarah, died sometime between 1904 and 1905, and Elizabeth died on February 19, 1910.⁷ Elizabeth's death likely prompted Charles to record the deed from 1906 at the Registry of Deeds. Charles retained ownership of the house until 1913, when he sold it to Michael S. Welch and Catherine M. Welch.⁸ According to the 1910 Salem Directory, Charles had previously moved to 386 Lafayette Street to live with his brother, George.

Michael and Catherine Welch lived at 310 Lafayette Street from 1913 to 1924. Both Michael and Catherine were Irish immigrants and, according to the 1920 United States Census, Michael was 56 in 1920 while Catherine was 52.9 While living in the house, Michael was employed as a track supervisor for the Boston and Maine Railroad. Catherine died sometime after 1921 11 but before 1924 when Michael sold the property to Eugenie F. Labrecque. 22

Eugenie Labrecque owned the property for a little over a year, selling the house to Delia Tracy on July 30, 1925. According to the 1930 United States Census, Delia lived at 310 Lafayette Street with her husband, Stephen Tracy and his brother, Thomas Tracy. Stephen was employed as a gasoline salesman, and Thomas worked as an insurance agent. All three of them were born in Massachusetts, their parents being immigrants from Ireland. In 1930, the Tracys also had a boarder in their house named Mary E. Quinn, who worked as a clerk in the courthouse — likely one of the old courthouses still on Federal Street today.¹³

By 1940, Delia and Stephen had both retired; she was 72 and he was 75. The 1940 United States Census Record records Delia and Stephen as living at 304 Lafayette Street, but Salem Directories in the same period list them at 310 Lafayette Street. According to the 1940 Census, they were living with their son, George Tracy, who was 49 years of age and a newspaper writer, along with three borders named Ludger Jodoin, John Coyne and Henry Jackurth, all of whom were employed, middle-aged men.

⁷ Salem, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1904-1905, 1910.

⁸ ESCRD Book 2007, Page 409; Book 2209, Page 253.

⁹ Year: 1920; Census Place: Salem Ward 5, Essex, Massachusetts; Roll: T625_697; Page: 13B; Enumeration District: 277; Image: 348.

¹⁰ Salem Massachusetts, City Directory, 1915, 1916.

¹¹ Salem Massachusetts, City Directory, 1921.

¹² ESCRD Book 2585, Page 193.

¹³ Year: 1930; Census Place: Salem, Essex, Massachusetts; Roll: 903; Page: 4A; Enumeration District: 0258; Image: 55.0; FHL microfilm: 2340638.

¹⁴ Year: 1940; Census Place: Salem, Essex, Massachusetts; Roll: T627_1589; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 5-361.; Salem Massachusetts, City Directory, 1937, 1940, 1942, 1946, 1948.



Stephen Tracy died in 1949 and was buried in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Salem. ¹⁵ Delia sold the property on August 11, 1950 to Joseph R. Roy and Nelida A. Roy. They took title to the property as husband and wife, tenants by the entirety, which means that upon death the property passes to the survivor by operation of law. ¹⁶ According to Salem City Directories for the years 1950 and 1953, the Roys lived at 310 Lafayette Street and ran an establishment called "Nelida's Tourist Home," capitalizing on the history of Salem and its growing reputation as a tourist destination. ¹⁷ The couple sold the home in 1953 to George H. Boucher and Grace S. Boucher, who also took title as husband and wife, tenants by the entirety. ¹⁸

George and Grace lived at 310 Lafayette Street for five years, George working as an accountant for the Boston and Maine Railroad. George died sometime prior to October 7, 1958 when Grace conveyed the property to Joseph A. Dunn and Beatrice L. Dunn. According to the 1961 Salem Directory, 310 Lafayette Street was the home of Joseph and Beatrice, and also "The Grace Tourist Home." Perhaps the former owner Grace Boucher ran an establishment much like Nelida Roy's. In 1964, Joseph A. Dunn, Jr. of the United States Air Force was listed as living at 310 Lafayette with his parents. In 1968, Joseph and Beatrice sold the house to James T. Duffy and Marguerite E. Duffy. 22

James and Marguerite remained at 310 Lafayette for 10 years. In 1979 they sold the property to Joel C. Green and Katherine L. Green. ²³ From deed records at the Essex South County Registry of Deeds, it appears Joel and Katherine already lived at the property when they purchased it in 1979. An inventory of Salem houses in December 1984 found that part of the house was being used as an office at the time. ²⁴ A real estate ad placed when the property was on the market in 2014 states that the first floor had been used as a chiropractic office for about 35 years. ²⁵ By 2004, the Greens were engaged in estate planning, placing the property into the Green Nominee Trust, and listed their address at 14 Naumkeg Row, Danvers, Massachusetts. ²⁶

¹⁵ Find A Grave. Find A Grave. http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi.

¹⁶ ESCRD Book 3761, Page 24.

¹⁷ Salem Massachusetts, City Directory, 1951, 1953.

¹⁸ ESCRD Book 4000, Page 483.

¹⁹ Salem Massachusetts, City Directory, 1954, 1958.

²⁰ ESCRD Book 4502, Page 207.

²¹ Salem Massachusetts, City Directory, 1961, 1964.

²² ESCRD Book 5580, Page 182.

²³ ESCRD Book 6645, Page 602.

²⁴ MACRIS, http://mhc-macris.net/Details.aspx?MhcId=SAL.2062.

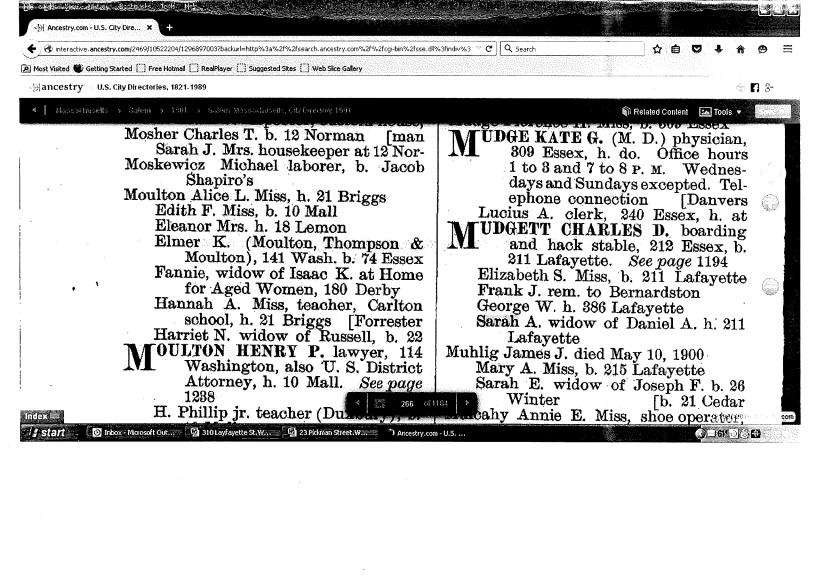
²⁵ Century21 website: http://www.commonmoves.com/property/310-Lafayette-Street-Salem-01970/MLSPINsold/71617412

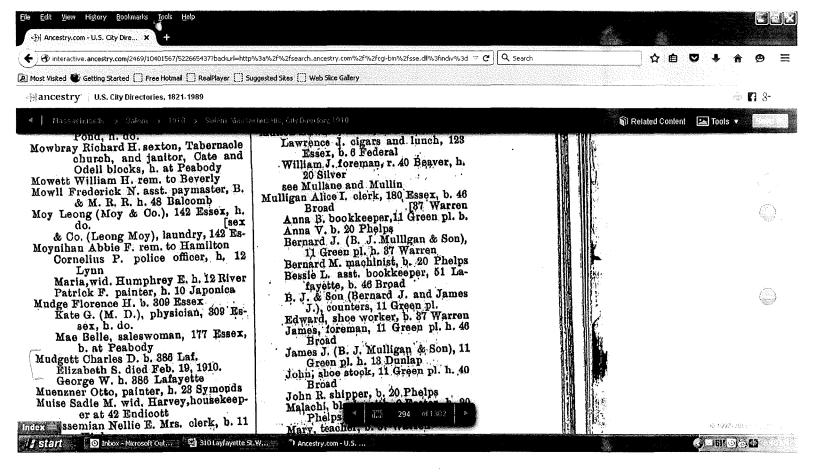
²⁶ ESCRD Book 25149, Page 381.



In 2014, The Green Nominee Trust conveyed the property to the current owners, Kenneth W. Leisey and Monica R. Leisey. At the time of this writing, an active chiropractic office continues to operate at the address.







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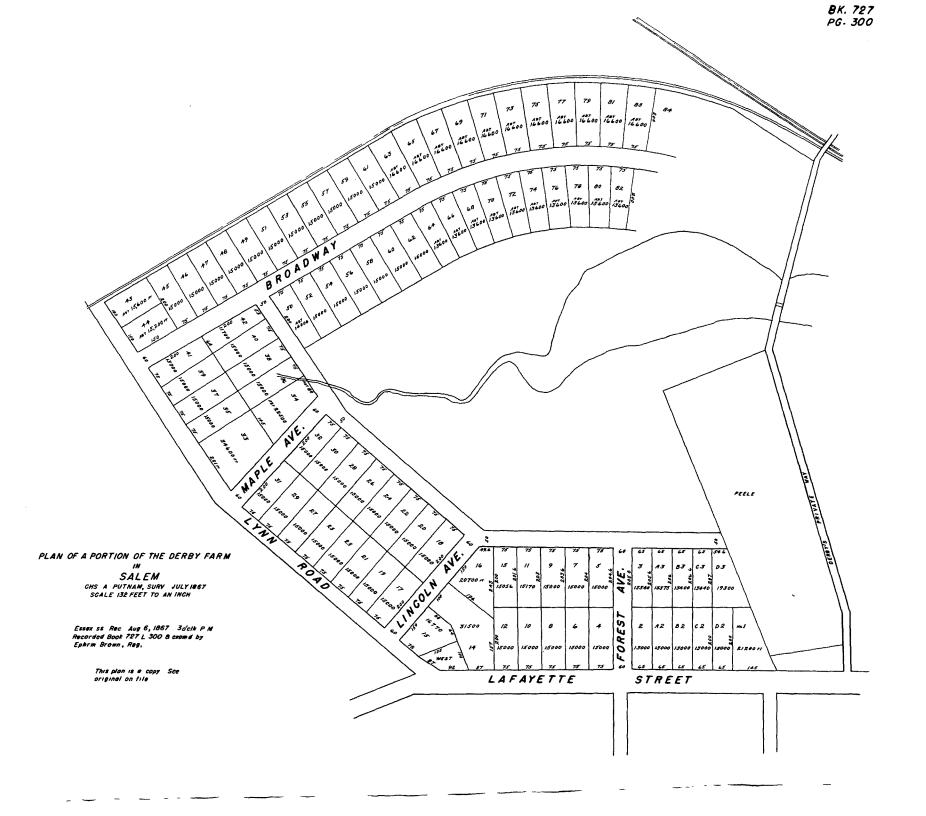
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Walter H. Harris

(seal)

Essex ss. January 2d 1924.

Goldie M. Harris

(seal)

Then personally appeared the above named Walter H. Harris and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me

Charles Leighton Justice of the Peace

Essex ss. Received Jan. 5, 1924. 35 m. past 12 P.M. Recorded and Examined

I. Michael S. Welch of Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts, being unmarried, for consideration paid, grant to Eugenie F. Labrecque of said Salem with warranty covenants the land in said. SALEM with all buildings thereon bounded and described as follows: Easterly by Lafayette Street sixty five feet; South by Forest Avenue one hundred feet; west by land of Mudgett sixty five feet; North by land of Friend one hundred feet; being part of lot two plan Derby Estate recorded Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 727 Page 350. Being the same premises conveyed to me and my wife Catherine M. Welch as tenants by the entirety she being now deceased, by deed of Charles D. Mudgett dated May 12, 1913 and recorded in said Registry in Book 2209 Page 253. Subject to any restriction of record if the same now exist. Said premises are subject to taxes for 1924. WITNESS my hand and seal this fifth day of January 1924. Michael S. Welch (seal) Witness C. A. Murphy) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Essex ss. January 5, 1924. Then personally appeared the above named Michael S. Welch and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me Charles A. Murphy Notary Public

Welch to Labrecque

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Salem Sav. Bk.

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My commission expires May 3, 1929.

Essex ss. Received Jan. 5, 1924. 40 m. past 12 P.M. Recorded and Examined

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS That I, Eugenie F. Labrecque, of Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts, being a widow, for consideration paid, grant to the Salem Savings Bank, a corporation duly established by law and located in Salem in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with Mortgage Covenants, to secure the payment of Sixty five Hundred Dollars in one year with six per cent interest per annum, payable quarterly, as provided in a note of even date, the land in said SALEM, together with the buildings thereon, bounded easterly by Lafayette Street sixty five feet, southerly by Forest Avenue one hundred feet, westerly by land now or late of Mudgett sixty five feet, and northerly by land now or late of Friend one hundred feet. Being the same premises this day conveyed to me by Michael S. Welch by his deed of even date, to be recorded herewith, and subject only to the building restrictions therein referred to. This mortgage is upon the Statutory Condition, and upon the further condition that the gradtor or her heirs, executors, administrators or assigns shall pay all taxes and assessments on said premises, whether in the nature of taxes or assessments now in being or not, shall keep the buildings now or hereafter standing thereon insured against fire in a sum satisfactory to said Bank or its successors or assigns, all insurance to be made payable in case of loss to said Bank or its successors or assigns, and shall pay to said Bank or its successors or assigns all such sums with interest as it or they may pay or incur for such taxes, assessments or insurance, or on account of any foreclosure proceedings hereunder, whether completed or not; for any breach of which the mortgagee shall have the Statutory Power of Sale. And said Bank and its successors and assigns shall have the further right to cancel and surrender any insurance policies and collect the proceeds therefrom in case of any sale made hereunder, and to retain out of the proceeds of any such sale one per cent of the purchase money for its or their services in making such sale; any purchaser at such sale shall be held to claim hereunder in case of any defect in said sale; and any entry made for the purpose of foreclosing this mortgage shall enure to and for the benefit of the purchaser at such sale. WITNESS my hand and seal this Fifth day of January in the year nineteen hundred and twenty four. In presence of R.B. Buckham Eugenie F. Labrecque (seal)

Essex, ss. On this Fifth day of January 1924, before me personally appeared Eugenie F. Labrecque to me known to be the person described in and who ex-

A. D. Sutherland

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

I, Sarah Dembofsky of Salem, County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts holder of a mortgage from Eugenie F. Labrecque to me dated January

5, 1924 recorded with Essex South District Deeds Book 2585, Page 195, acknowledge satisfaction of the same WITNESS my hand and seal this thirtieth her
day of July 1925 Sarah X Dembofsky (seal)
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Witness Dora Dembofsky) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Essex ss. July 30, 1925. Then personally appeared the above named Sarah
Dembofsky and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed, before me, Arthur S. Ford Justice of the Peace
My commission expires Feb. 13, 1931

Essex ss. Received July 30, 1925. 57 m. past 12 P. M. Recorded and Examined

Discharge Dembofsky

I, Eugenie F. Labrecque, widow, of Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts for consideration paid, grant to Delia Tracy of Salem, Essex County with WAR-RANTY COVENANTS A certain parcel of land in SALEM, Essex County, Massachusetts being part of lot two (2) plan Derby Estate recorded with Essex South District Deeds, Book 727, Leaf 300, and bounded and described as follows:

Easterly by Lafayette Street, sixty five (65) feet; southerly by Forest Avenue, one hundred (100) feet; westerly by land now or late of Mudgett, sixty five (65) feet; northerly by land now or late of Friend, one hundred (100) feet. This conveyance is made subject to a mortgage of \$6500. held by the Salem Savings Bank. WITNESS my hand and seal this 30th day of July 1925

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Essex ss. July 30, 1925. Then personally appeared the above named Eugenie

F. Labrecque and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act

and deed, before me Leo H. Tracy Justice of the Peace

My commission expires December 28, 1928

Essex ss. Received July 30, 1925. 57 m. past 12 P. M. Recorded and Examined

know ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS That I, Lucy M. Hatch of Amesbury, Essex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts in consideration of three thousand (\$3000.00) dollars, paid by the Provident Institution for Savings in the Towns of Salisbury and Amesbury, a banking corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and located at Amesbury in said Commonwealth, hereinafter called the "Grantee", the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said grantee and its successors and assigns The land in said AMESBURY, containing twenty four and eight tenths (24.8) square rods, bounded and described as follows: Southerly by High Street, formerly called

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We, Joseph R. Roy and Nelida A. Roy, husband and wife,

Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts, County, Cou

the land in said Salem, with the buildings thereon, being part of Lot. No. 2 on plan of the Derby Estate recorded with Essex South District Deeds, Book 727, Page 300, and bounded and described as follows:

Easterly by Lafayette Street sixty-five (65) feet;
Southerly by Forest Avenue one hundred (100) feet;
Westerly by land now or late of Mudgett sixty-five (65) feet;
Northerly by land now or late of Friend one hundred (100) feet.
Being the same premises conveyed to us by deed of Delia F. Tracy,
dated August 11, 1950, recorded with said Deeds, Book 3761, Page 24.
Taxes assessed as of January 1, 1953, are to be paid by the grantees.

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The Commonwealth	of Massachusetts
Essex ss.	August 13, 19 53.
Then personally appeared the above named	Joseph H. Roy
and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be	his free act and deed, before me
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	My commission expires March 26, 19 54.

Essex ss. Recorded Aug. 13, 1953. 40 m. past 11 A.M.

I, Grace S. Boucher

Salem,

County, Massachusetts, Essex

being immarried, for consideration paid, grant to Joseph A. Dunn and Beatrice L. Dunn, husband and wife, as tenents by the entirety, both

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Essex ss. Recorded Oct. 7, 1958, 10 m. past S P.M.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, Joseph A. Dunn and Beatrice L. Dunn, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, both

of Salem, Essex

County, Massachusetts,

bing mumaried, for consideration paid, grant to James T. Duffy and Marguerite E. Duffy, husband and wife as tonants by the entirety, (310 Lafayette Street, Salem, Massachusetts) both presently

of Marblehead, Essex County, Massachusetts,

with quitclaim copenants

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Easterly by Lafayette Street sixty-five (65) feet;

Southerly by Forest Avenue one hundred (100) feet;

Westerly by land now or formerly of Mudgett sixty-five (65) feet;

Northerly by land now or formerly of Friendene hundred (100) feet.

For our title see deed of Grace S. Boucher to Joseph A. Dunn and Beatrice L. Dunn dated October 7, 1956, recorded with said Deeds, Book 4503, Page 207.

This conveyance is made subject to the provisions of all local zoning ordinances and easuments and restrictions of record and subject to the real estate taxes for the year 1968, which taxes the Grantees agree to assume and pay.

I, Boatrico L. Denn,

husband of said grantor,

release to said grantee all rights of dower and homestead and other interests therein.

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Then personally appeared the above named Joseph A. Dunn and Beatrical Dunn and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed, before me-

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ss. Recorded Dec. 13, 1968. 6 m. past 4 P. M. #169

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We, James T. Duffy and Marguerite E. Duffy, husband and wife, both

of Salem, Essex in consideration of \$75,000.00

County, Massachusetts

Katherine L.

grant to Joel G. Green and Kathryn Green, husband and wife as

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, 310 Lafayette Street, Salem, Massachusetts

with quitclaim covenants
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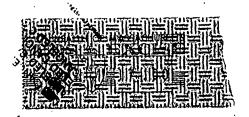
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Northerly by land now or formerly of Friend one hundred (100) feet

For our Title see deed recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds Book 5580, Page 182.



Executed as a sealed ins	trument this	day of October 1979
***************************************		James T. Duffy
		Marguerite E. Duffy//
	The Comm	monwealth of Mussachusetts
Essex	ss.	October 23, 1979
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QUITCLAIM DEED

We, Joel G. Green and Kathryn L. Green (also known as Katherine L. Green), husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, both of Danvers, Essex County, Massachusetts, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) paid, grant to Joel G. Green and Kathryn L. Green, as Trustees of The Green Nominee Trust (to be recorded herewith), of 14 Naumkeg Row, Danvers, Massachusetts 01923, with QUITCLAIM COVENANTS:

The land in Salem, together with the buildings and other improvements thereon, being a portion of Lot 2 of the Derby Estate recorded with Essex South District Deeds, Book 727, Page 300, and described as follows:

by Lafayette Street sixty-five (65) feet; EASTERLY

SOUTHERLY by Forest Avenue one hundred (100) feet;

by land now or formerly of Mudgett sixty-five WESTERLY

(65) feet; and

by land now or formerly of Friend one hundred (100) NORTHERLY

For title reference, see said deed dated October 23, 1979, recorded in the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 6645, Page 602.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND SEALS, this 6th day of

Joel G. Green

David A. Fisette PC

222 ROSEWOOD DRIVE 10th FLOOR Danvers, MA 01923 Tel: (978) 750-8701 FAX: (978) 750-8702

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

on this 16 day of , 2004, before me the

undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared the above-named Joel G. Green and Kathryn L. Green, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification which was my personal knowledge of their identity, whose names are signed on the preceding document, and acknowledged that they signed it

voluntarily for its stated purpose

Notary Public - Official Signature

Notary Seal

My Commission Expires 12/ 36/65

DAVID A. FISETTE
NOTARY PUBLIC
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
My Commission Expires______



Quitclaim Deed

MASSACHUSETTS EXCISE TAX Southern Essex District ROD Date: 06/06/2014 03:43 PM ID: 1016648 Doc# 20140606004520

Fee: \$1,972.20 Cons: \$432,500.00

We, JOEL G. GREEN AND KATHRYN L. GREEN, AS TRUSTEES of THE GREEN NOMINEE TRUST u/d/t dated June 16, 2004, of Danvers, Essex County, Massachusetts, for consideration paid, and in full consideration of Four Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$432,500.00), hereby grant to KENNETH W. LEISEY AND MONICA R. LEISEY, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, hereinafter of 310 Lafayette Street, Salem, MA 01970

with quitclaim covenants:

The land in said Salem, together with the buildings and other improvements thereon, being a portion of Lot 2 of the Derby Estate recorded with Essex South District Deeds, Book 727, Page 300, and described as follows:

EASTERLY by Lafayette Street sixty-give (65) feet;

SOUTHERLY by Forest Avenue one hundred (100) feet;

WESTERLY by land now or formerly of Mudgett sixty-five (65) feet; and

NORTHERLY by land now or formerly of Friend one hundred (100) feet.

For title reference see Deed dated June 16, 2004 and recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds, in Book 25149, Page 381.

The Grantors hereby releases any Homestead benefit in this property, and do not have any former spouse, partner, or former partner in a civil union who can claim the benefit of the Massachusetts Homestead Act, MGL, Ch. 188.

EXECUTED, as a sealed instrument under the pains and penalties of perjury on this day.

Signed, sealed and sworn to this 6th day of June 2014.

Joel G. Green, as Trustee of The Green Nominee Trust

Kathryn L. Green, as Trustee of The Green Nominee Trust

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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JUNE 6, 2014

On this 6th day of June 2014, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared, Joel G. Green and Kathryn L. Green, as Trustees of the Green Nominee Trust and proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was/were Massachusetts Driver's License(s), to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are signed on the preceding or attached document, and who swore or affirmed to me that the contents of the document are truthful and accurate to the best of her/their knowledge and belief.

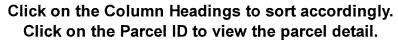
Notary Public:

My Commission Expires:

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Property Address: 310 Lafayette Street, Salem, MA 01970

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House History and Plaque Program For Kenneth W. Leisey and Monica R. Leisey

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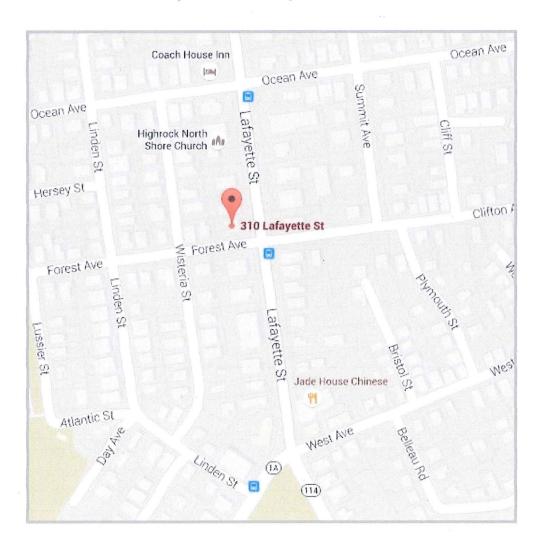
Research and Writing Provided by Kimberly Whitworth, J.D., M.A.

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The House History of 310 Lafayette Street





A ccording to available records, the house at 310 Lafayette Street was built for the Mudgett family sometime between 1901 and 1903. The land on which the house sits was bought on September 1, 1901 by Miss Elizabeth S. Mudgett. The 1901 Salem Town Directory listed Elizabeth at 211 Lafayette Street, along with her widowed mother, Sarah A. Mudgett and her brother, Charles D. Mudgett, who ran a boarding and hack stable at 212 Essex Street. Elizabeth's other brother, George, lived down the street at 386 Lafayette Street.

The part of Lafayette Street that includes the 310 address was once a portion of the Derby Farm in Salem, which was subdivided into house lots by developers in 1867. Lafayette Street and the neighborhoods surrounding this main thoroughfare represent a period of rapid expansion in Salem. By the mid-eighteenth century, the old fields had become valuable land for development and had been turned over to private owners who developed the area into individual "farms, summer homes and private estates." The *Atlas of the City of Salem, Massachusetts* by G.M. Hopkins, published in 1874, illustrates this development of the old pastures and fields into the familiar Lafayette Street neighborhoods of today.⁵

The Mudgett family house was built in the Georgian Colonial revival style. Colonial revivals were fashionable at the turn of the twentieth century and found in most of the neighboring houses along Lafayette Street. Georgian influences are found in the façade, which was likely symmetrical when first built, in the dentil moldings along the cornices and the multiple triangular pediments found at the roof and about the door. Some time prior to 1985, the curved window to the right of the entrance was added (note how the other bay windows are straight edged), the entrance portico was enclosed and perhaps enlarged (adding a second pediment), and a curved porch to the right of the entrance was enclosed when the first floor room was enlarged. The white clapboard siding on this home and the black shutters are standard treatments for a Georgian-revival style house.

¹ Essex South County Registry of Deeds (hereinafter ESCRD) Book 1650, Page 429.

² Salem, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1901; see also Ancestry.com. *1860-1900 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch. ³ ESCRD Book 727, Page 300.

⁴ Salem Massachusetts: The City Guide. Lafayette Street Historic District. http://www.salemweb.com/guide/arch/ldistrict.shtml (Accessed April 21, 2015).

⁵ Atlas of the city of Salem, Massachusetts, G.M. Hopkins, Publisher, 1874 http://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/206060?show=full (Accessed April 21, 2015).

⁶Massachusette Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS), http://mhc-macris.net/Details.aspx?MhcId=SAL.2062.



On May 21, 1906, Elizabeth sold the house to her brother Charles for the price of "one dollar and other valuable considerations." The deed was not recorded until March 4, 1910. Their mother, Sarah, died sometime between 1904 and 1905, and Elizabeth died on February 19, 1910.⁷ Elizabeth's death likely prompted Charles to record the deed from 1906 at the Registry of Deeds. Charles retained ownership of the house until 1913, when he sold it to Michael S. Welch and Catherine M. Welch.⁸ According to the 1910 Salem Directory, Charles had previously moved to 386 Lafayette Street to live with his brother, George.

Michael and Catherine Welch lived at 310 Lafayette Street from 1913 to 1924. Both Michael and Catherine were Irish immigrants and, according to the 1920 United States Census, Michael was 56 in 1920 while Catherine was 52.9 While living in the house, Michael was employed as a track supervisor for the Boston and Maine Railroad. Catherine died sometime after 1921 11 but before 1924 when Michael sold the property to Eugenie F. Labrecque. 12

Eugenie Labrecque owned the property for a little over a year, selling the house to Delia Tracy on July 30, 1925. According to the 1930 United States Census, Delia lived at 310 Lafayette Street with her husband, Stephen Tracy and his brother, Thomas Tracy. Stephen was employed as a gasoline salesman, and Thomas worked as an insurance agent. All three of them were born in Massachusetts, their parents being immigrants from Ireland. In 1930, the Tracys also had a boarder in their house named Mary E. Quinn, who worked as a clerk in the courthouse — likely one of the old courthouses still on Federal Street today. 13

By 1940, Delia and Stephen had both retired; she was 72 and he was 75. The 1940 United States Census Record records Delia and Stephen as living at 304 Lafayette Street, but Salem Directories in the same period list them at 310 Lafayette Street. According to the 1940 Census, they were living with their son, George Tracy, who was 49 years of age and a newspaper writer, along with three borders named Ludger Jodoin, John Coyne and Henry Jackurth, all of whom were employed, middle-aged men.

⁷ Salem, Massachusetts, City Directory, 1904-1905, 1910.

⁸ ESCRD Book 2007, Page 409; Book 2209, Page 253.

⁹ Year: 1920; Census Place: Salem Ward 5, Essex, Massachusetts; Roll: T625_697; Page: 13B; Enumeration District: 277; Image: 348.

¹⁰ Salem Massachusetts, City Directory, 1915, 1916.

¹¹ Salem Massachusetts, City Directory, 1921.

¹² ESCRD Book 2585, Page 193.

¹³ Year: 1930; Census Place: Salem, Essex, Massachusetts; Roll: 903; Page: 4A; Enumeration District: 0258; Image: 55.0; FHL microfilm: 2340638.

¹⁴ Year: 1940; Census Place: Salem, Essex, Massachusetts; Roll: T627_1589; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 5-361.; Salem Massachusetts, City Directory, 1937, 1940, 1942, 1946, 1948.



Stephen Tracy died in 1949 and was buried in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Salem. ¹⁵ Delia sold the property on August 11, 1950 to Joseph R. Roy and Nelida A. Roy. They took title to the property as husband and wife, tenants by the entirety, which means that upon death the property passes to the survivor by operation of law. ¹⁶ According to Salem City Directories for the years 1950 and 1953, the Roys lived at 310 Lafayette Street and ran an establishment called "Nelida's Tourist Home," capitalizing on the history of Salem and its growing reputation as a tourist destination. ¹⁷ The couple sold the home in 1953 to George H. Boucher and Grace S. Boucher, who also took title as husband and wife, tenants by the entirety. ¹⁸

George and Grace lived at 310 Lafayette Street for five years, George working as an accountant for the Boston and Maine Railroad. George died sometime prior to October 7, 1958 when Grace conveyed the property to Joseph A. Dunn and Beatrice L. Dunn. According to the 1961 Salem Directory, 310 Lafayette Street was the home of Joseph and Beatrice, and also The Grace Tourist Home. Perhaps the former owner Grace Boucher ran an establishment much like Nelida Roy's. In 1964, Joseph A. Dunn, Jr. of the United States Air Force was listed as living at 310 Lafayette with his parents. In 1968, Joseph and Beatrice sold the house to James T. Duffy and Marguerite E. Duffy.

James and Marguerite remained at 310 Lafayette for 10 years. In 1979 they sold the property to Joel C. Green and Katherine L. Green. ²³ From deed records at the Essex South County Registry of Deeds, it appears Joel and Katherine already lived at the property when they purchased it in 1979. An inventory of Salem houses in December 1984 found that part of the house was being used as an office at the time. ²⁴ A real estate ad placed when the property was on the market in 2014 states that the first floor had been used as a chiropractic office for about 35 years. ²⁵ By 2004, the Greens were engaged in estate planning, placing the property into the Green Nominee Trust, and listed their address at 14 Naumkeg Row, Danvers, Massachusetts. ²⁶

¹⁵ Find A Grave. Find A Grave. http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi.

¹⁶ ESCRD Book 3761, Page 24.

¹⁷ Salem Massachusetts, City Directory, 1951, 1953.

¹⁸ ESCRD Book 4000, Page 483.

¹⁹ Salem Massachusetts, City Directory, 1954, 1958.

²⁰ ESCRD Book 4502, Page 207.

²¹ Salem Massachusetts, City Directory, 1961, 1964.

²² ESCRD Book 5580, Page 182.

²³ ESCRD Book 6645, Page 602.

²⁴ MACRIS, http://mhc-macris.net/Details.aspx?MhcId=SAL.2062.

²⁵ Century21 website: http://www.commonmoves.com/property/310-Lafayette-Street-Salem-01970/MLSPINsold/71617412

²⁶ ESCRD Book 25149, Page 381.



In 2014, The Green Nominee Trust conveyed the property to the current owners, Kenneth W. Leisey and Monica R. Leisey. The Leiseys converted the house back to a single-family residence.

