



Notes on 57-59 Harbor 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 55 to 65 Harbor Street on the 1911 map is the area that is now 57-59 Harbor Street on the current assessor's map.

Prior to the fire, the area that is now known as 57-59 Harbor Street was owned by the Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company. The pamphlet "1914 Data on Burned District at Salem, MA", published by F.W. Dodge Co. lists the Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company as owning three wooden apartment houses at the location then known as 55-65 Harbor Street and now known as 57-59 Harbor Street.

According to the pamphlet "1914 Data on Burned District at Salem, MA", published by F.W. Dodge Co., the Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company lost a number of housing units in the 1914 fire, along with most of their factory buildings. The Phillips Library Manuscript Finding Aids state that:

"On June 25, 1914, the Great Salem Fire, which spread through the city of Salem, destroyed all but a few of the Company's buildings. It was decided to rebuild the company immediately, and by February 1916, the Company was up and running . . ."
<http://phillipslibrarycollections.pem.org/cdm/ref/collection/p15928coll1/id/3278> (accessed February 6, 2017).

The Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company retained ownership of the land area that is now 57-59 Harbor Street after the fire and, based on records from the City of Salem Building Inspection Department held by the Salem Historical Commission, it appears that the building that now stands at 57-59 Harbor Street was built in 1914-1915 and it approved for habitation on April 26, 1915. From the record, it appears the building now standing was built and owned in 1915 by the Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company and it was named the "Naumkeag Steam Cotton Mill Tenement House."

The Naumkeag Stream Cotton Company sold the land and building at 57-59 Harbor Street on July 28, 1941 to Edmond J. Richard of Wenham.

The following evidence indicates that Naumkeag Stream Cotton Company was the likely builder of the property that is now 57-59 Harbor Street and that the building was built c. 1915:
Deed descriptions from the Essex South County Registry of Deeds (1941 reference only)
Plans on record at the Essex South County Registry of Deeds
Building Inspection records from the Salem Historical Commission; no record card is specific to this property as to 57-59 Harbor Street, but it seems that the one card listing "Naumkeag Steam Cotton Mill Tenement House" on Harbor Street is locus.

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Plaque to read: Built by Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company 1915. Replaced three apartment buildings burned in Great Salem Fire of 1914

