



Notes on 23-25 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 9-11-13 Ward Street on the 1911 map is the area that is now 23-25 Ward Street on the current assessor's map.

Prior to the fire, the area that is 23-25 Ward Street was owned by three parties:
William E. Barry James J. Welch Bernard Thibault

The pamphlet "1914 Data on Burned District at Salem, MA", published by F.W. Dodge Co. lists Catherine Barry as owning a wooden residence at 9 Ward Street, James J. Welch as owning a wooden residence and Bernard Thibault as owning wooden apartments at 13 Ward Street.

These three parties all sold their land after the fire in December 1914. They sold their lots to David Land of Salem. The following evidence indicates that David Land was the likely builder of the property that is now 23-25 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 those recorded at Book 2294, Page 133 and Book 2343, Page 495

Building Inspection records from the Salem Historical Commission—states that David Land was the owner and A. Rosenstein was the architect. The building was inspected by "Cheney" on January 8, 1915.

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According to Salem Town Directories in 1914 and 1915, David Land's profession is listed as "Real Estate" According to the 1920 United States Census, he lived in Salem and his occupation was listed as "Contractor/Real Estate." His brother Jacob, with whom he lived, had his occupation listed as "Carpenter/House" In 1920, David Land was 34 years of age, born about 1886 in Russia; he immigrated to the United States in 1904 and was naturalized in 1909. He was Jewish and his mother tongue was Yiddish.

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Plaque to read: Built by David Land, contractor 1915 Architect: A. Rosenstein Replaced homes burned in Great Salem Fire of 1914



Owners	Date of Conveyance	Registry Reference
Eben N. Walton of Salem as Administrator de Bonis Non of the Estate of Cynthia A. Radford, late of Salem to William E. Barry	May 2, 1878	Book 996, Page 270
Patrick Welch of Salem to James J. Welch of Salem	July 27, 1894	Book 1418, Page 339
Telesphore Demers of Salem to Bernard Thibault of Salem	April 11, 1907	Book 1868, Page 241
Heirs of William E. Barry to David Land of Salem	December 4, 1914	Book 2282, Page 354
Bernard Thibault of Salem to David Land of Salem	December 15, 1914	Book 2282, Page 560
James J. Welch of Salem to David Land of Salem	December 9, 1914	Book 2283, Page 170
David Land of Salem to Max Lemkin and Charles Wineapple of Salem	May 4, 1915	Book 2294, Page 133
Max Lemkin and Charles Wineapple of Salem to Warren Five Cents Savings Bank	September 22, 1916	Book 2343, Page 495-6
Foreclosure of mortgage by Warren Five Cents Savings Bank	April 25, 1933	Book 2950, Page 309-311
Warren Five Cents Savings Bank to Rose Freedberg of Salem	May 2, 1933	Book 2950, Page 91
Rose Freedberg of Salem to Elm Hill Realty Company of Peabody	May 12, 1937	Book 3112, Page 207
Elm Hill Realty Company of Peabody to David J. Gordon of Peabody	December 31, 1947	Book 3582, Page 438
David J. Gordon of Beverly to David J. Gordon Trustee of the David J. Gordon Trust	September 17, 1963	Book 5107, Page 69
Rebecca Gordon, Trustee of the David J. Gordon Trust to Frederick D. Small	June 26, 1985	Book 7809, Page 417
Frederick D. Small and Karen J. Small to Bank Of New England, NA	November 6, 1986	Book 8614, Page 63
Foreclosure of mortgage; foreclosure deed to Small Fry Properties, Inc.	September 1, 1989	Book 10199, Page 72
Small Fry Properties, Inc. to Salem Point LP	December 27, 1991	Book 11080, Page 456
Salem Point LP to Salem Point II LP	July 16, 2014	Bok 33413, Page 603