



Notes on 52 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 36-38-40 Ward Street on the 1911 map includes the area that is now 52 Ward Street on the current assessor's map.

Prior to the fire, the area that is 52 Ward Street was owned by Mendel Coller and Louis Coller. The pamphlet "1914 Data on Burned District at Salem, MA", published by F.W. Dodge Co. lists Louis Collier as owning wooden apartments and stores on the site. After the fire, the property was transferred a number of times in 1915 until it is finally conveyed to Joseph Wolocko and Zofia Wolocko. Based on the Building Inspection Records from the Salem Historical Commission, Joseph Wolocko was likely the owner of the building at 52 Ward Street when it was inspected by the City for habitation on September 2, 1915; the inspection card names the structure the "Wolocko Building." The following evidence indicates that Joseph and Zophia Wolocko were the owners of the property that is now 52 Ward Street when it was inspected and that the building was built in 1915:

Deed descriptions from the Essex South County Registry of Deeds—1915 deeds are all dated in the Spring/Early Summer of 1915 and the inspection took place on September 2, 1915

Plans on record at the Essex South County Registry of Deeds, especially the plan recorded at Book 2298, Page 200.

Building Inspection records from the Salem Historical Commission as noted above.

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According to Salem Town Directories in 1917 and 1918, Joseph Wolocko's profession is listed as "shoe worker" and that he and "Sophia" were living at 52 Ward Street. Joseph and Sophia Wolocko appear in the 1920 United States Census, shown as living at 52 Ward Street with their three children, all born in Massachusetts. Their immigration year appears to be about 1907 and Joseph is 38 years of age and Sophia is 35 years of age in 1920. They are both from "Poland Russia" and their native tongue is Russian. The 1920 census also reveals that Joseph and Mary cannot speak English and they are "alien citizens." In addition, the record states that Joseph could read and write but Sophia could not.

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Plaque to read: Built for Joseph and Zofia Woloko, shoe workers 1915 Replaced two apartment buildings and a shop destroyed in the Great Salem Fire of 1914



Owners	Date of Conveyance	Registry Reference
John H. Nichols to William Calley	June 1, 1860	Actual deed lost—evidence of heirs recited at Book 2304, Page 342—see also discharged mortgage at Book 608, Page 58 dated June 8, 1860
Simon Scheftz to Louis Collier and Mendell Collier of Salem	September 8, 1906	Book 1838, Page 63
Mendell Collier and Sarah Collier ½ interest to Philip Collier, all of Salem	April 20, 1915	Book 2294, Page 72
Louis Collier and Phillip Collier to Joseph Wolocko and Zofia Wolocko of Salem	June 18, 1915	Book 2298, Page 200
Heirs of John Nichols to Joseph Burak and Aniela Burak of Salem	July 27, 1915	Book 2304, Page 342
Joseph Burak and Aniela Burak to Joseph Wolocko and Zofia Wolocko of Salem	July 27, 1915	Book 2315, Page 162
Heirs of Wolocko to Richard L. Willis and Jeanne H. Willis of Salem	August 12, 1963	Essex County Probate Docket No. 272777 Book 5096, Page 494
Richard L. Willis and Jeanne H. Willis to Zoel Labris and Georgette M. Labris of Salem	March 23, 1966	Book 5348, Page 273
Zoel Labris and Georgette M. Labris to Frederick D. Small	January 29, 1986	Book 8132, Page 143
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 108
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