



Notes on 6 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 4 Ward Street on the 1911 map is the area that is now 6 Ward Street on the current assessor's map.

Prior to the fire, the area that is 6 Ward Street was owned by the heirs of Timothy Kirby, Mary E. Kirby and Margaret T. Kirby, both of Salem. Timothy Kirby likely passed away around the year 1875.

The pamphlet "1914 Data on Burned District at Salem, MA", published by F.W. Dodge Co. lists Timothy Kirby as the owner of a wooden residence at 4 Ward Street.

The heirs of Timothy Kirby, Mary E. Kirby and Margaret T. Kirby, sold the lot to Claire Berube on April 26, 1915.

There does not appear to be a building inspection card referencing 4 or 6 Ward Street deposited at the Salem Historical Commission which confirms building date. According to the Salem Assessor's records, they believe the building at 6 Ward Street was built about 1914. The deed from Mary E. Kirby and Margaret T. Kirby states that they conveyed "the land in said Salem."

Based on the above evidence and the records listed below indicates that Claire Berube and her husband, Alfred Berube, were the owners of the land when the building now known as 6 Ward Street was built c. 1915.

Documents used:

Deed descriptions from the Essex South County Registry of Deeds

MACRIS On-Line Database

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According to various Salem Town Directories in 1917 and 1920, Alfred Berube appears to have been running his "painter & paper hangers, paints oils glass & wallpapers" business out of the property known as 6 Ward Street but lived at 12 Cabot Street. The 1920 United States Census confirms that Claire and Alfred Berube lived in Salem at 12 Cabot Street and that Alfred worked as a house painter and had his own shop. They had 11 children living with them and all are listed as being born in Canada, French being their mother tongue. From the census record, it appears that Claire and Alfred immigrated to the United States in 1890 and that they became citizens in 1909 and 1908. In 1920, Alfred could speak English but Claire could not, Alfred was 44 and Claire was 42.

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Plaque to read: Built for Claire and Alfred Berube, Paint and Wallpaper business, 1915. Replaced a wooden house burned in Great Salem Fire of 1914



Owners	Date of Conveyance	Registry Reference
Edward Moran and Ellen Moran of Montreal, Canada to Timothy Kirby of Salem	April 26, 1859	Book 588, Page 132
Heirs of Timothy Kirby to Claire Berube of Salem	April 26, 1915	Book 2294, Page 272
Claire Berube to Rosario V. Berube and Emma I. Berube	January 21, 1958	Book 4436, Page 172
Emma I. Berube of Salem to Rosario V. Berube of Salem	June 30, 1973	Book 5989, Page 701
Rosario V. Berube of Salem to Robert F. Rinaldo, Trustee of the Buckeye Realty Trust	June 18, 1993	Book 11944, Page 541
Robert F. Rinaldo, Trustee of the Buckeye Realty Trust to Joseph W. Hanson, Trustee of the Six Ward Street Realty Trust	August 31, 1994	Book 12728, Page 382
Joseph W. Hanson, Trustee of the Six Ward Street Realty Trust to Dylan Cadwalader, Trustee of the 6 Ward St. Realty Trust	May 13, 1999	Book 15670, Page 164
Dylan Cadwalader, Trustee of the 6 Ward St. Realty Trust to Corrado D'Ambrosio and Lisa D'Ambrosio	March 1, 2005	Book 24010, Page 447
Corrado D'Ambrosio and Lisa D'Ambrosio to Corrado D'Ambrosio, Trustee of AAD Realty Trust	March 8, 2005	Book 24071, Page 4
Corrado D'Ambrosio Trustee of AAD Realty Trust to Guilherme DePaula	April 24, 2006	Book 25590, Page 557
Guilherme DePaula to MERS, Inc.	April 24, 2006	Book 29500, Page 149
BAC Home Loans forecloses mortgage to MERS, Inc., as assigned and conveys property to Federal National Mortgage Association	April 31, 2010	Book 29500, Page 149
Federal National Mortgage Association to Dan Botwinik of Waltham	June 8, 2010	Book 29531, Page 120
Dan Botwinik of Boston to Congress & Ward, LLC	December 2, 2014	Book 33712, Page 516
Congress & Ward, LLC to Congress Street Residences, LP	June 10, 2016	Book 34994, Page 386