



Notes on 45-49 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 27-29 Ward Street on the 1911 map includes the area that is now 45-49 Ward Street on the current assessor's map.

Prior to the fire, the area that is 45-49 Ward Street was owned by Frank and Mary Ciesznski. The pamphlet "1914 Data on Burned District at Salem, MA", published by F.W. Dodge Co. lists Mary Ciesznski as owning a wooden residence on the site. They retained ownership after the fire and it would seem they rebuilt on the same lot after the fire. Based on the Building Inspection Records from the Salem Historical Commission, Frank and Mary Ciesznski were the owners and they likely directed the building of 45-49 Ward Street; the inspection card names the structure the "Kocienski Building" and it was inspected for habitation on January 7, 1915. The following evidence indicates that Frank and Mary Ciesznski were the owners of the property that is now 45-49 Ward Street when it was inspected and that the building was built in 1914-1915:

Deed descriptions from the Essex South County Registry of Deeds

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

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According to the United States Census records from 1920, Frank and Mary Ciesznski (written as "Aesinski" in the 1920 census record) are shown as living at 49 Ward Street with their five children, one born in Poland and the other four born in Massachusetts. Both Frank and Mary are listed as Polish Russian and their immigration year to the United States appears to be about 1905. In 1920, the census record records Frank to be 50 years old and Mary to be 46 years old. Their native tongue is listed as Polish. The 1920 census also reveals that Joseph and Mary cannot speak English and they are "alien citizens." In addition, the 1920 census record states that neither Frank or Mary could read and write and Frank worked as a "sticker" in a leather factory. Town directories state that Frank's occupation is that of "laborer." The 1930 census reveals similar information about Frank and Mary.

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Plaque to read: Built for Frank Ciesznski, leather factory employee 1915. Replaced a house burned in the Great Salem Fire of 1914



Owners	Date of Conveyance	Registry Reference
Ameta Pszenny of Salem, MA to Maryanna Cieszynski of Salem	January 9, 1907	Book 1857, Page 369
Julia Szymanski of Salem, MA to Mary Cieszynski and Frank Cieszynski of Salem	January 24, 1908	Book 1924, Page 292
Frank Ciesznski of Salem to Mary Cieszynski of Salem	May 6, 1912	Book 2143, Page 143
Heirs of Mary Ciesinski to Josephine Demboski of Salem	May 3, 1940	Essex County Probate Docket No. 183117 Book 3216, Page 319
Josephine Demboski of Salem to Leopold J. Labrecque and Mary Eva Labrecque of Salem	June 4, 1943	Book 3332, Page 452
Leopold J. Labrecque and Mary Eva Labrecque of Salem to Andrew Papanicolaou and Lycourgus Papanicolaou of Peabody	October 22, 1951	Book 3853, Page 474
Lycourgus Papanicolaou, Administrator of Estate of Andrew Papanicolaou to Lucgourgus Papanicolaou	March 11, 1953	By License of Essex County Probate Court Book 3964, Page 85
Lycourgus Papanicolaou of Peabody to Stephen Mitsopoulos and Hedwig Mitsopoulos of Peabody	November 18, 1955	Book 4227, Page 566
Stephen Mitsopoulos and Hedwig Mitsopoulos of Peabody to Dorothy P. Zolotas of Peabody	January 12, 1956	Book 4240, Page 461
Dorothy P. Zolotas of Peabody to Walter H. Chick and Elias Theriault of Salem	May 6, 1960	Book 4664, Page 153
Walter H. Chick and Elias Theriault of Salem To Joseph V. Ventura and Edyth E. Ventura Of Wakefield	January 16, 1963	Book 5029, Page 35
Joseph V. Ventura and Edyth E. Ventura of Wakefield to Harry Johnson of Lynn	April 18, 1966	Book 5354, Page 651
Harry Johnson of Lynn to Jerome L. Port Of Swampscott and Laurence P. McMaster Of Medford	March 10, 1972	Book 5849, Page 82
Jerome L. Port of Swampscott and Laurence P. McMaster of Medford to Thomas Karademos of Marblehead	June 7, 1973	Book 5981, Page 421
Thomas Karademos of Marblehead to Donald J. Clarke, Edward J. Clarke and Jacob S. Segal, Trustees of the Clarke Jacobs Realty Trust	January 4, 1980	Book 6668, Page 338
Donald J. Clarke and Jacob S. Segal, Trustees of the Clarke Jacobs Realty Trust to Frederick D. Small and Karen J. Small of Topsfield	March 30, 1985	Book 7703, Page 159
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 102



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