

FORM G - STREETScape

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Newburyport

Street name Carter Street

Addresses (inclusive) 20-56 Carter St.,

51 Carter St.

Present use Residential

Description:

General date or period 1850-1870

Dominant architectural styles _____

Vernacular Greek Revival and Victorian

Major intrusions None

4. Map. Draw map of street, clearly showing all buildings; indicate street addresses and approximate date for all buildings; identify intrusions by use or type. Indicate north.

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Development

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6. Themes. Check as many as applicable to streetscape

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____x	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____x	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community Development	_____x				

7. Significance. Explain historical and/or architectural significance of streetscape. Include explanation of themes checked.

The Carter Street streetscape is extremely significant because it gives an excellent view of a working class neighborhood built for the Ocean Steam Mills between 1845 and 1870. The street is made up of single family cottages with several two family dwellings. Nearly all of the buildings were built in the Greek Revival style with very simple details. Several have the turned brackets so typical of the Victorian styles popular during the later nineteenth century. Many of the homes were built on speculation and nearly all were associated with the owners or workers of the Ocean Steam Mills.

There are three types of domestic buildings on the streetscape. The first, and most common, is the one and a half story single family cottage with gable roof, gable end facing the street. In most cases these were built between 1850 and 1860. They have simple trabeated doorways. Some have sidelights or pilasters flanking the door. Nearly all have a wide fascia in the entablature above. Cornerboards sometimes carrying a classically inspired cornice are unusual. Some of the later examples have brackets cut out of flat boards in the cornice. A good example is 51 Carter Street, along with 47+49 Carter were built by Augustus L. Papanti. Papanti built many buildings in the North End on speculation. Other excellent examples of this type of house are 24 Carter Street and 3 Carter Street. The latter was built about 1851 by Thomas Atwood as housing for the Ocean Mills. Atwood also built 7 and 9 Carter Street.

The second type of dwelling on Carter Street is also a single family residence but much simpler in style. It has two stories, once again with gable roof facing the street. In some cases, however, the entrance is on the side. These homes have little or no architectural

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detail. Examples can be seen at 36, 34, and 32 Carter Street. These were all built by Albert Currier, a noted Newburyport contractor, as housing for the Ocean Steam Mills. These homes were inhabited by laborers and machinists, blacksmiths, and several shoecutters as well as workers at the Ocean Mills.

Finally, there were several two-family houses built on Carter Street during this period. Examples are 29-31 and 38-40 Carter Street. These have simple Greek Revival cornices, cornerboards and doorways, and were but another variation of working class housing in Newburyport's North End.

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4. Map

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