

FORM G - STREETScape

In area no.	Form no.
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1. Town Newburyport

Street name Otis Place

Addresses (inclusive) 3-5, 7-9, 11-15-17, 19-25, Otis Place, 4, 10-14-16, 18 Otis Place

Present use Residential

Description:

General date or period 1880-1910

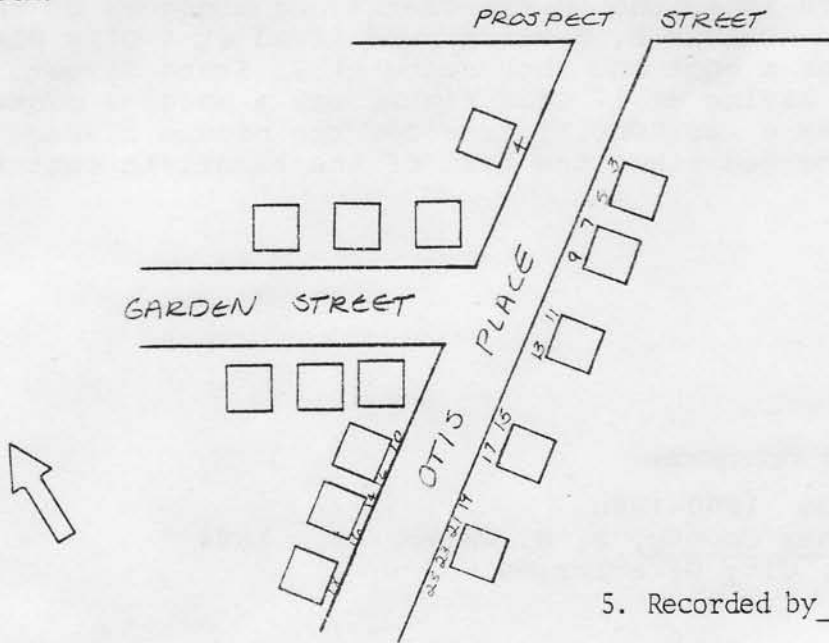
Predominant architectural styles \_\_\_\_\_

Vernacular 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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6. Themes. Check as many as applicable to streetscape

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

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

Otis Place was laid out about 1880. Nearly all of the homes on this street were built in the next thirty years. The development of the area was apparently carried out, at least in part, by Orlando and Willard Hatch. These two men were carpenters and shipjoiners. They owned interests in several homes on Otis Place including 14-16 and 19-25 Otis Place. Neither of the men lived on the Street. Orlando lived on Forrester Street and Willard on Federal Street.

The homes along Otis Place are vernacular in style. They reflect many of the Victorian styles that had been popular in the preceding decades. The house at 15-17 Otis Place has the bold turned brackets and projecting bay windows and roof dormers of the earlier Italianate styles. 19-25 Otis Place also has turned brackets, projecting bays and also a variety of shingles and carving. This probably reflects not only the Queen Anne and other Victorian styles, but also the fact that the owners, the Hatch brothers, were carpenters and joiners.

Otis Place developed because there was a need for middle class housing near Newburyport's central business district. The homes built on Otis Place were inhabited by the clerks and managers of the businesses in Market Square. George E. Moulton, who lived at 4 Otis Place in 1909 was the manager of a boot and shoe store at 21 State Street. In 1889 William P. Dame, living at 17 Otis Place, was a baggage master. Otis Place developed as a residential area for the middle class. It remains today almost unchanged since the turn of the twentieth century.

8. Bibliography and/or references

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