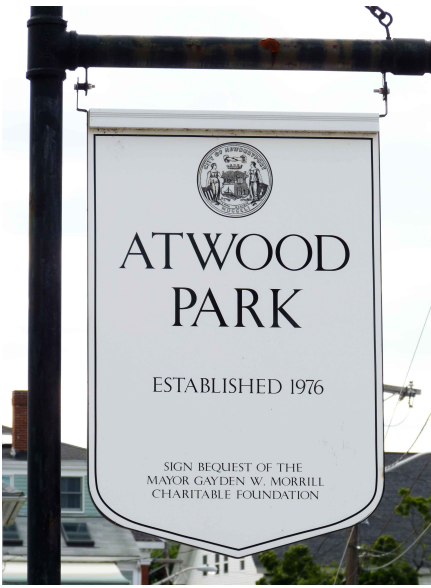
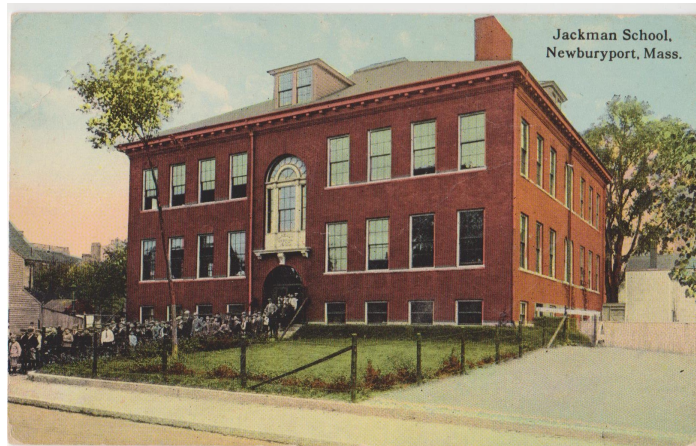


History of Atwood Park



In the early 1970s, Elizabeth and Bill Harris lobbied for creation of a formal park at the poorly maintained site of the Jackman School, by then demolished. They asked that the Park be named in honor of Margaret Atwood, who lived in the brick Federal residence at the corner of Lime & Atwood Streets (which they have owned since 1969). This was done in 1976. Mrs. Atwood, daughter of a shipwright (designer), and wife of a ship captain, took charge of four vessels that operated from Atwood Wharf (closer to downtown). Margaret Atwood was an earlier feminist, opening her large house to teach young women reading and writing before they were admitted to the public schools of the Town of Newburyport. When she died, she left much of her estate to support the poor of the Town of Newburyport.

There is an interpretative panel at the southeast end of the park that elaborates on the legacy of Margaret Atwood and the History of the former school. The Jackman School was demolished in 1972.



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