

Cottage Street

- 33 - Gambrel Roof Cottage, 1853. Owned by Dr. Morton, inventor of ether, moved from Town Hall grounds, altered.
- 34-36 - Victorian, 1895. Greatly altered to multi-family.
- 38 - Victorian Cottage, 1871.
- 39 - Shingle Bungalow, 1917.
- 40 - Cottage, 1871. Built as a barn for #38. Moved forward on lot.
- 41 - Village Colonial, 1904.
- 42 - Colonial, 1910.
- 43-45 - Queen Anne, 1869. Greatly altered to multiple family.
- 47-49 - Capes, 1956, on site of Brookside Laundry.
- 52 - Greek Revival Cottage, 1861, with barn.
- 55 - Dutch Colonial, 1923.
- 56 - Greek Revival, 1876.
- 57 - Bungalow, 1924.
- 58 - Victorian Colonial, 1856. Moved from Grove St.
- 59 - Italianate Victorian, 1884. Greatly altered.

Weston Road

- 14 - English Style, 1909.
- 15 - Greek Revival Cottage, 1838. Moved from Washington Street.
- 16 - Greek Revival Cottage, 1861.
- 18 - Colonial Revival, 1896.
- 19 - Cape Cottage, 1836.
- 25 - Shingle Victorian, 1890.
- 26 - Queen Anne, 1896.
- 32 - Colonial Cottage, 1836. Extensive Victorian additions.

Abbott Street

- 16 - Victorian Stick Style, 1887.
- 18 - Greek Revival Cottage, 1880.
- 19 - Colonial, 1930.
- 20 - Greek Revival, 1872.
- 17 - Victorian.

Waban Street

- 10 - Queen Anne Victorian, 1891.
- 12 - Clapboard Victorian, 1887.
- 14 - Queen Anne Victorian, 1890.
- 17 - Queen Anne Victorian, 1887.

Washington Street

- 626 - Victorian, 1886.
- 629 - Victorian, 1895.
- 631 - Greek Revival Cottage, 1775. Remodeled in mid-nineteenth century.
- 635 - Victorian.
- 637 - Colonial Revival, 1922. Former Wellesley College Dormitory.
- 641 - Greek Revival, 1848. Former home of Mr. Lovewell, owner of shoe factory. Now parking lot.

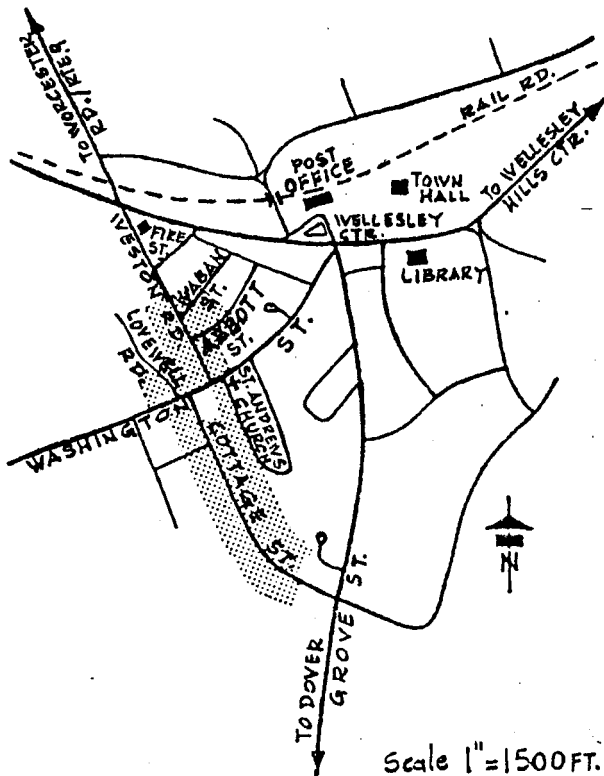
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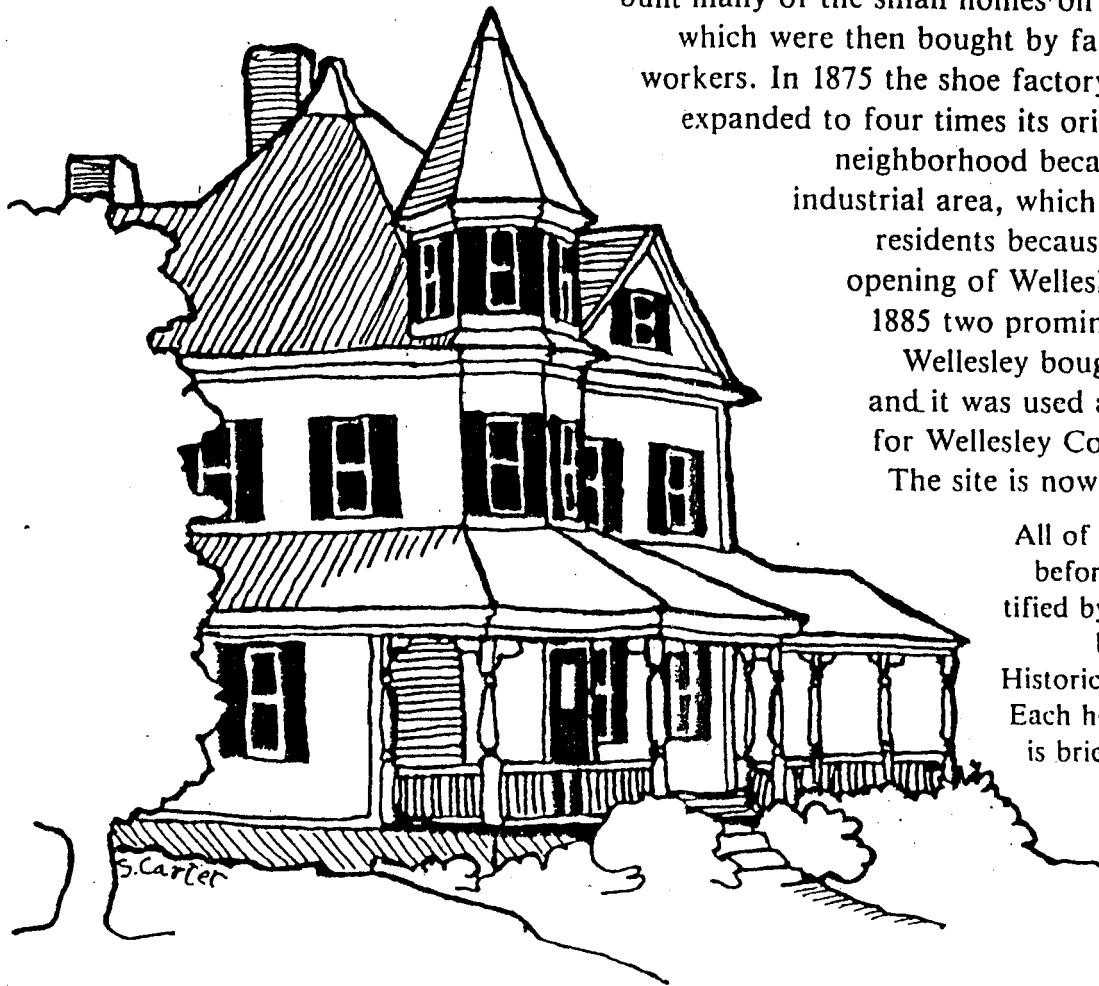


The Wellesley Historic District

The Wellesley Historic District consists of Cottage Street, some of Washington Street, Weston Road, Abbott and Waban Streets. It includes many houses with architectural styles spanning a period of over two hundred years. The purpose of the district is to promote the education, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places significant to the history of the Town of Wellesley and the Commonwealth. Properties within the district are given architectural protection by the Historic District Commission.

Prior to the coming of the "machine age" there were only five houses in the area which were built before 1850. In the early 1860's a shoe factory was built facing the intersection of Weston Road and Washington Street. Later, Mr. Lovewell, the owner of the factory, built many of the small homes on Cottage Street which were then bought by farmers and mill workers. In 1875 the shoe factory was sold and expanded to four times its original size. The neighborhood became a potential industrial area, which concerned the residents because of the recent opening of Wellesley College. In 1885 two prominent citizens of Wellesley bought the factory and it was used as a dormitory for Wellesley College students. The site is now a parking lot.

All of the houses built before 1881 are identified by plaques issued by the Wellesley Historical Commission. Each house in the area is briefly described in this pamphlet.



Description of Buildings in Historic District

Cottage Street

- 7 - Queen Anne Town House, 1888. First of three built by Mr. Rollins for his children. Greatly altered.
- 8 - Dutch Colonial, 1900. Moved from Denton Rd.
- 9 - Queen Anne Town House, 1888. Second Rollins house, little changed.
- 10 - Greek Revival Cottage, 1869. Built by owner of adjacent shoe factory, probably for foreman.
- 11 - Queen Anne Town House, 1888. Third Rollins House, modified.
- 12 - Greek Revival Cottage, 1869. Built by shoe factory owner.
- 14 - Greek Revival Cottage, 1887
- 15 - Greek Revival Cottage, 1864. Little altered.
- 16 - Victorian Shingle Style, 1905. Modified.
- 17 - Victorian, 1874. Greatly enlarged to house Wellesley College Girls.
- 19 - Cape, 1937.
- 20 - Greek Revival Cottage, 1856. First house on street. Little changed.
- 21 - Greek Revival Cottage, 1857. Little altered.
- 22 - Victorian Shingle Style, 1900.
- 23 - Greek Revival Cottage, 1885.
- 24 - Victorian, 1871. Greatly altered to multi-family.
- 25 - Greek Revival Cottage, 1877.
- 26 - Queen Anne Style, 1871. Greatly altered.
- 28 - Colonial Revival, 1926.
- 29 - Greek Revival Cottage, 1876.
- 30 - Greek Revival Cottage, 1876.
- 30 1/2 - Village Colonial, 1904.
- 32 - Greek Revival Cottage, 1877.