

FORM G - STREETSCAPE

Assessor's Sheets

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Numbers

Massachusetts Historical Commission

80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

70

Marlborough

K; S

575-577



#575

#576

#577

Town Marlborough

Place (neighborhood or village) _____

Church Street Area

Addresses (inclusive) _____

6, 12, 16 McIntyre Court

Range of Dates or Period 1880's

Predominant Architectural Styles/Forms _____

vernacular Queen Anne gable-ends

Alterations 6: asbestos siding; 12: synthetic

siding, windows repl; porch enclosed; 16: encl. porch, door replaced, garage added.

General Condition fair to good

Acreage less than one acre

Recorded by Anne Forbes, consultant

Organization Marlborough Historical Comm.

Date (month/day/year) 9/5/94

Sketch Map

Draw a map of the streetscape indicating properties within it. Number each property. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space here is not sufficient. Indicate North with an arrow.



STREETSCAPE FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION *see continuation sheet*

Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other streetscapes and similar buildings in the community.

This little streetscape is the most nearly identical of any line of houses in the Church Street area. Although these three buildings have all been altered, and their original details varied slightly, they are all clearly of the same form, proportions, and general design. The housetype here is the small two bay gable-end cottage with a south-side ell or wing. All stand on brick foundations. The facades each have a one-story bay window beside the door. At 6 and 16 McIntyre the bay is rectangular; at #12 it is polygonal. 6 and 12 are unusual in the long shed roofs on the bay and above the door; at #12 those are hipped. 2-over-2-sash windows remain at #s 6 and 16.

All three houses have molded, boxed roof cornices and long decorative braces at the door hoods. #6 retains paired sawcut brackets at the cornice line, and is the only one that still has an original, located on its side wing. #16, which has not undergone a change of siding, has a decorative vertical-board panel on each side of the bay window, under the slope of the roof, a feature that may have originally been on #6 as well.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE *see continuation sheet*

Explain the history of this streetscape, and how it relates to the overall development of the community.

As the Church Street area developed through the second half of the nineteenth century, small developers and individual carpenter/builders put up several small clusters of similar or near-identical houses. This group of three rental cottages is the only one to date for which the developer has been identified, and it may be the only one that appears to have involved the laying-out of an entire side street. All three houses were put up by **William W. McIntyre**, who lived at 23 Sawin Street and owned about an acre of land behind it. In the late 1890's he had a flour and grain business at the base of East Main Street, but in the late 1880's, at about the time these houses were built, he is listed as a builder. Thus it is likely that, in addition to owning the houses, he may have actually constructed them, as well.

An article in the Marlborough Enterprise on December 31, 1989 mentions W.W. McIntyre erecting a "cottage house" on a new street off Sawin, saying that he had proposed six more for the spring of 1890. Since all three of these houses are shown standing on the map of 1889, it is likely that this article refers to another location. If so, it would be Gates Avenue, where several other, somewhat larger gable-end houses were built during the 1890's.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

Maps, birdseye views, and atlases: Walker: 1889.

Marlborough directories and tax valuations.

The Marlborough Enterprise. 12/31/89.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

Marlborough

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STREETSCAPE DATA SHEET

MHC#	Parcel #	Street Address	Historic Name	Date	Style/type
575	70-369	6 McIntyre Court	McIntyre rental house	1880's	Q. Anne vernac.
576	70-368	12 McIntyre Court	McIntyre rental house	1880's	Q. Anne vernac.
577	70-367	16 McIntyre Court	McIntyre rental house	1880's	Q. Anne vernac.



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