

For its association with the expansion of Westwood Borough in the late 19th to early 20th century from a small commercial enclave into a commuter railroad suburb, the Jefferson Ave Historic District was designated by the Borough of Westwood in 2011.



To protect the historic value of this neighborhood which encompasses 57-77 Jefferson Avenue (lots 13-17), each property is subject to additional review by the Historic Preservation Commission and Planning Board in advance of exterior alterations, new construction, relocation, or demolition. Review ensures properties retain their distinguishing original characteristics by encouraging repair over replacement whenever possible, while still acknowledging the need for modern use and accessibility.

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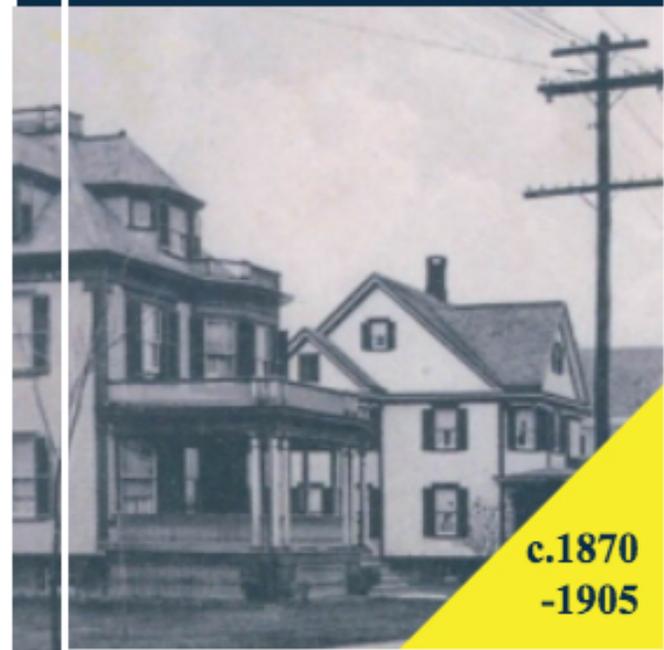
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c.1870
-1905

Following the introduction of passenger rail service linking Westwood to NYC in 1870, an initial wave of residential development radiated outward from the Westwood train station. Increased passenger service, the construction of a water plant (1899), and the introduction of electricity which increased the Borough's population from 828 to 1,870 residents between 1900-1910 The Jefferson Avenue Historic District encapsulates that development trajectory.

57 Jefferson Ave (c.1905)

This American Foursquare was re-sided in 1958 with asbestos and underwent extensive restorations beginning in 2018. As part of the Planning Board and HPC review of renovation appropriateness, the property will retain its unique slatted balustrade, but windows and gutters will be replaced by reversible alternatives.



Over time, the majority of the homes have been subjected to front, side, and rear additions in order to accommodate single-family expansions, mixed-use, and/or multi-family conversions but the historic street-scape impression still exists.

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59 Jefferson Ave (c.1905)

63 Jefferson Ave (c.1905)

59 & 63 have roofs covered in asphalt shingles and parged stucco foundations. The wooden entry doors under wooden entablatures are set within the wrap around porches. The gable-front domers on 63 were likely added in 1987. Like their neighbors, these homes are minimally set back.



It is likely the Queen Ann Revival style homes with irregular roofs and multiple gables at 73 and 77 Jefferson were constructed c.1890 by George T. Brickell, a judge and local real estate investor, during the first wave of suburban residential development in the Borough. Numbers 57, 59, and 63 were designed in the Colonial Revival, American Foursquare style c.1905 under ownership of his son, Thomas G. Brickell, director of the First National Bank, mayor of Westwood, postmaster, and town collector.



Southeast from Center, 1913

Despite alterations, the cohesiveness of this block is derived from its similarity in bulk (2.5 story frame houses), its irregularity of massing (multiple gable-front dormers and bays), its wraparound porches, and surviving elements including select columns, window and door entablatures, wooden doors, and ribbon windows.



Southwest from Farview, 1900

73 Jefferson Ave (c.1890)

77 Jefferson Ave (c.1890)

This pair of 3-bay single-family dwellings have been covered in aluminum siding, prior to designation. However, the wraparound porches supported by turned wooden posts and slatted balustrades of 73 recall the pre 20th century expansion of the not-yet-founded borough. 77 completes the streetscape and retains some roofline gingerbread fretwork.



^ Archival photo of 73 Jefferson

