



# Downtown Keene

an  
historic Inventory

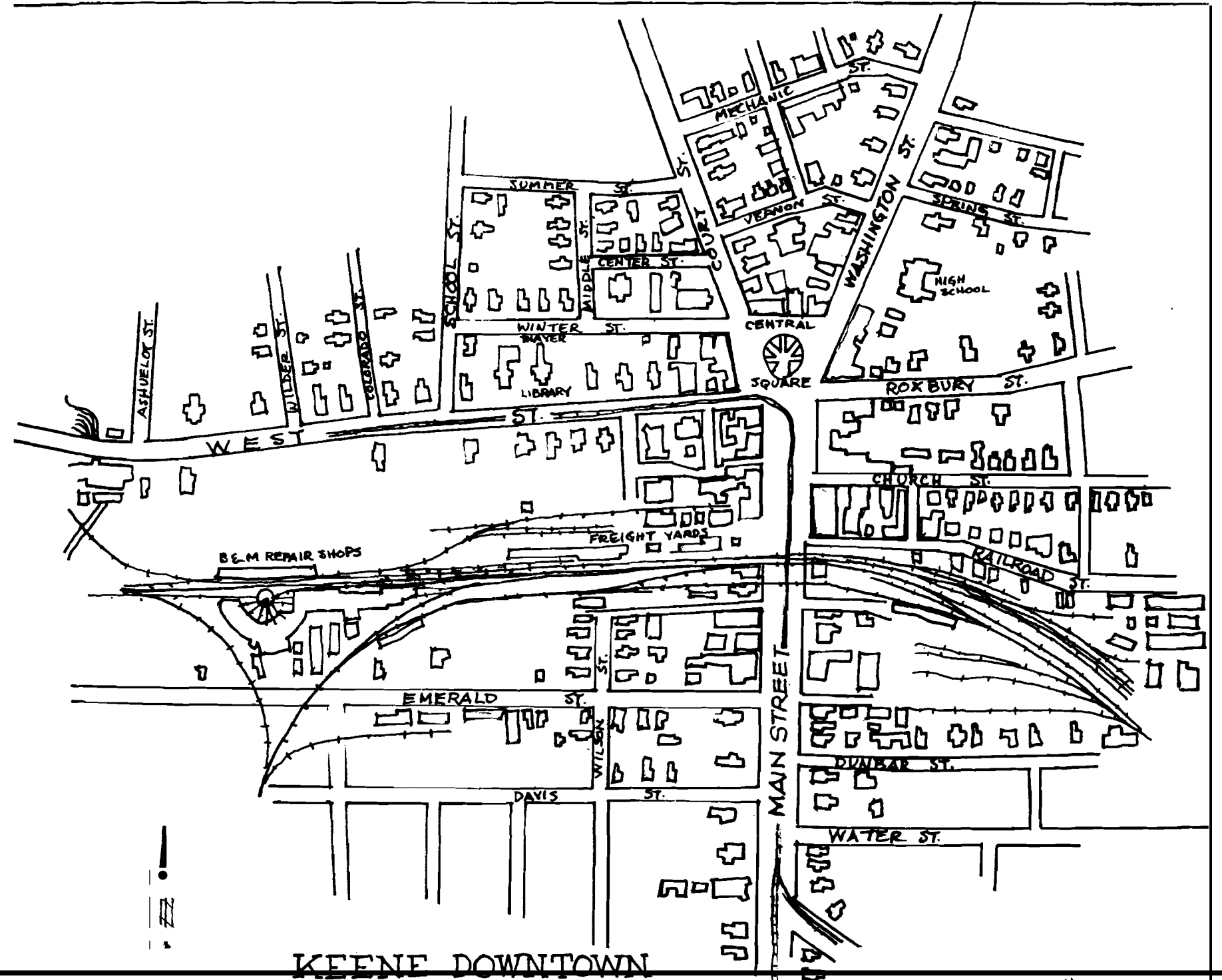
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An Historic Inventory

This document was prepared to tabulate the buildings existing in 1983 in downtown Keene, New Hampshire, establish their age, and provide a brief history of each property. Sources of information included the Keene History, Keene Public Library, Cheshire County Historical Society, City Tax Records, and David Proper, Historian.

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KEENE DOWNTOWN

from Samuel Wadsworth map -

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

<u>Address of Property</u>	<u>Owner and Address</u>	<u>Tax Map No.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>History</u>
1-3 Central Square	Cheshire County Savings Bank POBox 746	17-7-12	1870	Originally 5 stories. After 1934 fire, two upper floors removed.
4-7 Central Square	Central Square Housing Associates 106 Washington St.	17-17-11	1870	Known as the Colony Block. When built, lower floor was of marble.
8-10 Central Square	City of Keene	17-7-10	1866	Built by Charles Bridgman after 1862 fire destroyed original building.
11 Central Square	City of Keene	17-7-9	1868	Site of Post Office 1861-65. After 1865 fire present block built.
16 Central Square	Public Service Co. of New Hampshire	3-1-9	1941	Public Service and Bank on site of old Clarke Block that was built in 1865.
20 Central Square	Indian Head Nat'l Bank	2-1-8	1926	After 1880 fire, block was re-built with auditorium (Liberty Hall) on third floor.
23 Central Square	United Church of Christ	3-1-7	1786	Originally sited near Civil War monument on common. Moved in 1828 to current location. Remodeled 1859-60 when 152 foot tower & spire was added. Placed in National Register of Historic Places in 1982.
27-36 Central Square	One Twenty two, Inc. Thomas Matheson Frederick Fletcher	1-1-15-16	1828	Known as Ball's Block. Built by 'Abijah & Azel Wilder and was 3 stories. Sold in 1863 to George Ball. Third story removed late 1920s.
37 Central Square	Shedd Brothers, Inc.	1-1-1	1824	Outside remains basically same as when built. Site of Keene's oldest drug store, established in 1840. Originally northern half of Courthouse when built.

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39 & 42 Central Square	Frederick Fletcher Milford, NH	1-1-16	1824  1904	Southern half of Courthouse built in 1824. Was G. H. Tilden Co. for many years. Chamberlain Block, site of Chamberlain store for many years. Occupied by Sears, Roebuck & Co. since 1933.
43 Central Square	Thomas Matheson Old Joslin Road	1-1-15	1825	An early site of Keene Sentinel. Site of men's clothing store since 1843 and jewelry store since 1898.
50 Central Square	Keene Savings Bank	1-1-13	1895	Post Office 1896-1911- Ashuelot Bank site 1924-62
<u>Main Street - East Side (Even Numbers)</u>				
2-18 Main Street	Heirs of Alice H. Ellis POBox 22	22-1-1.01	1934	One story block built on site of famed Cheshire House built in 1830s. Torn down in 1934.
20 Main Street	Alice H. Ellis Estates POBox 22	22-1-1.02	1934	Kresge Block, built on site of southern wing of the Cheshire House.
26-34 Main Street	W. L. Goodnow Co 26 Main Street	22-1-2	1890 1901	Northern block built by Elisha F. Lane followed by southern block. Two blocks badly damaged by 1934 fire. W. L. Goodnow Co. established 1893.
46 Main Street	Woolworth Co. POBox 1665 Milwaukee, WI 53201	22-2-4	1963	Built on site of first Unitarian meetinghouse in Keene.
58-66 Main Street	New England Telephone Boston, MA 02107			Built on site of N. G. Gurnsey & Sons Block. Had been known as Newberry Block until torn down in late 1960s.
82 Main Street	Simon's Realty Corp.	23-4-2	1950	

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88-90 Main Street	Heirs of Junie Coughlin POBox 527	23-4-1	1930	
100 Main Street	Keene Cooperative Bank	23-2-5	1961	Built on site of Baker-Wright house, long time landmark on Main Street.
106 Main Street	TDLC Corporation 133 School Street	23-2-4	1967	Originally site of 24 room hospital built in 1830s by Dr. Amos Twitchell.
110-120 Main Street	Isadore Borofsky 540 Main Street	23-2-3	1952	Known as Eagle Hotel Block. Operated as hotel from 1804 to 1952. Destroyed by fire 1968.
124 Main Street	Ellis Robertson Corp POBox 445	23-2-2	1969	
<u>Main Street - West Side (Odd Numbers)</u>				
1-3 Main Street	Franklin H. Hopkins 7 Main Street	46-1-5	1815	Known as Elliot or St. John's Block. Originally 2 stories with 3rd and 4th floors added. During latest remodeling top floor removed.
5-9 Main Street	Franklin H. Hopkins	46-1-5	1890	Buffum Block. Site of old A & T Hall Store.
15 Main Street	Cheshire National Bank	46-1-4	1959	Partly on site of former Whitney Block built 1855. Bank moved to 15-17 Main Street in 1847, built a 2 story brick building.
25-27 Main Street	Richard and Shirley Conway	46-1-1	1882	Whipple Block. Site of William Lamson's tannery, opened in 1787.
35-43 Main Street	Chris Booras	46-2-3	1877	Long known as Lamson Block. When Latchis Theater built in 1923 re-named Latchis Block.

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43-47 Main Street	Antonia/Julia Booras 80 Ridgewood Avenue	46-2-2	1910	Bruder Block
49-55 Main Street	G. H. Tilden	46-2-1	1893	Home of The Sentinel until 1930.
77 Main Street	Constantine Houpis Main Street	46-3-18	1964	Site of old railroad station build 1847-48, torn down 1910.
81 Main Street	Everett Mozier	43-3-16	1785	One of oldest Keene buildings still standing. Built by Asa Dunbar as a tavern. Home of Cynthia Dunbar, mother of Henry David Thoreau. Operating restaurant since about 1900.
87 Main Street	Ed Bergeron's Inc	46-3-15	prior to 1880	Built by Samuel Dinsmoor as a private residence. Was a restaurant for many years.
89-95 Main Street	D. Latchis, Inc	46-3-12	1923	Site of Colonial Theater.
101 Main Street	Wichland Bros.	46-3-11	1908	Exchange Block built by Elisha F. Lane. Housed telephone ex- change for almost 50 years.
109-121 Main Street	Edward Keating, Jr. Main Street	46-3-10	1972	Site of Hotel Ellis built 1830s torn down early 1970s.
125 Main Street	Mobil Oil Corp. POBox 839	48-4-4	1940	
133 Main Street	Christos AMD Isolakos	48-4-3	Old	Remodeled 1979.
143 Main Street	Maria Pappadimetriou	48-4-2	1810	
147 Main Street	JNJ Inc	48-4-1	1930	
<u>West Street - Odd Numbers</u>				
19-25 West Street	Richard W. Conway West Street	116-1-3	1955	

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33 West Street	Ashuelot Nat'l Bank	1-1-2	1962	On site of old YMCA built in 189.3 demolished in 1961.
.55 West Street	National Grange Mutual	1-1-.3	1950	
91 West Street	Keene Masonic Bldg. Assoc.	1-1-6	1924	Built 1859 by Henry Pond as home Deeded to Masons in 1918.
105 West Street	Ronald Ruffle Trustee	1-1-5	Old	Remodeled 1966.
117 West Street	Gerald A. Berube 685 Coolidge Ave Manchester NH 03102	2-1-15	1969	
129 West Street	Helen Tolman	2-1-14	1890	
14.3 West Street	Heirs of Mrs. Fred E. Barrett, 14.3 West	2-2-12	18.38	
151 West Street	Trija Ltd. 42 Park Avenue	2-2-11	Old	Remodeled 1977.
171 West Street	MLC Corporation	2-.3-1.3	1969	
189-19.3 West Street	Laurence Colony, Jr POBox 567	2-.3-12	1969	Site of city's finest example of Victorian architecture. Built 1872, demolished 1968.
<u>Even Numbers</u>				
20-22 West Street	Allan/Pauline Kendall 41 Douglass Street	46-1-6	1911	Known as Chase Block. Built by Nims Brothers who operated a grocery & provisions store.
34 West Street	Unit 29 School District	46-5-1	1910	Post Office until 1972. On site of Wm. Lamson House built 1804.
44 West Street	St. James Church 17-19 Federal Street owned by St. James Church	46-5-2 46-5-.3.0	186.3 1920	First service in 1864. Steeple erected 1869.



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60 West Street	Keene Publishing Corp	46-6-1	1930	
70 West Street	St. George Greek Church	46-6-3		Purchased Mary Faulkner estate 1941n Addition built two years later.
86 West Street	NGM Leasing Corp 55 West Street	46-6-4	1956	
100 West Street	Nat'l Grange Mutual 55 West Street	46-6-5	1956	
104 West Street	Nat'l Grange Mutual 55 West Street	46-6-6	1819	Colony House Museum. Built by Timothy Hall, later was residence of Horatio Colony, first Keene mayor.
122 West Street	Keene Savings Bank 50 Central Square	46-6-8	1978	Built on site of Noah Cooke House erected in 1791. Also site of Old Cooke Elm tree.
166 West Street	Friendly Corp. 1855 Boston Road Wilbraham, MA	47-1-1	1976	
172 West Street	Cheshire Co. Savings Bank, POBox 746	47-1-3.01		Residence remodelled into offices early 1960's.
194 West Street	Cheshire Co. Savings Bank, POBox 746	47-1-3	1950's	Originally First National Store, remodelled 1972.
<u>St. James Street</u>				
43 St. James Street	John M. Croteau 400 Main Street	46-6-11	1800	
49 St. James Street	John M. Croteau 400 Main Street	46-6-10	1929	
<u>Winter Street</u>				
51 Winter	Ernest Bell & Arnold Falk	1-4-10		

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60 Winter Street	Keene Public Library	1-1-7	1869	Known as Henry Colony House. Given by Edward C. Thayer to city for use as Library in 1898. Wife gave \$5000 for purchase of books. Addition dedicated 1980.
61 Winter Street	Ernest Bell and Arnold Falk	1-4-9	1860	
67 Winter Street	Joseph/Carolyn Lucius	1-4-8	1860	
75 Winter Street	Kurt/Catherine Winters	1-4-7	1865	
<u>Middle Street</u>				
8 Middle Street	Ernest Bell and Arnold Falk	1-4-10		
16 Middle Street	Ernest Bell and Arnold Falk	1-4-11	1840	
22 Middle Street	R J Shortlidge, Jr	1-4-12	1890	
28 Middle Street	C & K Realty Co, Inc	1-4-13	1840	
29 Middle Street	Peter S. Espieffs	1-3-4	1840	
<u>Center Street</u>				
7,9, Center Street	Chris/Anna Tasoulas POBox 562	1-3-10 1-3-11	1870	Part of Barker Block built by Fred Barker as 7 units. First condominium in city. Used lottery to sell units but was illegal. Now has 21 units.
11 Center Street	Howard/Jane Buss 684 Main Street	1-3-9	1870	Part of Barker Block
23 Center Street	Monadnock United Fund	1-3-7.001	1850	
29 Center Street	Ernest Bell, III	1-3-6	1840s	
33 Center Street	Helen Murphy	1-3-5	1800	

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<u>Court Street - Odd Numbers</u>				
7-15 Court Street	John/Mabel Perry 26 Court Street	3-1-4	1883	Was known as Museum Block, name of dry goods store that moved into block in 1885. More recently known as Perry Block.
49 Court Street	Foley Funeral Home	3-3-4	1850	
55 Court Street	Surry Mountain Corp 15 Prescott Street	3-3-3		
61 Court Street	Erwin M. Adams 46 Green Acres Rd.	3-3-2		
<u>Court Street - Even Numbers</u>				
12 Court street	Cheshire County Court House	1-2-1	1858	Erected 1857-58, extension built 1911, remodeled in 1979
26 Court Street	Heirs of James Perry 26 Court Street	1-3-12	1870	Part of Barker Block.
28,30 Court Street	Chris/Anna Tasoulas POBox 562	1-3-13	1870	Part of Barker Block.
32 Court Street	Dostilio Realty Co 82 Spring Street	1-3-14	1870	Part of Barker Block.
34 Court Street	Grace Methodist Church	1-3-17	1868	Building dedicated end of 1869. On site of original frame church built 1852 that was moved to Vernon Street.
<u>Washington Street</u>				
1-11 Washington St.	City Hall City of Keene	17-7-8	1849	Awning removed 1928, Tower removed 1955, Roof lowered 1960. Housed town library.
17 Washington Street	Keene Junior High Union School District 34 West Street		1912- 1913	Originally built as the high school, addition in 19400 Became junior high in 1960.

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26 Washington Street	Libbares Brothers	3-1-11	1873	Built by Joseph Warren. Was confectionery/restaurant for 40 years by late Fred/Joseph Libbares. Site of school 1793.
32-34 Washington St.	Keene Cooperative Bank, 100 Main St.	3-1-12.01	1926	Bennett Block. Was site of livery business middle 1800s.
36-38 Washington St.	Keene Cooperative Bank, 100 Main St.	3-1-12.02 3-1-12.03	early 1900s	Originally a private home until 1920, then converted to business block.
40 Washington St.	Robert E. McLean	3-1-3	1950	Behind block is wooden ell of original house built in early 1800s.
52 Washington Street	Fifty-two Washington Street, Inc.	3-2-5	1864	
64 Washington Street	NE Telephone Co 185 Franklin St. Boston, MA 02107	3-2-6	1955	
74 Washington Street	First Church of Christ Science	3-2-7		Purchased and remodeled. First service held there in 1947.
82 Washington Street	82 Washington St. Inc.	3-2-1	1833	Jailer's House built adjoining Keene's stone prison. Became private home in 1884 when prison torn down.
<u>Vernon Street</u>				
10 Vernon Street	Bernard Streeter	3-1-1	1901	Known for years as Corey Block Grocery store for about 50 yrs.
11 Vernon Street	Paul S. Trask	3-2-4	1855	
24 Vernon Street				
32 Vernon Street	Keene Fire Dept	3-1-2	1926	Rebuilt following fire to replace original one built 1885.

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39 Vernon Street	Arthur Olson, Jr.	3-3-6	1880	
<u>Elm Street</u>				
1 Elm Street		J-2-J		
9-21 Elm Street	Zerba Realty Corp	J-2-2	1895	
25 Elm Street	George Miller Est.	J-5-11	1890	
<u>Mechanic Street</u>				
15-23 Mechanic Street	Brian Johnson 45 Centerview Dr. Swanzy Center	J-6-9	1880	
27 Mechanic Street	Arlie MacKenzie RFD 2, Box 310A	J-6-7	1928	Old GAR building
28 Mechanic Street	Zerba Realty Corp 9 Elm Street	J-2-	1880s	One of the buildings of the Impervious Package Co.
35 Mechanic Street	Elmer Anderson	J-5-7		
40 Mechanic Street	Zerba Realty Corp 9 Elm Street	J-2-	1880s	Site of Impervious Package Co that made pails and buckets. Incorporated 1883, went out of business about 1928.
57-59 Mechanic Street	Stanley Bednar 38 Shirley Road Waltham, MA 02154	J-4-10	1860	
67 Mechanic Street		J-4-9		
71,73 Mechanic Street	John Reynolds 228 Court St	J-4-8		
<u>Roxbury Street - Odd Numbers</u>				
9-23 Roxbury Street	Heirs of Alice Ellis F 0 Box 22	22-1-1	188J	Built after fire destroyed wooden ell of Cheshire House.

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25 Roxbury Street	Clesson Blaisdell 72 Ridgewood Ave	22-1-17		
37-39 Roxbury Street	Clesson Blaisdell	22-1-18	1940	
43,45 Roxbury Street	Roxbury Realty Co Inc, 45 Roxbury St	22-1-14	1961	
1 65 Roxbury Street	Gascon Inc/c/o Simon Cohn, POBox 702	22-1-19	1961	
81 Roxbury Street	Elks Lodge #927 POBox 388	22-1-12	1962	
<u>Even Numbers</u>				
24-32 Roxbury Street	Central Square Housing Associates 106 Washington St	17-7-13 and 17-7-14	1982 to 1984	Had been several small shops until torn down to make room for elderly housing. One building built in 1841 had been known as The Old Kimball House
38 Roxbury Street	Keene YMCA	17-7-15	1875	Built by Dr. George Twitchell. Later was Odd Fellows Building Purchased by YMCA in 1957.
80 Roxbury Street	Odd Fellows Bldg. Assoc.	17-7-18	1964	
88 Roxbury Street	Omer/Martha Rivers	17-7-19	1870	
<u>Roxbury Plaza</u>				
4 15 Roxbury Plaza	Salvation Army Keene	22-3-12	1962	
21 Roxbury Plaza	James C. Cleveland Bldg, Emile Legere prop.	22-2-1	1972	
<u>Church Street</u>				
16 Church Street		22-1-3	1900	Gurnsey Block built as bakery made Keene Crackers, later a wholesale candy/tobacco business.

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37 Church Street	Woodward Motors, Inc 20 Greenwood Ave	22-2-3	1897	Brick factory built by Charles Jones, site of sleigh and carriage builders.
<u>Railroad Street</u>				
14 Railroad Street	Isadore Borofsky	22-2-2	late 1800s	Former site of marble and granite works.
19,35 Railroad Street	Johnson Motor Parts 19 Railroad Street	23-4-11 23-4-12	1927 1870	
61 Railroad Street	Abraham Cohen POBox 415	23-4-4		
71 Railroad Street	City of Keene	2J-4-7		
76 Railroad Street	Burr-Nichols Machine	22-3-4		
78 Railroad Street	John R. Bradshaw	23-3-5	1800s	
93 Railroad Street	City of Keene			
115 Railroad Street	Ronald A. Farina	23-4-9.03	1880s	Site of former Princess Shoe Co., originally site of Beaver Mills
<u>Cypress Street</u>				
24-26 Cypress Street	Boston & Maine RR 150 Causeway St Boston, MA	2J-4-12		
<u>Eagle Court</u>				
Eagle Court	Ellis Robertson Corp POBox 445	2J-2-7		
<u>Emerald Street - Odd Numbers</u>				
7 Emerald Street	R&L Korpi Real Estates, POBox 15J	46-3-9	1915	
31 Emerald Street	Marion L. Trudelle	46-J-8	1880	
37-39 Emerald Street	Samuel Fox 11 Woodbury Street	46-3-7		

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43-47 Emerald Street	Samuel/Mildred Fox 11 Woodbury Street	46-3-6		
73 Emerald Street	Elm City Oil Co PO Box 398	46-4-3	1943	
85 Emerald Street	Emerson O'Brien 92 Emerald St	46-4-1	1956	
105 Emerald Street	Abraham Cohen	46-4-1	1894	Cheshire Beef & Produce Co formed by William Coughlin and John Hovey. Sold by heirs in 1938 to Samuel Cohen.
149 Emerald Street	Central Screw	46-4-4	1866	Originally repairs shops for Cheshire Railroad. Remained that until B & M Railroad left Keene.
179 Emerald Street	Keene Gas Corp plant			
189 Emerald Street	Public Service Co of NH garage			
<u>Emerald Street - Even Numbers</u>				
12 Emerald Street	George Eades Estate 106 Washington St	48-4-5		
32 Emerald Street	Halo Inc RFD, Box 324	48-4-7	1870	
138-48 Emerald Street	Sanel Realty Co, Inc 38 Emerald Street	48-4-8	1902	Brick buildings were former sites for J. A. Wright Co., Hubbard Machine Shop, F. A. Putnam Mfg. Co. (now Markem Corp)
60 Emerald Street	DEA 1978 Trust	48-5-4	1900	
174 Emerald Street	" " "	" "	1870	
178 Emerald Street	" " "	" "	1870	
80 Emerald Street				
1104 Emerald Street	Keene Industrial Paper	48-5-7	Old	



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120 Emerald Street	Realty Inc	48-5-16	1890s	
<u>Wilson Street</u>				
5 Wilson Street	Theodore Chabott 19 Grove Street	46-4-6	1920	
6 Wilson Street	William J. Bishop	46-3-4	1847	
12 Wilson Street	Edward Dinagan	46-3-5	1860	
<u>Gilbo Avenue</u>				
2 Gilbo Avenue	Robert White	46-2-7.011	1950	Both properties on site of Old Railroad Station built 1847-48 torn down 1910.
12 Gilbo Avenue	City of Keene	46-2-9.01 46-2-9.02	1976	
19 Gilbo Avenue	G. A. Rigopoulos Inc	46-2-3.011	1961	

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