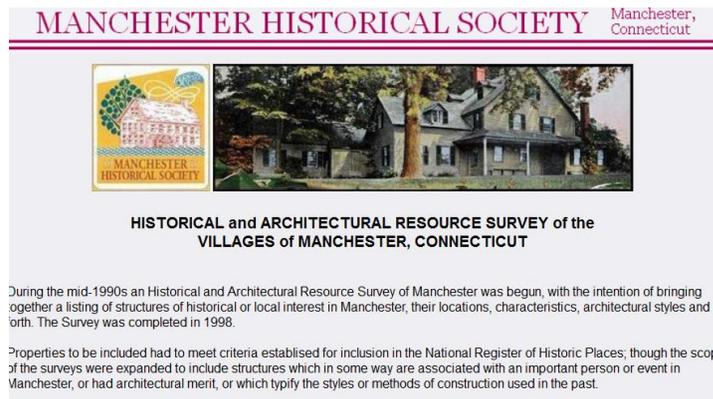
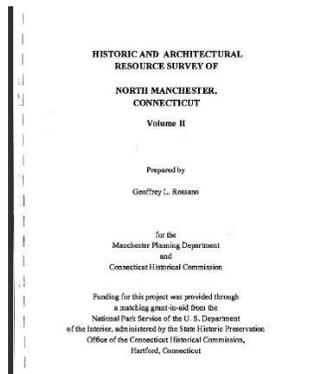


Researching Houses on the Historical Society's website www.manchesterhistory.org

Notes by webmaster Susan Barlow, in December 2016

Find info about houses in

- The Town directories: www.manchesterhistory.org Reprints Tab, Vintage Reprints, and then choose a year, 1888 to 1946.
- If the house is in a National Historic District, the nomination form for that designation is available through the National Park Service website <http://npgallery.nps.gov/nrhp/SearchResults/>. Our website has the Case Brothers and Cheney Brothers District nomination forms at www.manchesterhistory.org Reprints/Places Then and Now.
- The Historic and Architectural Surveys, conducted in Manchester during the 1990s, available on www.manchesterhistory.org Special Features tab, Historical and Architectural Surveys, and then sortable by street and area of town.



Each two-page write-up includes information about the house and about the neighborhood or “village.” The surveyors chose representative buildings and described the history of the area and its significance.

SAMPLE: 29-31 Kerry Street, built circa 1850, is described in the 1996 Historic and Architectural Resource Survey, North Manchester Volume II.

Description of house: “29-31 Kerry Street is a simple 1-1/2-story vernacular two-family residence with a gable roof, oriented with the long elevation to the street. The structure rests on a stone slab foundation and is sheathed with replacement vinyl siding. The building incorporates twin central entries and a full-width hip-roofed porch with square posts. Window sash is of 1/1 configuration arranged in a six-bay façade. Architectural features include end chimneys on the right and left.”

Significance: “Establishment of the Union Cotton Mills on the Hockanum River after 1819 soon led to the development of Union Village, a substantial industrial settlement consisting of worker housing, small shops, churches, and schools. In the 1840s and 1850s, during a period of significant business expansion, millowners constructed a series of simple one- and two-family houses for their employees on present Union, Kerry, and North Streets. They also erected a second large stone mill to supplement the facilities already on the site. Though the factories were razed early in the twentieth century, most of the original housing survives. 29-31 Kerry Street is a small modest two-family frame house and a good example of the housing provided Manchester’s millworkers in the second half of the nineteenth century. It closely resembles several of its near neighbors.”

