

OTIS MUSEUM

DATES OF BUILDINGS AND OCCUPANTS IN OTIS

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH	1828
SQUIRE FILLEYS HOUSE	1812
OSBORNE BEACH HOUSE	1825
OTIS LIBRARY	1949
OTIS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	1813
SQUIRE SEYMOUR'S STORE	1790
W. CRITTENDON HOUSE	1790
CORNWELL STRICKLAND HOUSE	1830
HELENA HALL	1868
DAY'S HOTEL	1815
S.H. NORTON STORE	1815
JACKSON GREEN NORTON HOUSE	1840
WATER'S STORE	1840
MARSHALL HOUSE (BLACKSMITH)	1830
JACKSON WAGON SHOP	1830
CONGREGATIONAL PARSONAGE	1910
JOHN SPEAR HOUSE	1790-1820
PORTER, CARTER AND CRITTENDON	1853
H.W. PORTER HOUSE	1833
CALVIN BARKER HOUSE	1826
L.J. STRICKLAND	1829
C.J. CARTER HOUSE	1836
SPELMAN FENN HOUSE	1855
ALANSON CRITTENDON HOUSE	1838
N.J. KENYON	1860
GEORGE T. NORTON HOUSE	1840
JAIRUS HASKELL	1840
FIREMAN'S HALL	1790
WATERS CLARK HOUSE	1840
TOWN GREEN	1813
LUCY HUNT HOUSE	1858
CAPT. ROMAN ALFORD HOUSE	1799
W. OTIS SCHOOL	1858
H.V. OLES HOUSE	1815-1834
CHESTER CORNWELL HOUSE	1830
REV. SMITH HOUSE	1858
RICHARD PEARL HOUSE	1790

SOURCES

GIFT OF PAST
CENTENNIAL HIST

OTIS PRE-HISTORIC
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Hawley's OTIS

CHURCH HISTORY
(CRANDALL)

OTIS TOWN REPORTS

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CALVIN PEASLEY HOUSE	1820
MILLARD THOMAS HOUSE	1835
JONES STONE BARTON HOUSE	1858-1877
THOMAS HARRINGTON HOUSE	1820
MERRITT FARM	1785
HASKELL BUDD WRIGHT HOUSE	
JAMES BRICKENRIDGE HOUSE	1782
ADONIJAH JONES HOME	1770
HUNTER PALMER HOUSE	1828
BATES WATERS HAYDEN HOUSE	1840
ARTHUR JONES HOUSE	

Old Rake Shop

1720

OLD OTIS HOMES MAPS

EDITOR'S NOTE

THE OTIS HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND OTIS MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT HAVE COLLECTED AND EXHIBITED OLD OTIS MAPS IN THE TOWN HALL. UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SELECTMEN AND TOWN CLERK, THESE CAN BE EXAMINED TO MATCH PLACES WITH OLD OCCUPANTS. SEE OTIS MAPS OF 1795, 1849 AND 1878. THE SKETCH MAP OF 1831 AND SURVEY MAP OF 1797 (GRISWOLD) AS WELL AS BETHLEHEM-LOUDON MAPS, PRE 1810, CAN BE SEEN ON WALLS AT TOWN HALL.

OUR OTIS HERITAGE

BARRY HAWLEY

1892 – TELEGRAPH CAME TO OTIS

1905 – FIRST TELEPHONE IN OTIS

MAP – OTIS CENTER 1858; RESIDENTS ON MAIN ROAD, NORTH TO SOUTH

- a. REV. T.A. HALL
- b. O. OSBORN
- c. V.R. BROOKS STORE
- d. ALFORD & PHELPS
- e. L.S. STRICKLAND
- f. J.C. JACKSON
- g. L. SPEAR
- h. F. HODGKINS
- i. C.J. CARTER
- j. DR. H.R. SPELMAN
- k. G.S. NORTON
- l. T. WOOD
- m. D.W. MERRITT

ALSO: A. CRITTENDON; V.W. HASKELL; J.L. WATERS; MRS. BARD; M. DAY; T. CRITTENDON

OTIS CENTER STRUCTURES

- a. DANIEL SUMMER HOME – LATE 1700s
- b. ISAAC NORTON HOME – BEACH PLAIN RD – 1700s
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- c. WITTER DAM, 1910
- d. RT. 23 CONSTRUCTION 1920
- e. AMOS WITTER SAWMILL, 1890
- f. STEVE & JOAN KEIDERLINGS HOME WAS BUILT IN 1790
- g. MILLARD HARRINGTON, LATE 1700s
- h. ALANSON CRITTENDON, 1830s
- i. RICHARD PEARL HOME, 1790s
- j. L.S. STRICKLAND, 1829, NOW LAWRENCE HOME
- k. LEE TO OTIS MAIL ROUTE EARLY 1900s
- l. OTIS STAGE, 1918
- m. DAY'S HOTEL (FIRE 1926)
- n. DAVISON HOME, BUILT BY REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER JOHN DAVISON

**LIST OF EXTENDED OTIS FAMILIES
GENEALOGY**

- a. BARB
- b. BRECKENRIDGE
- c. CLARK
- d. CRITTENDON
- e. DAVISON
- f. HUNTER
- g. MARRITT
- h. JONES
- i. JUDD
- j. KIBBE
- k. KINGSBURY
- l. LARKEOM
- m. MANLEY
- n. MARCY
- o. NORTON
- p. SPEAR
- q. STRICKLAND
- r. SUMMER

REFERENCES

1. CHILD'S GAZETTEER OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY
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3. THE BERKSHIRE COURIER AND EAGLE
4. VITAL RECORDS OF OTIS
5. SUMNER WOOD, TAVERNS AND TURNPIKES, AND ULSTER SCOTS, 1733-1833
6. THE BERKSHIRE HILLS, WPA

NAMES OF OTIS PROPERTY OWNERS ON ROUTE 8 IN 1849

AND SHOPS SOUTH TO NORTH

D.N. MERRITT	SAWMILL, TURNING SHOP , W.S.WATERS
T.WOOD	BLACKSMITH SHOP
HARNESS SHOP	RT. 8 GROCERY STORE
C.J. NORTON	V.O. HASHELL, BLACKSMITH, CABINET SHOP
DR. H. SPELMAN	WM. CARTER
C.J. CARTER	P.DAVISON CRT 23
L.J. STRICKLAND	FARMINGTON RIVER
TAILOR SHOP	E. SCOTT
F.HODGKENS	GRIST MILL
J.C. JACKSON	
WAGON SHOP	
STORE AND POST OFFICE	
L.J. STRICKLAND HOTEL	
ALFORD & PHELPS	
V.R. BROOKS STORE	
REV.T.A. HALL	
C. OSBORN	
EPISCOPAL CHURCH	
CEMETERY	
D.MCCARTY	
MILLARD	

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VITAL RECORDS
OF
OTIS
MASSACHUSETTS
TO THE YEAR 1850



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THE TOWN OF OTIS, Berkshire County, was estab-
lished February 27, 1773, as "Loudun" from a tract of
common land called "Tyringham Equivalent."

June 19, 1809, Loudon and the District of Bethlehem were
united as the town of Loudon. (June 24, 1789, the District of
Bethlehem had been established from the North Eleven Thou-
sand Acres.)

March 1, 1810, the Act of June 19, 1809, went into effect, and
a part of Loudon (Bethlehem District) was annexed to Becket.

June 13, 1810, the name of Loudon was changed to Otis.

April 9, 1838, a part of the common lands called East Eleven
Thousand Acres was annexed to Otis.

Population by Census:		1776 (Prov.),	200;
1790 (U.S.),	605;	1800 (U.S.),	1102;
1810 (U.S.),	1111;	1820 (U.S.),	981;
1830 (U.S.),	1012;	1840 (U.S.),	1177;
1850 (U.S.),	1224;	1855 (State),	1018;
1860 (U.S.),	998;	1865 (State),	956;
1870 (U.S.),	960;	1875 (State),	855;
1880 (U.S.),	785;	1885 (State),	703;
1890 (U.S.),	583;	1895 (State),	518;
1900 (U.S.),	476;	1905 (State),	534;
1910 (U.S.),	494;	1915 (State),	442;
1920 (U.S.),	361;	1925 (State),	395;
1930 (U.S.),	367;	1935 (State),	415;
1940 (U.S.),	364.		