

BAILEY PROJECT NOMINATION FORM

Course: URP529; Documentation and Field Methods in Historic Presentation

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What was examined?

This survey was conducted to document the architectural significance of buildings in the University Bailey District. This study, completed during the Fall semester 2016, documents properties in the district that relate to one or several historic contexts, as required by the historic district application of the National Park Service. Outside of the aspirations for earning a formal designation as an historic district, this work can inform the public of the district's rich past while plans are made for its future.

Why is this important for the University Heights?

In the early 20th century, a streetcar suburb formed in the University Bailey District, with many buildings exemplifying distinct architectural styles. At this time, the area was a suburban community with architectural uniformity. But from this point to the mid-20th century, the emergence of streetcars restructured the landscape of the district, changing urban design patterns to reflect the broader social and economic changes brought on by the streetcar.

How was it done?

The document analyzes the impact of streetcars on the street design of the University Bailey District in the early 20th century and identifies the building infrastructure based on social and physical changes to the area.

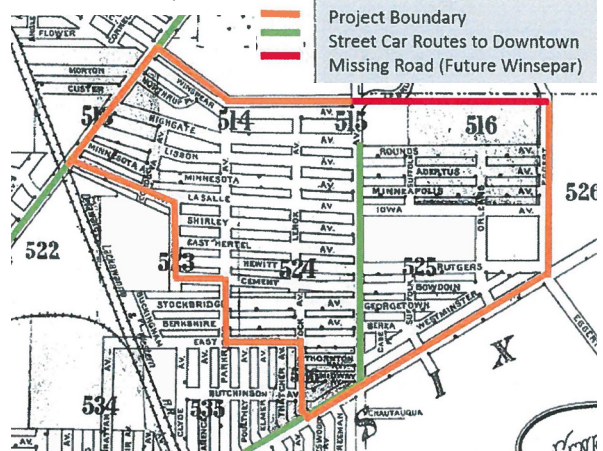
This study includes a sample list of historic buildings of different property types. Included are schools, churches, residential buildings and civic/service buildings.

The distinction and significance of the district and its properties was uncovered through various research tasks—from archival research, map analysis, illustrative edits, and on-site field observations.

University Bailey District Boundary



Streetcar Routes, 1916



OUTCOMES

The sample properties identified are:

- **Two Schools:** Highgate Heights Elementary School P.S. 80, and Lofts at University Heights, formerly P.S. 63.
- **Four Churches built between 1900-1940:** St. Andrews Episcopal Church, St. Joseph's University Parish, New Beginning Church of God, and Bible Society of WNY.
- **Two Working Class Residential homes:** a home that exhibits American foursquare architecture, and Craftsman bungalow style.
- **Two Art Deco Commercial Buildings:** Former Liberty Bank Branch, and a Commercial Retail Building on Kensington Ave.

Building infrastructures:

SCHOOLS



Name: Highgate Heights ES, P.S. 80.
Address: 558 Highgate Ave.
Construction Date: 1929
Significance: Education
National Register Eligibility: Criterion C.



Name: Lofts at University Heights, Formerly Buffalo P.S. 63.
Address: 91 Lisbon Ave.
Construction Date: 1917
Significance: Education
National Register Eligibility: Criterion C.

CHURCHES



Name: St. Andrews Episcopal Church.
Address: 3107 Main St.
Construction Date: 1921-1927
Significance: Religious
National Register Eligibility: Criterion C.



Name: St. Joseph's University Parish.
Address: 3269 Main St.
Construction Date: 1850s, updated 1870 and 1923.
Significance: Religious
National Register Eligibility: Criterion C.



Name: New Beginning Church of God.
Address: 265 Park Ridge Ave.
Construction Date: 1820-1880
Significance: Religious
National Register Eligibility: Criterion C.



Name: Bible Society of WNY
Address: 3344 Bailey Ave.
Construction Date: 1840-1880
Significance: Religious
National Register Eligibility: Criterion C.

RESIDENTIAL



Name: Working Class Residential. American Foursquare architecture.
Address: 117 Winspear Ave.
Construction Date: 1900
Significance: Residential
National Register Eligibility: Criterion C.



Name: Working Class Residential. Craftsman Bungalow.
Address: 100 Winspear Ave.
Construction Date: 1920
Significance: Residential
National Register Eligibility: Criterion C.

COMMERCIAL



Name: Former Liberty Bank Branch
Address: 3065 Bailey Ave.
Construction Date: 1929
Significance: Commercial
National Register Eligibility: Criterion C.



Name: Commercial Retail Building
Address: 1102 Kensington Ave.
Construction Date: 1920s-1940s
Significance: Commercial
National Register Eligibility: Criterion C.