

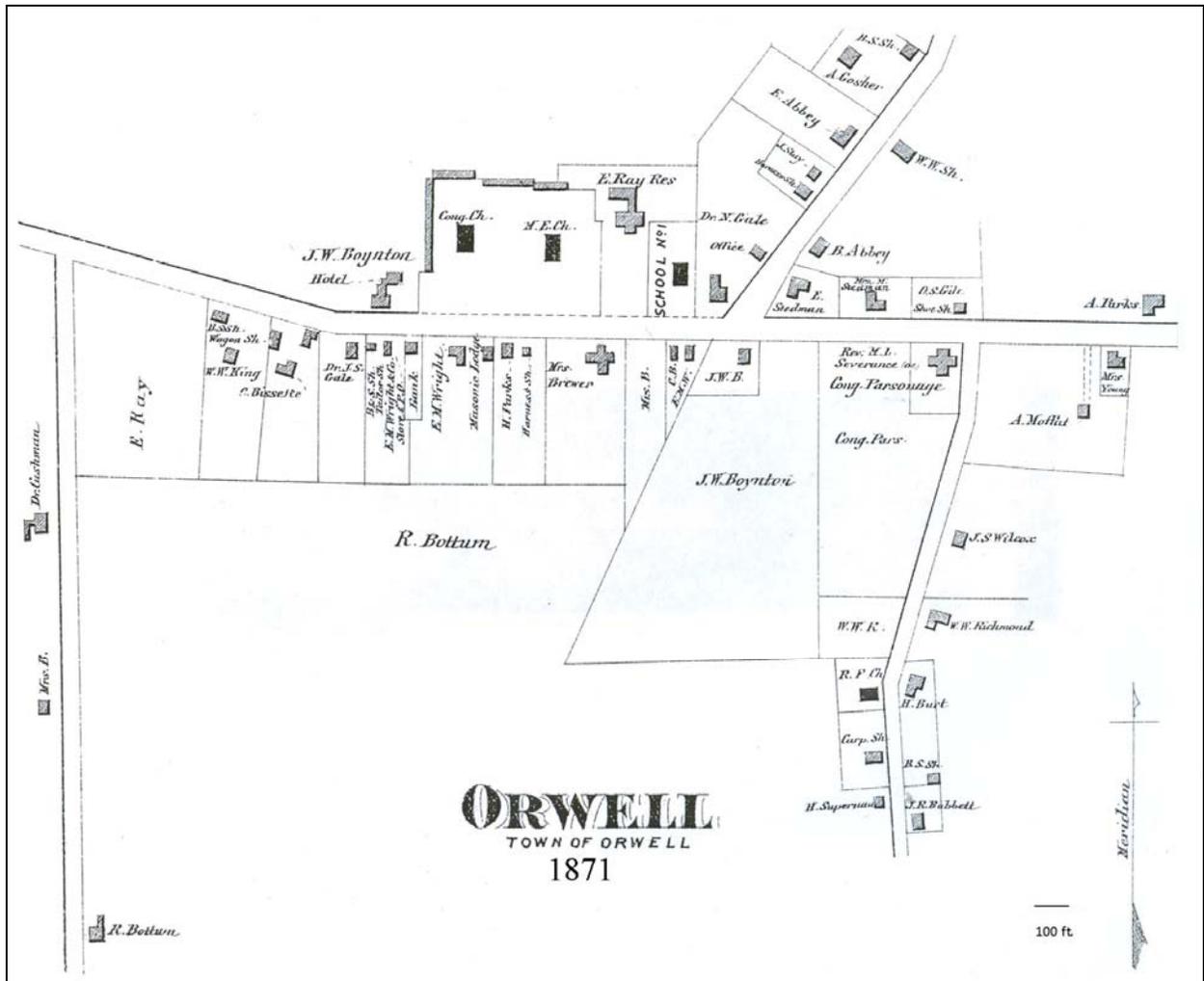
Traditional Vermont Neighborhood
Case Study: Orwell, Vermont
Summary of Residential :

Area Bounded by Church Street, Maple Street, Pleasant Street and North Street

MAPS OF AREA STUDIED

Source: *Atlas of Addison County, VT, from actual surveys by and under the direction of F.W. Beers, assisted by W.S. Peet and others.* Rutland, VT: C.E. Tuttle Co., 1971. Originally published in 1871.

Since 1871, lot lines have been redrawn and a road has been added in downtown Orwell.



Ortho Map



DIMENSIONAL AREA STUDIED

Residences are on varying size lots, some quite large, but lot widths and setbacks are small enough to make the streets walkable and neighborly.

For the 44 residential lots highlighted in yellow on the map (link):

Residential lot frontage
Average: 137 ft.
Range: 51 ft. – 308 ft.

Setbacks from centerline of street:
Average: 43 ft.
Range: 19 ft. – 121 ft.

(Note: Setbacks were measured to the front of the house or porch, not including steps.)

For reference, the library is 40 ft. from the centerline of the street but only 12 ft. from the sidewalk, making it very approachable for pedestrians.

PHOTOS OF AREA STUDIED

These photos illustrate many of the features discussed in the Tool: Vermont Traditional Neighborhoods. Homes are oriented to the public streets despite fairly large lots. Garages are not apparent and are located at the back or side and front porches facilitate interaction between neighbors. Landscaping and varying architectural detail welcome people as they walk down the street.



Shade trees provide shade and detail along Main Street.



Pedestrians in the center of the village.



Front porches invite neighbors to gather on N. Orwell Street.



The village has a wonderful town green with a gazebo for local events with the town hall and school within easy walking distance.



Two gentlemen catch up on town news at Buxton's store in the village.