

Putnam Street*

Putnam Street was set out circa the 1790s, running from (then) Henley Street to the Training Field. Putnam Street was officially accepted as a street on May 6, 1822. It was named in honor of General Israel Putnam, who led Colonial resistance in the fight for American independence at the battle of Bunker Hill June 17, 1775. Putnam met William Prescott's detachment at midnight on Charlestown Neck, was instrumental in the conference that decided to fortify Breed's Hill, and fought during the actual battle and attempted to secure reinforcements and supplies for Prescott from Cambridge.



Felton and Parker, 1848

Five houses are included in the survey, built between 1799 and 1853:

A wood frame late Georgian/Federal house (ca. 1806).

A wood frame double Federal house (1799-1814).

A red brick double Greek Revival house (1852-53).

*Information drawn from Boston Landmark Commission's Charlestown Historic Resources Study 1981 (E. W. Gordon, Consultant), with the addition of photographs and images from early maps and/or the Mallory Panoramic View of Charlestown, when appropriate.