

55- 65 Baldwin Street (ca. 1870)

From Boston Landmark Commission's Charlestown Historic Resources Study 1981 (E. W. Gordon, Consultant)*:



57, 55 Baldwin Street

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65, 63, 61, 59 Baldwin Street

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From the form for 41-53 Baldwin Street:
Numbers 55-65 Baldwin Street, an Italianate row, are the work of Joseph W Hill, a carpenter, and/or Rufus Littlefield, a mason. Hill was active in Charlestown building trades from circa 1867

to the early 1900s. He is first listed in Charlestown directories in 1868. At that time he was a carpenter, residing at 53 Baldwin Street or what is now__ Baldwin Street). By 1818, Hill lived at South Eden Street, and in 1901 his home was 9 (49) Baldwin Street.

Littlefield is listed in Charlestown directories beginning in 1854. At that time he boarded at 24 Decatur Street, no occupation listed. Interestingly, Littlefield initially worked at a livery stable rather than as a mason. During the mid to late 1850s he worked at 594 Main Street (1856) and 12 Cambridge Street, Charlestown (1858). During the 1850s he lived at 594 Main Street. By 1860 he was a broker and lived at 463 Main Street. He is first listed as a mason in 1868. At that time he lived at 17 Auburn Street. By 1874 he was a mason working at 555 Main Street and lived at 5 Baldwin Street. In 1880 he was a mason working as "head, Tuft's Wharf, Charlestown." He worked as a mason until circa mid-1890s. By 1898 Littlefield had "removed to Brookline".

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