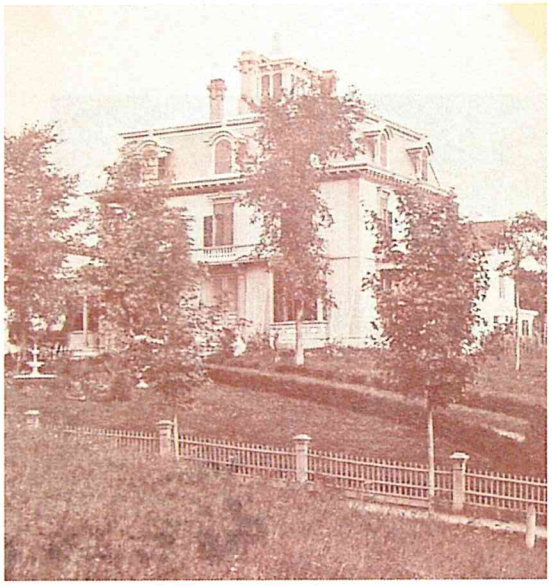
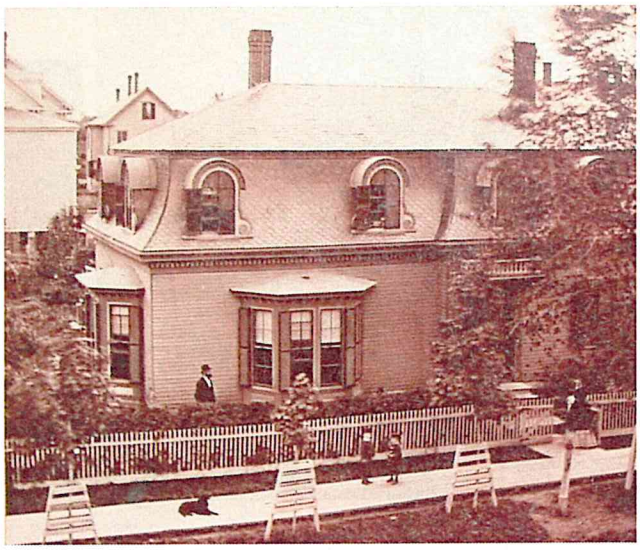
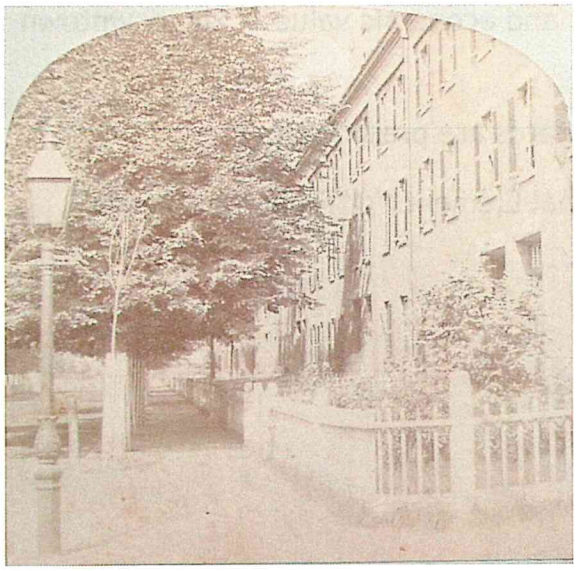
Front Yard Fence Material & Type Standards

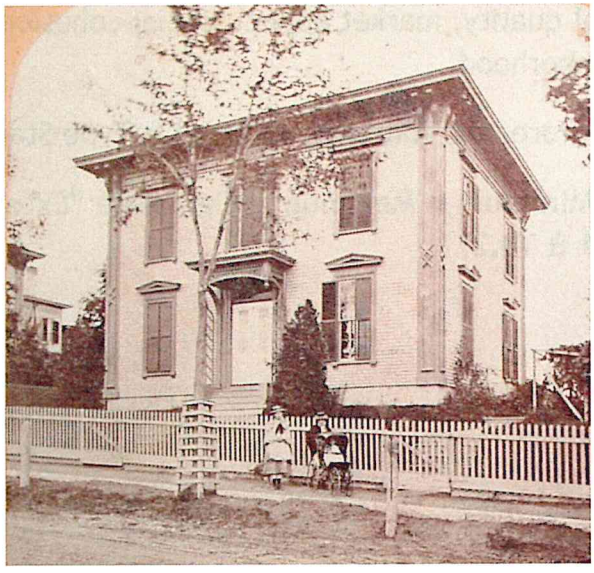
Traditionally, the Front Yard Fence in New England towns & cities such as Auburn, Maine, provided residential streets a spatial definition between the public realm of the sidewalk and private realm of the residential front yard. Fences traditionally functioned as a semi-public extension of the downtown neighborhood house and front porch. They functioned less to protect the property and occupants, than as both an ornamental and functional design feature of downtown neighborhood living and comfortable human-scale streets.

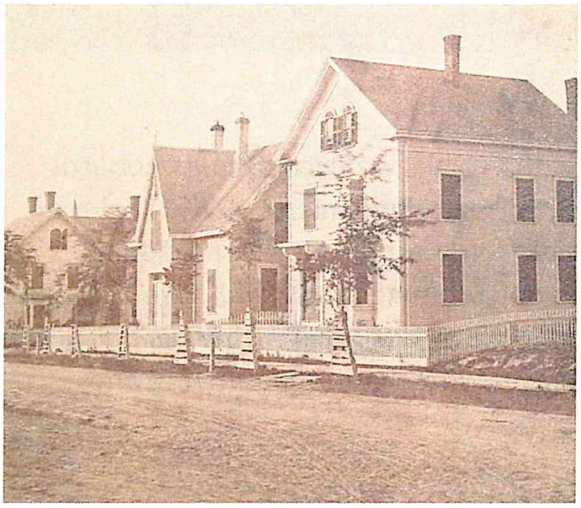
Traditional Front Yard Fences of Auburn & Lewiston

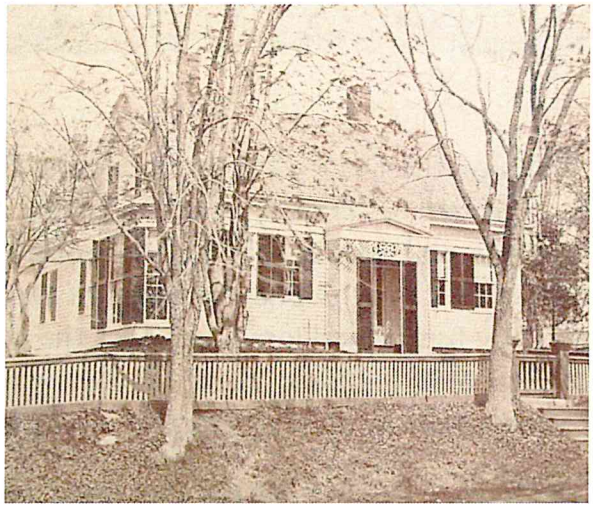


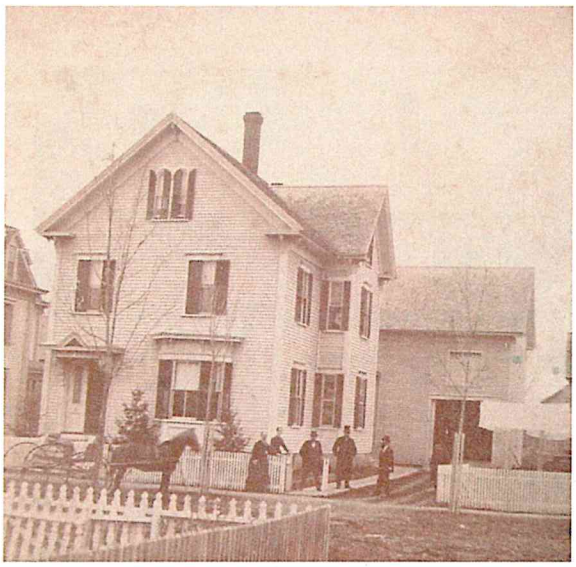


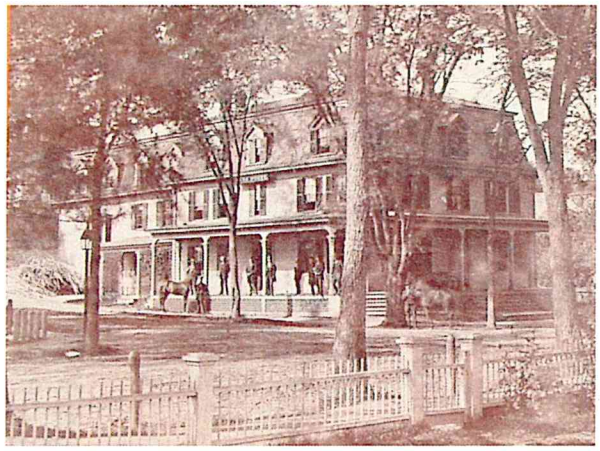












The material the fence is made of, and the type of fence is very important to the visual quality, market appeal, social cohesion, and economic value of the downtown neighborhood.

Therefore, the following Material & Type Standards are prescribed.

For Minimum & Maximum Heights see "External Elements"; "Front Yard Fence" (T4.1 & T4.2)

Materials & Types:

<u>Recommended</u>

- Wood

- Wrought Iron

- Masonry

- **Decorative Wire**

- **Composite or Synthetic Materials** (that have a traditional visual appearance of wood, wrought iron, masonry, etc.; <u>without a shiny surface</u> visual effect, but a matted or flat surface visual effect)

Not Recommended

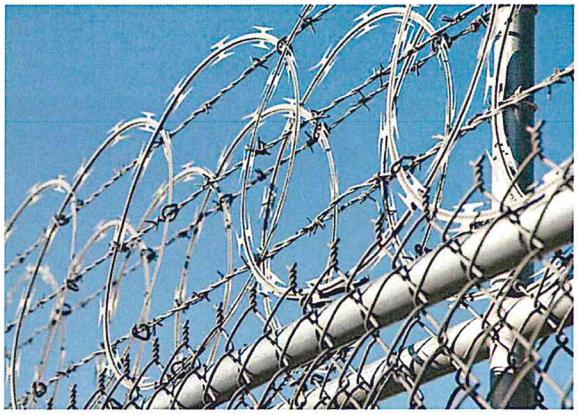
- **Vinyl** (with a shiny or plastic surface visual effect)

Fence Types Not Permitted

- **Chain Link or Cyclone Fences**

- **Horizontal Boards**

- **Spilt Rails**

- **Solid Board**

- **Barbed Wire or Razor Wire**