

## **Map 5**

### **Brookfield, Mass. Center Village in 1855**

This map shows the growth in the Center Village of Brookfield, Mass. in 1855. The industrial growth is clearly shown with the more congested land. As you can see along the roads, there are many more buildings and houses that have been constructed in the past twenty-five years. Main Street and Upper River Street received a lot of growth, including a boot factory, freight depot, Congregational Church on Main Street as well as many more additions to the town. Since the last map of Central Brookfield there have been many changes, but the three most important are, the Unitarian Church moved across River Street, the school moved across Central Street and there is now a railroad track running along the Quaboag River. When you flip down the overlay you are shown new roads. The two roads are Charlton Road (Prior to 1750) and Post Road Alteration, which were added in 1914. The Post Road Alteration cuts from Old Post Road to Cottage Street. This road, when being built, required buildings and Irish homes to be relocated. The Post Road Alteration is now what we call Route 9.

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