

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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Town No.:	Site No.: 99
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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)
Parsonage Methodist Episcopal Parsonage

2. TOWN CITY Durham VILLAGE _____ COUNTY Middlesex

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)
59 Main Street

4. OWNER(S)
Methodist Episcopal Church of Durham/ United Churces Corp, Trustees Public Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)
parsonage

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE IF YES, EXPLAIN
 Yes No Yes No

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING Nineteenth Century Domestic DATE OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1895

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
 Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Other (Specify) _____
 Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding Fieldstone
 Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone
 Aluminum Siding Concrete Type: _____ Cut stone Type: sandstone foundation

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
 Wood frame Post and beam balloon Other (Specify) _____
 Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel

10. ROOF (Type)
 Gable Flat Mansard Monitor sawtooth
 Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other (Specify) _____
 (Material)
 Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate
 Asphalt shingle Built up Tile Other (Specify) _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 20'X 30' main block

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES EXPLAIN
 On original site Moved Yes No

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
 Barn Shed Garage Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____
 Carriage house Shop Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
 Open land Wood-land Residential Scattered buildings visible from site
 Commercial Indus-trial Rural High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
 The Parsonage stands on the west side of Main Street, just north of the Town Green and the Durham Public Library. A slate- shingled, double-door garage has been built west of the house.

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

DESCRIPT (Continued)

The shed-roofed, full-length facade porch is supported by six turned columns, four free-standing and two recessed in the facade wall at the north and south ends of the porch. A Queen Anne Stick style wooden balustrade connects the columns. Porch steps at the northeast corner correspond to the side doorway. The door itself, with its Victorian pane and panel, is framed by this architrave trim. A Queen Anne style, multi-paned stairwell is on the north side of the house. Gable-roofed additions have been made to the northwest corner and to the west side. A screen porch has been added to the south side.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Built in the 1890's, the Parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Durham is a simple late nineteenth century side hall plan building of 2½ stories with a three bay facade. Its wooden frame has a slate-covered gable-to-street roof, painted wooden exterior shingling, and a sandstone foundation.

Originally a part of the Rev. David Smith's home late in the early nineteenth century, this lot was granted to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Durham by Charles and Hattie Rockwood in 1892. The Parsonage for the church, a building now used by the Durham Grange, was built soon afterwards. In 1941, the Parsonage became the property of the United Churches, when its corporation was formed in that year.

The Parsonage has been an ecclesiastical residence continuously since the last years of the nineteenth century.

SOURCES

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known.
 Highways
 Vandalism
 Developers
 Other _____
 Renewal
 Private
 Deterioration
 Zoning
 Explanation _____