

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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Town No. _____ Site No. 103

UTM: _____

QUAD: _____

DISTRICT: S NR IF NR SPECIFY: Actual Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)
Hale, Zebulon, House

2. TOWN CITY: Durham VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)
50 Main Street (east side)

4. OWNER(S)
David T. and Janice A. Wenzel Public Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)
Residence Residence

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

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Greek Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1840

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: mortar 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: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 18' x 30'

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) (Alterations) IF YES EXPLAIN

On original site Moved WHEN? _____ Yes No W. (23' x 6') and s. (7' x 30') porch additions

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 Hale House is located on a small, fenced lot just south of the Durham Grange. The house is centrally located across from the Green and has a direct view of the Town Hall.

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

DESCRIP (Continued)

When constructed, the Hale House undoubtedly exhibited several Greek Revival features, including corner pilasters and possibly a pediment. Presently aluminum-sided, the only original decorative features still visible are the vestiges of the cornice returns or pediment on the facade. The entrance, rather than being located on the facade, is located in a single story full-length south-side addition with a shed roof.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed in 1840, the Zebulon Hale House is a 2½ story, two bay Greek Revival style building. It rests on a sandstone foundation and is topped by a slate gable-to-street roof and central chimney. All full-sized windows are six-over-six sash flanked by louvred shutters.

Zebulon Hale (1796-1879) built his house on a large piece of land acquired from Samuel Maynard in 1839; within a year he sold the house and a small piece of land to Henry M. Coe. Hale was born in Madison, CT, but spent most of his life in Durham as a farmer.

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 _____