

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 107
UTM:	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span> Ward, Arnold, House	
	2. TOWN CITY Durham	COUNTY Middlesex
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) 38 Main Street (east side)	
	4. OWNER(S) Ward H. and Lillian Thompson <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private</span>	
	5. USE (Present) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span> Residence <span style="float: right;">Residence</span>	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <span style="margin-left: 50px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</span> IF YES, EXPLAIN	

7. STYLE OF BUILDING Federal/Greek	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1828
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8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: <u>sandstone mortar block</u>

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post and beam
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel

10. ROOF (Type)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up

11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2½	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 21.6' x 30'
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12. CONDITION (Structural) <span style="float: right;">(Exterior)</span>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location)	WHEN?	Alterations	IF YES EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	4 additions to NE and SE; wrap-around porch

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn/garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS  
 The Ward House is on a narrow, deep, open lot. It is located on the east side of Main Street, just south of the Town Green.

DESCRIPTION (Cont/Inused)

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

The 3-bay facade features a full-length west-end and a 3/4 length south-side wrap-around porch; the hip roof is supported by five slender turned posts with sawn brackets. The porch was a later addition since it hides a decorated facade south entrance. This doorway is flanked by 2 plain pilasters with moulded capitals and topped by a wide entablature. A delicate flat elliptical leaded glass fanlight with a thin moulded frame and central decorative keystone is located in the facade gable. Additions include a 2 story southeast addition, a 2 story northeast extension, and a 1 story addition on the east with an east-side porch.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1822, the Albert Ward House is 2½ story, side-hall-plan, Federal/Greek Revival-style house. The building rests on a sandstone block foundation and is topped by an asphalt-shingled gable roof. There is a narrow central exterior chimney on the north side.

Little historical information is available about Albert Ward. In 1827 he purchased a 1½ acre lot from David Smith upon which he built his dwelling house and a blacksmith shop. In September of the following year he sold the house and land "except the blacksmith shop," located in the northwest corner of the lot (DLR 16:338), to Silvester Ward. On October 7, 1831, Albert was married to Harriet Beardsley of Meriden, CT.

SOURCES

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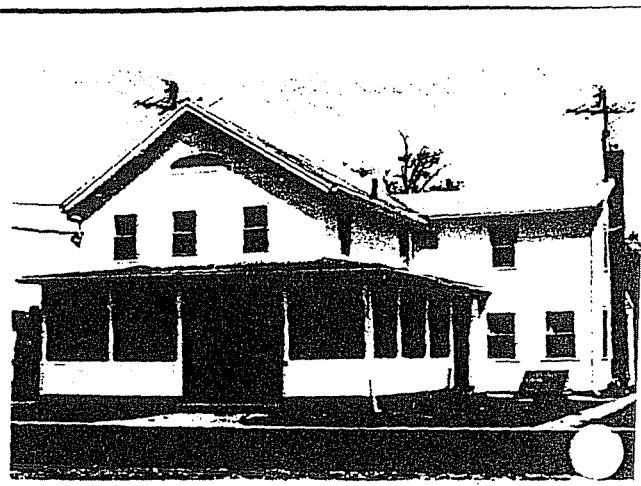
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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known
- Highways
- Vandalism
- Developers
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Renewal
- Private
- Deterioration
- Zoning
- Explanation \_\_\_\_\_