

**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. 110
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)		(Historic)	
Durham		Wadsworth, Wedworth, House	
2 TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Durham		Middlesex	
3 STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
32 Main Street (east side)			
4 OWNER(S)			
Lattime, Thelma E. and Martha			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
5 USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Residence		Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

DESCRIPTION

7 STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Italianate		1855	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: sandstone foundation	
9 STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<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"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
(Material)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
11 NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
2	28½' x 16½'		
12 CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
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13 INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ?	(Alterations)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		IF YES EXPLAIN	
		Many additions to the N, S, and E sides	
14 RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
15 SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density
16 INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
The Wadsworth House is situated on the east side of Main Street on an open lot and is located just north of Ackerman's Store across the street.			

DESCRIPT (Continued)

Diamond-shaped window, topped by a flat projecting cornice, appears in the gable. Open porch supported by one free-standing column.

18 ARCHITECT

Unknown

BUILDER

Unknown

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

In 1855 Wedworth Wadsworth built this 2 story, balloon framed Italianate style house. The building is covered by a slate-shingled gable-to-street roof with a large overhang supported by decorative sawn brackets. The house rests on a sandstone foundation and is topped by a central chimney. The Wadsworth House is unusual in that it is very narrow. The facade is marked by a centered three-sided shed-roofed bay with three 1/1 sash windows; directly above is a large 4/4 sash window capped by a flat, plain moulded hood supported by simple sawn brackets. A diamond-shaped plain frame window area, topped by a flat projecting cornice, appears in the gable. A one story full-length, hip-roofed addition is located on the south side. The southeast half is an enclosed sunporch and the entrance is sheltered by the southwest open porch supported by one free standing column. Other additions include a north one story, full-length enclosed addition, and there are two addition off the east end. This house is first mentioned in a deed dated 1854 from David Smith to Zebulon Hale as "...a certain piece of land on which Wedworth Wadsworth is about to erect a dwelling house..." (DLR 23:27). Wadsworth's wife Rachel sold the house to David W. Robinson after the death of Wedworth in 1860. Wedworth Wadsworth (1782-1860) was born and died in Durham. According to the 1820 census he was a prosperous farmer, as four members of his large household (14), including two free blacks, were engaged in agriculture. He and his wife, Content Scranton, had five children. He was a Justice of the Peace in Durham 1842 and 1843, and a State Senator in 1842.

SOURCES

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

None known.  
  Highways  
  Vandalism  
  Developers  
  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal  
  Private  
  Deterioration  
  Zoning  
  Explanation \_\_\_\_\_