

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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Town No.	Site No. 124
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) <i>(Historic)</i> The Minute Market	
2. TOWN CITY Durham	VILLAGE COUNTY Middlesex
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) 1 Main Street	
4. OWNER(S) Goldin, Arthur & Marion <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) <i>(Historic)</i> Store/Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES EXPLAIN During business hours

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING Nineteenth Century Domestic		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1920
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)		
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
(Material)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2½	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS main block: 18' x 30'; shed additionS:16'x67'x28'x34; shed additionN:17'x14'	
12. CONDITION (Structural) <i>(Exterior)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN? <i>(Alterations)</i> IF YES EXPLAIN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No mid-20th century additions to SW & NE corners
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 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		

This house stands at the south end of Durham's Main Street. It is surrounded by asphalt parking lots and other commercial structures.

DESCRIBE (Continued)

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (Interior and Exterior)

None

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This 2½ story domestic vernacular structure was built for commercial and residential purpose in the first decades of the twentieth century. The core of the structure is modest, measuring a mere 18'x30'. In its original form, it probably boasted an open front porch, a standard feature on rural stores in this period. The building underwent substantial alterations in the 1950s and 1960s, when substantial additions were made to the south, west, and north sides, as well as to the facade. These additions were one story in height and involved the use of modern construction materials -- concrete, aluminum and glass -- to produce modernized commercial storefronts. The first story of the structure is presently occupied by a liquor store and a grocery. This building was constructed on land which originally constituted a part of Durham's "Pound Lot", where stray animals were sequestered. The land passed into the hands of Reuben Hubbard, one of Durham's most enterprising farmers and real estate entrepreneurs in the late 19th century. On his death in 1916, it passed to his widow, who sold it in 1917 to William C. Fowler. In 1924, Fowler sold a 100'x125' portion of the "Pound Lot" to John J. Frazier, who apparently intended to erect a filling station on the site. Frazier extracted a promise from Fowler that he would not "sell any other land adjoining or near said parcel as a site for a station dispensing gasoline or oil for automotive purposes within the limits of the Pound Lot...for a period of fifteen years". Apparently Frazier wanted his establishment to be the first encountered by north-bound motorists as they entered Durham. In 1932, Frazier sold the property to Harry and Augusta Holder, who held it until 1956, when it was sold to Edward L. Fanfesti. In 1966, it passed into the

SOURCES

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known.	<input type="checkbox"/> Highways	<input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> Developers	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Expropriation _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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THE MINUTE MARKET, 1 Main Street, Durham

hands of its present owners.

In its present form, this structure is of little architectural significance save as an illustration of the conservativeness of New England's vernacular builders. It is interesting that in building a structure to serve a new technology -- the automobile -- the builders should have erected a structure that differed so little from the commercial structures they had been putting up for the previous century. Historically the structure is of interest as one of Durham's earliest gas stations.

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