

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. 125
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)		Coe, Abel, House	
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	Durham		Middlesex	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
	Maple Avenue			
DESCRIPTION	4. OWNER(S)			
	Roberts, Kenneth & Elsie <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
	5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
	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		
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	Eighteenth-Century Domestic		ca. 1780	
	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 checked="" 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: brownstone		
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 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		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
2		27 x 22		
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) IF YES EXPLAIN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Shallow pavillion, 2 story shed roof 1/2 porch,	
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	columns, dormer windows, pitched roof	
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				

Set on a small rectangular lot and shaded by large pine trees, the Abel Coe House sits on the north side of Maple Avenue in a primarily residential neighborhood.

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)
 DESCRIPT (Continued)
 The Abel Coe House, ca. 1780, is an unusual example of an eighteenth-century Domestic-style structure which features a gable-to-street roof and utilizes a side-hall plan. This Colonial-period building has been somewhat modified from its original form over the years. The fenestration at the second story has been altered to display centrally located paired windows flanked by two-over-two sash on either side. Throughout the rest of the building similar late nineteenth-century two-over-two sash have louvered shutters. The facade doorway is highlighted by a shed roof supported by scroll sawn brackets. A 2 story, one-bay, flat-roofed pavilion added to the eastern elevation features a single-story, Victorian-period, open porch exhibiting scroll-sawn brackets and unadorned columns supporting another shed roof. A 2 story, flat-roofed addition has been added to the north elevation.

18 ARCHITECT BUILDER

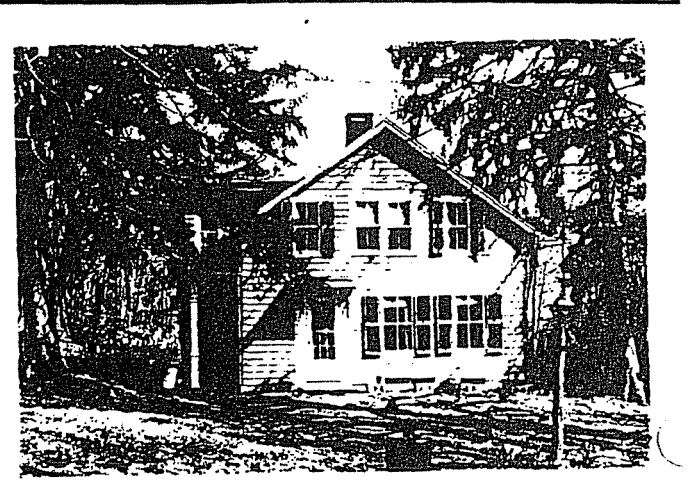
19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
 SIGNIFICANCE
 Abel Coe (1727-1798), son of Joseph Coe, built this house ca. 1780 on land he most likely inherited from his father's estate. A farmer, Coe was enrolled as a freeman in 1770, which gave him the right to vote, and in 1777 he took the oath of fidelity. Abel and his brother were well known for trading extensively in land, purchasing over 200 acres in Hartland, Connecticut. Married to Prudence Rossiter in 1756, Coe willed the property to his three sons, Elijah, Charles, and Abel (b. 1768). In 1799, shortly before he moved to Granby, Ct., Abel Coe, Jr. sold the property to his sister Jerusha and her husband, James Parmelee. Mary Ann P. Roberts and Parmelia Maria Parmelee, the Parmelees' daughters, received the property in 1832 with a shop and dwelling house. Alvin P. Roberts (1828-1896), a tinner by trade, purchased the house from his aunt Parmelia in 1853. Roberts most likely worked for the Merriam Manufacturing Company, producers of japanned* tin and iron ware. The house today still remains in the Roberts family.

Noteworthy for its long association with the Coe, Parmelee, and Roberts families, the Abel Coe House is a well preserved example of an eighteenth-century Domestic structure altered over time to meet the changing preferences of each passing generation.

*japanned tin--tin covered with a glossy finish

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"/> Explanation _____