

BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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Town No.	Site No. 128
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DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	IF NR SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) _____ (Historic) <u>Ryan, Henry P., House</u>	
2. TOWN CITY <u>Durham</u>	VILLAGE <u>Center</u>
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) <u>Maple Ave, West Side</u>	
4. OWNER(S) <u>Ferguson, James & Roselani</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) _____ (Historic) <u>Residence</u>	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
IF YES, EXPLAIN _____	

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING <u>20th Century Domestic</u>		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <u>c. 1910</u>
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick foundation
<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 type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM		
<input checked="" 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-to-street	<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 <u>2</u>	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS <u>26' X 45'</u>	
12. CONDITION (Structural) _____ (Exterior) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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		

Set on the west side of Maple Avenue on a small lot the Henry P. Ryan House is surrounded by other nineteenth and twentieth-century homes in this residential neighborhood.

(OVER)

DESCRIP (Continued)

The fenestration of the facade is irregular with a large, central picture window flanked by two, one-over-one windows on the first floor and paired six-over-one windows centrally located on the second floor. The plain trimmed entranceway is located on the south corner of the facade. It is speculated the original entranceway was located where the present plate-glass window is placed. The central brick chimney is a modern addition.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Henry P. Ryan erected this building ca. 1910 on a small lot he purchased from Nellie and J.F. Bailey. Ryan was instrumental in the organization of the Durham District Nurse Association and was a charter member of Durham's Fire Department, serving as its first Chief from 1931-1936. In 1918 Ryan sold the property to the Durham Agricultural Fair Association. The Fair Association was first organized in 1893 at the annual Town Meeting when a committee was established to plan an agricultural fair for the following fall. Nothing ever became of the idea for twenty-three years and the first fair was not held until 1916. This building was most likely used as an exhibition hall by the Fair Association until 1927 when the property was sold to Robert L. White. The Henry P. Ryan House derives its significance from its association with the early development of the Durham Agricultural Fair Association and Henry P. Ryan, a leader in the early twentieth century.

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
 Explanatoin _____