

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Town No.	Site No. 130		
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		Crawford, Elijah J., House	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Durham		Middlesex	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
Maple Avenue, East Side			
4. OWNER(S)			
Mielke, Dorence W.			
		<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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
IF YES EXPLAIN			

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Colonial Revival		1926	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: Foundation	
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 type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input checked="" 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	
1½		24'x30½'	
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
		(Exterior)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	WHEN	(Alterations)
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES EXPLAIN			
Rear Addition			
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 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			

Located on the east side of Maple Avenue and shaded by large Maple trees, the Elijah J. Crawford House is surrounded by nineteenth and twentieth century domestic architecture.

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

(Continued)

DESCRIPT

A 1 story addition capped with a shed roof has been added to the rear. A three-sided, hip-roofed bay enhances the rear portion of the south elevation. Windows vary in size: one-over-one sash are featured on the sunporch and six-over-one sash throughout the rest of the house. The center chimney is constructed of brick. Outbuildings include a one-car wooden garage and a concrete block garage.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

The Elijah Crawford House is a 1½ story, Colonial Revival style structure built in 1926. Its ridge-to-street asphalt-shingled gambrel roof features a full facade shed dormer with two sets of six-over-one paired windows. The facade exhibits a full frontal, shed-roofed sunporch with central entrance door. Resting on cut stone foundation, the balloon frame is covered in aluminum siding. Elijah J. Crawford (1879-1934), a native of Hudson Falls, New York, and a contractor by trade, erected this building in 1926. He purchased this lot from the First Ecclesiastical Society with the understanding "the grantee will use this lot to erect a house, garage, woodhouse and if desired, a henery" (DLR 36:190). In 1932 the property was sold to the Mielke family, who still retain ownership today. The Elijah J. Crawford House is a fine example of early-twentieth-century domestic architecture erected after WWI when Durham and the rest of the United States were experiencing a period of prosperity, resulting in a building boom. The availability of the automobile allowed many Americans to migrate to the country, suburbia, and small towns like Durham where they built new homes using traditional colonial styles.

SOURCES

Durham Land Records; Durham Vital Records; Middletown Probate Records; Federal Census of 1820, 1850, 1880; Beers, J.B., History of Middlesex County, Connecticut (New York: J.B. Beers & Co., 1884); Durham History Committee, Durham, CT, 1866-1980: Century of Change (Durham: 1980); Fowler, William C., History of Durham (Durham: W.C. Fowler, 1866); Whited, Milton, Durham's Heritage (Durham: 1976); 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas.

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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

Renewal     Private     Deterioration     Zoning     Explanaton \_\_\_\_\_