

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 133
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)
 Blatchley, Joel, House

2. TOWN CITY VILLAGE COUNTY
 Durham Middlesex

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)
 Maple Ave at intersection of Wallingford Road, West Side

4. OWNER(S)
 Crawford, Leon J. and Bella M. Public Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)
 Residence Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD Yes No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE Yes No IF YES, EXPLAIN

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
 Nineteenth-century Domestic ca. 1835

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input checked="" 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: <u>Sandstone foundation</u>	

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 sh-	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
 1½ 22 x 26½

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
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13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES EXPLAIN
 On original site Moved Yes No hip roofed porch, dormers

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input checked="" 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
 Sitting on a small rectangular lot at the corner of Maple Avenue and Wallingford Road, the Bates-Blatchley house is surrounded by an assortment of eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth-century dwelling houses.

DESCRPT (Continued)

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

The facade, which faces south towards Wallingford Road, is concealed by a single story, enclosed hip-roofed sun porch displaying four-over-one sash. A simple unadorned entrance door is located on the eastern elevation of the sun porch. Slight cornice returns are exhibited in the gable ends. The main block displays original twelve-over-twelve sash on the first floor and six-over-nine sash on the second floor. A gable-roofed dormer with six-over-six sash is featured on the eastern elevation. Two small sheds and a two-bay, gable-to-street garage stand to the northwest of the house.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

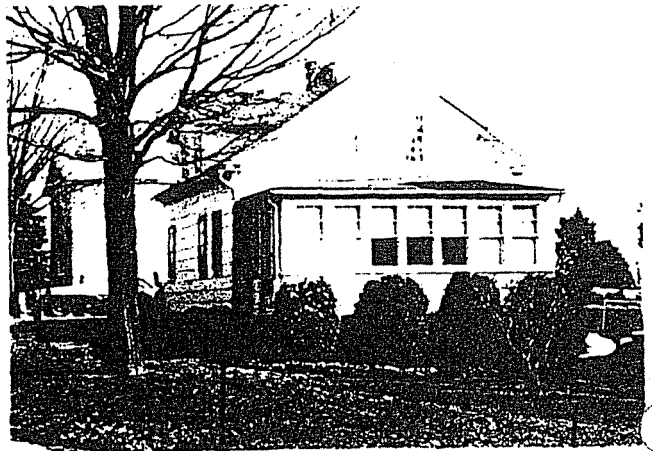
SIGNIFICANCE

Early land records concerning this house are obscure. We do know that the house was not standing in 1827 when Col. James Wadsworth drew his map of Durham and that it had been erected by 1833 when Joel Blatchley purchased a twenty-one-acre lot with buildings, called "Honeypot," from Daniel Bates. Daniel Bates (b. 1770) was one of Durham's wealthiest men, owning large amounts of land in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. In 1833 Joel Blatchley, a native of Guilford, purchased the "Honeypot" for \$1800. Blatchley for many years operated the gristmill on Mill Pond in the center of town. In 1825 Blatchley married Margery Robinson, and upon her death in 1839 married Harriet Hull (1799-1867). Betsey Hull and Ruth Blatchley, Joel's heirs, sold "Honeypot" to Albert Griswold in 1855. In 1865 Henry Harrison Church (1844-1908), a native of Colchester and a mechanic/tinner, purchased the house. Here he and his wife Martha (Leete) raised their six children: Henry L., Frederick A., James, Charles H., Rosa M., and Algah. Frederick, the second eldest son, sold the property out of the family in 1908.

Architecturally similar to other early nineteenth-century Domestic-style structures in the immediate area (Elias Camp House and Andrew Robinson House), the Bates-Blatchley house is noteworthy for its association with prominent citizens: Daniel Bates and Joel Blatchley.

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
 Explanation _____