

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 150
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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, Merrick R., House

2. TOWN CITY VILLAGE COUNTY
 Durham Middlesex

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)
 New Haven Road, east side

4. OWNER(S)
 Clark, Frederick and Donald Public Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)
 Residence Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE Yes No IF YES, EXPLAIN

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
 Early 19th century domestic 1827

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

<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: <u>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 shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
 1½ 30' x 7'; 12' x 27'

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)

<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
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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	E11 and porch added to facade
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

Facing west towards the heavily travelled New Haven Road, the Merrick R. Coe House is sited in a rural residential area composed of open fields and woodland.

DESCRIP (Continued)

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

The two-over-three-bay facade displays a single-story, open porch and a modern enclosed entry ell. Lath-turned columns with scroll-sawn brackets support the porch's shed roof. The gable end exhibits a ten-pane rectangular window. Six-over-six sash are featured throughout and the second floor of the north and south elevations features smaller six-over-six windows. A large barn and numerous out-buildings are found on the lot.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This 1½ story, gable-to-street, nineteenth-century vernacular style dwelling was built in 1827. Anchoring its clapboarded, post-and-beam frame is a foundation of sandstone. The asphalt-shingled roof features a diminutive brick chimney.

This house was built in 1828 for Merrick Rejoice Coe shortly after his marriage to Asenath Harrison of Northford. The son of Abraham and Rebecca Coe, Merrick (1804-1888) earned his living as a shoemaker. In 1871 Asenath and Merrick sold the homestead to their grandson, Andrew Merrick Camp (1848-1916), who owned the house until 1897. Today the property is operated as a dairy farm.

The Merrick R. Coe House is significant for its association with the Coe family and shoemaking, a popular cottage industry in early nineteenth-century Durham.

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 _____