

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 151
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) Frisbie-Coe House	
2. TOWN CITY Durham	VILLAGE 	COUNTY Middlesex
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) New Haven Road		
4. OWNER(S) Kelley, O. T.	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
5. USE (Present)	(Historic) Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING Colonial Cape	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1772			
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding			
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick addit.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: sandstone			
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post and beam			
<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"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip			
<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor	<input type="checkbox"/> Round			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sawtooth	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Slate	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS				
1 1/2	28' x 24'; 26' x 21'; 20' x 16'; 16' x 17'; 10' x 12'			
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 early Alterations IF YES EXPLAIN				
<input type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	19th cent.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	East and south additions
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" 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 onto New Haven Road, the Frisbie-Coe House is sited in a rural residential neighborhood just north of the North Branford town line.				

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

The four-panelled facade door features a four-paned overlight. The original sash have been replaced with modern one-over-one windows. The gable end of the north elevation exhibits a six-over-six sash, possibly an original window. A large, 2 1/2 story, board-and-batten addition has been added to the southern elevation. A number of other small additions extend from the rear.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1772, this 1 1/2 story, center-chimney, Cape-style, colonial-period house was moved to its present location by Abram Coe in the early nineteenth century. Standing on a sandstone foundation, the clapboarded post-and-beam frame is capped by an asphalt-shingled, ridge-to-street gable roof.

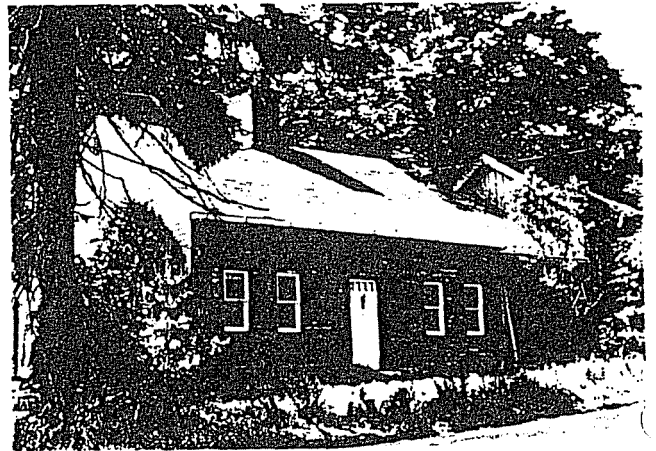
In the fall of 1772 Jonah Frisbie erected this dwelling house and a weaver's shop on a lot of land in the southwestern portion of Durham. Shortly after he constructed the building, Frisbie sold it to Timothy Stow who resided there until 1808. Stow married Rebeckah Meeker in 1769. In 1808 Abram Coe (1783-1859) purchased the property shortly after his marriage to Rebecca Elwell. Coe, who is listed as a farmer and cooper, raised three children: Merrick R., Hannah A., and Phebe Ann. In 1822 Abram purchased a parcel of land along the New Haven Turnpike in 1822 and presumably moved his home to this lot. Shortly before his death in 1859 Coe sold the house "for love and affection" to his daughter Hannah A. Peck (1809-1879), the wife of William Peck. Mrs. Peck quit-claimed the property to her daughter Janice in 1869. Janice (b. 1851) married Roswell R. Wellington, a farmer, in 1864 and the house remained in the family until 1899.

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 _____