

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 159
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)	
	Nettleton, Eliphaz, House	
	2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE COUNTY
	Durham	Middlesex
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)	
Pisgah Road, North side		
4. OWNER(S)		
Bernsten, Fred & Linda <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		
5. USE (Present) (Historic)		
Residence Residence		
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
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		
IF YES, EXPLAIN		

DESCRIPTION	7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	Center-chimney Cape		1793	
	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: <u>Fieldstone covered with concrete</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
1 1/2		28'x39'; 9'x40'; 24'x30'		
12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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 N & E additions	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features (Specify) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden		
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input 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

Sited on a level lot, the Eliphaz Nettleton House is shaded by large old maple trees. The surrounding rural residential area includes open fields and woodland.

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

DESCRIPTIVE (continued)

The three bay facade features a simple board and batten central door flanked by two flush-set six-over-six windows. The large center chimney was replaced in the mid-nineteenth-century. The eastern gable features two six-over-six sash placed on either side of a modern exterior brick chimney. Surrounding the upper floor windows are two of the three small, four-paned windows found commonly on Cape style buildings. The third small window presumably is hidden by the chimney. Containing a workshop and screened porch, a single story shed-roofed addition has been added to the north and east elevations. Outbuildings on the property include a small wooden barn and shed.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Facing south at the intersection of Pisgah and Dead Hill Roads, this 1½ story, Colonial Cape-style dwelling was erected in 1793. Topped with a ridge-to-street, wood-shingled roof, the clapboarded, post-and-beam frame rests on a concrete-covered fieldstone foundation

Although a building appears situated upon this property on the 1760 Map of Durham, a complete and thorough title search documents that this structure was not erected until 1793 by Captain Eliphaz Nettleton. In the spring of that year he purchased a large lot of land at a place called "Pisgah" and constructed the house during the following summer. A native of neighboring Killingworth, Nettleton was a founding member of the Durham Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1812 Daniel and Elizabeth Ives of Cheshire bought the property and resided there until 1818. The farm passed through a number of owners until 1824 when Jeremiah Nettleton acquired it. Nettleton, also a native of Killingworth, was married to Clarinda Davis. Their son, Sherman J. Nettleton, inherited the house in 1847 and continued to operate a farm on the property. In 1868, John Davis (1838-1922), also farmer and native of Killingworth purchased the land. He and his wife, Ellen E. Crampton (1840-1921) raised their ten children on the farm and the house was sold out of the family in 1922.

Architecturally notable as one of the few Cape style dwellings found in Durham, the Eliphaz Nettleton house also derives significance for its association to the Nettleton family and the establishment of the Durham Methodist Episcopal Church.

SOURCES

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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| <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"/> Expiration _____ |