

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 162
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)	
	Norton, David, House	
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE
	Durham	Middlesex
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)	
Sand Hill Road, north side		
4. OWNER(S)		
Perry, Kenneth & Irene <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 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	
	Nineteenth-century Domestic		1823	
	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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____		

DESCRIPTION	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
	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

DESCRIPTION	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
1 1/2	24'x18'; 20'x18'

12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ?	(Alterations)	IF YES EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

Located on a landscaped lot, the David Norton House is set in a neighborhood which developed in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries with the industrial activity along Malt Brook. Some modern residential development has occurred to the south.

DESCRIPTIVE (Continued)

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

The building lacks any stylistic detail identifying it with a distinct architectural style, and the main block of the structure could have been built anytime in the mid-nineteenth century. The 1½ story, 2 bay ell projecting from the eastern elevation could possibly be older than the main portion and date from the late eighteenth century, as there was a dwelling house on the property prior to 1823. The facade entrance is protected by a free-standing gable-roofed overdoor. Six-over-six sash are exhibited on the first story and smaller one-over-one sash on the second story.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Facing south onto Sand Hill Road, this modest early nineteenth-century domestic-style house was constructed in 1823. Featuring a 1½ gable-to-street, three-bay, side-hall-plan facade, the house sits on a fieldstone foundation reinforced with concrete. The post-and-beam frame is sided with clapboards.

In 1823 David Norton of Guilford purchased a 3½ acre lot with house and barn from Bathsheba Hart of Granby. Shortly after they purchased it, Norton (1771-1855) and his wife Nancy (1786-1835) enlarged the house to meet the needs of their growing family. Upon his death in 1855 Norton willed the house to his three children, Mary Ann, Louisa, and Henry. In 1878 they sold the house to Henry Chapman, Louisa's husband, with the stipulation that Mary Ann have the right to lease it for the term of her natural life. Mary Ann, who never married, died in 1892 and the house was sold shortly thereafter.

SIGNIFICANCE

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
- Expropriation _____