

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 165
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)	
	Strong, Henry, House	
	2. TOWN CITY Durham	VILLAGE COUNTY Middlesex
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) South End Ave., East side	
	4. OWNER(S) Gullitti, Jesse & Jesse, Trustee <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) (Historic)		
Residence 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 IF YES, EXPLAIN		

DESCRIPTION	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Greek Revival	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1840
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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: Sandstone Block Foundation	

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 2½	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 22 x 28; 22 x 18
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	1900 porch, gable roof, windows, shutters

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garden	

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input 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"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS	
Set in a residential neighborhood south of Durham Center, the Henry Strong House is near the eastern terminus of South End Avenue.	

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

DESCRIPT (Continued)

Like many other rural farmhouses of this period, this dwelling displays little in the way of embellished detailing. The three bay, side-hall plan facade exhibits slight cornice returns in the gable end. The six-panelled entrance door is framed by a relatively modest door surround. Six-over-six sash, flanked by louvered shutters, are displayed throughout the house. A large multi-paned window has been added to the rear portion of the south elevation. Additions to the eastern elevation include a 2½ story, gable-roofed ell and a single story, shed-roofed porch.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Oriented gable-to-street, this simple Greek Revival-style farmhouse was built by Henry Strong ca. 1840. The clapboarded, post-and-beam frame rests on a sandstone block foundation and is 2½ stories in height.

Henry (Harry) Strong (1790-1876), the son of Seth and Rachel (Robinson) Strong, built this house in 1844 on a lot he purchased from Wedsworth Wadsworth. A farmer, Strong was married to Barbara Scranton (1797-1885) of Durham. Active in local political affairs, Henry served as a town representative in 1851, a Grand Juror in 1852 and a member of the Board of Relief from 1851 to 1853. Susan E. Strong inherited her father's estate in 1876 and resided there until her death in 1898. The property was then divided among the seven remaining children of Henry Strong. Harriet Strong Hull (1843-1931), Henry's youngest daughter, purchased the entire property from her siblings and took up residence there with her husband, Frederick J. Hull. The Hull family owned the house until 1958.

The Henry Strong House is architecturally notable as a well-preserved example of a simple mid-nineteenth-century Greek Revival style farmhouse.

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 _____