

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 168
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) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span> Hart, Samuel, House	
	2. TOWN CITY Durham	VILLAGE COUNTY Middlesex
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) Stage Coach Road, north side	
	4. OWNER(S) Plate, Frank & Julia <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private</span>	
	5. USE (Present) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span> Residence <span style="float: right;">Residence</span>	

DESCRIPTION	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		IF YES, EXPLAIN
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Center-chimney Colonial					DATE OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1780	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)						
	<input 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				

DESCRIPTION	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		

DESCRIPTION	11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2½		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 28' x 38'							
	12. CONDITION (Structural)									
	<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

DESCRIPTION	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	Additions to north and east elevations

DESCRIPTION	14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES						
	<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input checked="" 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				

DESCRIPTION	15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT						
	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density			

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS  
This open rural area, once actively farmed, has changed little since the Hart family settled here in the early eighteenth century.

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

Like other eighteenth-century farmhouses built in outlying parts of Durham, this house displays little architectural detailing. The original center chimney has been replaced by a smaller brick chimney stack. Modern one-over-one sash replace the original windows. The facade entry is protected by a modern aluminum doorhood. Small additions extend from the east and north elevations.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Facing southeast onto Stage Coach Road, the Samuel Hart House is a late example of the 2½ story, central-chimney, colonial-period house form which displays double-hewn overhangs. Built ca. 1780, the aluminum-sided, post-and-beam frame is supported by a modern cement foundation. The steeply-pitched, ridge-to-street gable roof is asphalt-shingled.

The specific circumstances surrounding the construction date of this house remain somewhat unclear. In 1759 Lieutenant Samuel Hart, Sr. (1733-1805), a Guilford native, married Bridget Fowler in Durham. Hart, a farmer, and his wife had seven children: Mary, Ruth, Daniel, Samuel, John, Rebecca, and Lois. The first mention of this dwelling is in 1784 when Samuel, Sr. in his will bestowed upon each of his three sons one-third part of his new dwelling house. Samuel, Sr. willed his wife and daughters his old dwelling house. Hart's probate inventory in 1806 lists two dwelling houses: the house "where Hart now lives," valued at \$600, and the old dwelling house valued at \$300. The assessment of these buildings indicates that the new dwelling house mentioned in 1784 is the one in which Daniel resided. According to William C. Fowler in his History of Durham, Daniel Hart lived on this property in the early nineteenth century. A farmer like his father, Daniel and his wife Hannah had one daughter, Ruth (b. 1800). Upon his death in 1845 Daniel Hart presumably left his dwelling house to his daughter and her husband Henry Maltby, for their names appear on the 1859 and 1874 maps. The Maltby family, which originally came from Branford, remained in the house until 1917. (SEE CONTINUATION SHEET)

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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SIGNIFICANCE

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 19 Date: 5/84

SAMUEL HART HOUSE, Durham

19 (cont'd)

Although some modern alterations have been made in the twentieth century, the Samuel Hart House remains relatively intact and stands as a fine example of a colonial-period farmhouse.