

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
(203) 566-3005

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Town No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Site No. 171

UTM: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

QUAD: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT:  S  NR  Actual  Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) _____ (Historic) <u>Camp, Elias and John S., House</u>	
	2. TOWN CITY <u>Durham</u>	VILLAGE _____ COUNTY <u>Middlesex</u>
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) <u>West side of Tri-Mountain Road</u>	
	4. OWNER(S) <u>DeMartino</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) _____ (Historic) <u>Residence</u>	
	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 _____	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING <u>Center Chimney Colonial</u> DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <u>ca 1823</u>	
DESCRIPTION	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 checked="" 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: <u>Granite foundation</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 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 <u>2½</u> APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS <u>38' x 28'; 20' x 30' ell</u>		
12. CONDITION (Structural) _____ (Exterior) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
13. INTEGRITY (Location) _____ WHEN? _____ (Alterations) _____ IF YES EXPLAIN <u>North addition and garage</u>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) <u>Pool inground</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden		
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input 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		
<p>Set close to the west side of Tri-Mountain Road on an elevated site, the Elias and John S. Camp House is surrounded by open fields and woodland. Some modern development is occurring to the south of the property in this primarily rural residential area.</p>		

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

DESCRIP'T (Continued)

The facade displays broad overhanging eaves and a simple entrance portico with unadorned square posts and a modern doorway. Throughout the house the six-over-six sash are flanked by modern fixed, louvred shutters. The large, brick center chimney is a modern replacement; the 1 story ridge-to-street, gable-roofed ell added to the northern elevation includes a two-car garage. A small shed and barn are located to the northwest of the house.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Located in the southwest district of Durham, this 2½ story, 5 bay, center-chimney Colonial house was erected by Elias Camp and his son John in 1823, the second house to be built on the Camp property, and the only dwelling that is standing today.

According to William C. Fowler in The History of Durham, it is clear that both houses were standing for some time. Elias Camp and his son tore down the original Elias Camp farmhouse and built the present structure nearby. In 1824 Elias (1765-1826) sold an equal half of the old house, barn and the south half of the new house to his son John Spencer (1797-1871). John, in April of 1826, quit-claimed all his rights in "the new house on the newly laid out highway" (DLR 15:419) back to his father. Upon his death six months later Elias willed half the house to his wife Elizabeth and half to his children, Thomas, Lucinda, Eliza, and John. "Distributed to the widow of Elias Camp the farm so called containing 29½ acres with following described parts and privileges of the north part of dwellinghouse with privileges of passing up and down the cellar back chamber and garret stairs and an equal right to oven and passing to and from the oven, also right of passing in and out of the back and cellar" (MPR 14:69). The Ives and Atwell families owned the farm for a short period between 1831 and 1834. In 1836 Porter Austin of Wallingford purchased the "Camp Farm" and resided there until his death in 1858. Joel Austin (1811-1895), Porter's son, inherited the property in his father's estate. Joel, who married Esther Parmalee (1813-1885), was a farmer and served as a town representative between 1861 and 1863. (CONTINUED)

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   
  Explanations \_\_\_\_\_

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(19 continued)

In 1888 Joel sold the homestead to his son, William M. Austin (1842-1915), who continued operating a farm on the property. The house remained in the Austin family until 1919.

The Elias and John S. Camp House derives its significance from its association with the Camp and Austin families and as an example of Durham's reliance on the Colonial house form well into the nineteenth century.

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