

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 180
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>		F. F. Brewster Bungalow	
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	Durham		Middlesex	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
	Wallingford Road, North side			
	4. OWNER(S)			
Otte, Joel C.		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		
DESCRIPTION	5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
	Residence		Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	Bungalow		1926(remodeled 1946)	
	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: Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____		
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input checked="" 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		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
1 1/2		25 x 24		
12. CONDITION (Structural) <span style="float: right;">(Exterior)</span>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
13. INTEGRITY, Location		WHEN?	(Alterations)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		IF YES EXPLAIN		
		sunporch, shed roof dormer with 3x3 windows		
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 type="checkbox"/> Garden		
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS				
Facing south on the north side of Wallingford Road, the Frederick F. Brewster Bungalow is surrounded by open meadows in a primarily residential neighborhood just to the west of Durham Center.				

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

DESCRIPTIVE (Continued)

Set into the slope of a hill, the concrete foundation is fully exposed on the south elevation. The clapboarded balloon frame is topped with an asphalt shingled, ridge-to-street gable roof. The facade features a 1 story full length, shed-roofed, enclosed sunporch and a large shed dormer with three-over-three sash. A modest entryway is located on the western elevation and one-over-one sash are featured throughout the main block. The exposed basement exhibits a 1 bay garage door flanked by two small, square window openings to the east.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This 2½ story Bungalow Cottage was erected by Frederick F. Brewster in 1926.

In that year, Frederick F. Brewster, a successful carriage maker from New Haven bought one and a half acres from Charles A. Brown on which he had this house built. Brewster in 1920 purchased the three farms to the west of this lot as a summer residence and built a number of early-20th-century style homes to house employees of his farm. Presumably, Brewster erected this cottage for the same purpose. In 1945 the property was purchased by the Bolt family, who sold it to the present owners in 1977.

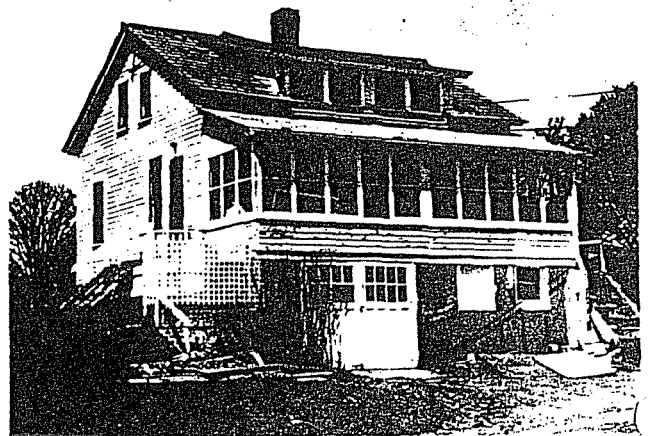
The popular early-20th-century Bungalow style varied in style and form throughout the nation, with each locale using its own traditions, such as the Colonial style in the east, the California style in the west and the Prairie style in the middle-western United States. Architecturally, the Frederick F. Brewster Bungalow is significant as a typical Bungalow style used in the northeast during the building boom after World War II.

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 \_\_\_\_\_