

**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.: 26
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) Edwards' Candle House and Collies Farm Southmayd, Elisha, House	
	2. TOWN CITY Durham	VILLAGE Middlesex
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) Haddam Quarter Road, north side, .7 miles east of Brick Lane	
	4. OWNER(S) Robert & Patricia Edwards <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) (Historic) Residential/commercial Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	IF YES, EXPLAIN with permission	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Federal	
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1835	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding
	<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco
	<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: sandstone foundation		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> balloon additions	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
10. ROOF (Type)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Round	
<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	
<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2½		
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS east addition: 14 x 14 Main block: 25 x 30; north addition: 13 x 46; west addition: 13 x 20;		
12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)		
<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) (Alterations)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
IF YES EXPLAIN Extensive additions to north, west, and east side		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	
<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)		
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density	

DESCRIPTION

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
This house stands on the north side of Haddam Quarter Road, at a point where the road curves to the north, in the midst of an unspoiled rural setting.

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

DESCRIP N (Continued)

The Elisha Southmayd House is one of four residences on the Haddam Quarter Road associated with the Southmayd Family. The structure consists of a central chimney, Federal style main block, with additions to the west, east, and north sides. The main block, which dates from the mid-1830s, is 2½ stories high with a 5 bay facade. It has a centrally located entryway sheltered by an entry porch ornamented with dentillations and supported by two recessed panel columns. This porch dates from the late-nineteenth century and obviously replaced an earlier Federal style entry with a fanlight and pilasters. The replacement door is topped by a 3 pane transom of twentieth-century origins. The windows on the first and second stories of the facade are six-over-six. Although the main block contains no dentil course under the eaves, the gable ends are ornamented with (SEE CONT. SHEET)

18 ARCHITECT BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

According to Fowler, this structure stands on the site of an earlier house built in the early-nineteenth century by Bridgeman Guernsey (1758-1831). The land records, however, suggest that the original structure was built in the eighteenth century by the Curtis family which sold it to Guernsey in 1804. He was the husband of Phebe Curtis, whom he married in 1786. He may have resided in the house from the time of his marriage, but title did not pass to him until several decades later. On Bridgeman Guernsey's death in 1831 the old house passed to his younger sister and her husband, Joseph and Rhoda (Guernsey) Galpin of Berlin, Connecticut. In 1833 they sold it to Elisha and Samuel Southmayd, members of a family prominent in Middletown commerce, several of whom moved to Durham in the early 1800s. Elisha bought out his brother in the same year. Shortly afterwards the old house was razed and replaced by the present Federal style structure. In 1834 Elisha's brother Huntington Southmayd married Mary Brainerd, daughter of another prominent Haddam Quarter landowner, and took up residence in the new house. On Huntington's death in 1870 the house passed to his son Freeman Brainerd Southmayd (1837-1906). Between 1908 and 1912 the house passed through the hands of several owners, finally being sold to Paul P. Wilcox of New Britain and Edwin P. Fischer of New York City. Wilcox took full ownership in 1914. The Wilcox family worked the old Southmayd farm until 1963. The house passed to its present owners in 1968.

The architectural significance of this structure derives from its representation of the stylistic transition from Colonial to Federal and Greek Revival styles (SEE CONT. 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; 1974 Beers Atlas.

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER	DATE
	P. D. Hall	6/5/83
VIEW	VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE
	Southeast side	1:6
COMPILED BY	NAME	DATE
	P. D. Hall	2/1/84
	ORGANIZATION	
	Greater Middletown Preservation Trust	
ADDRESS	27 Washington Street, Middletown, CT 06457	



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation _____

