

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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Town No.:

Site No. 34

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QUAD:

DISTRICT:

IF NR. SPECIFY

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Actual

Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)
Hull, Leonard, House

2. TOWN CITY VILLAGE COUNTY
Durham Middlesex

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)
E. Madison Road

4. OWNER(S)
de McCarthy, Eugene G.B. (deceased March 1984) Public Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)
Residence Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE IF YES, EXPLAIN
 Yes No Yes No

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Early Nineteenth-century Domestic 1837

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
 Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Other (Specify) _____
 Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding Fieldstone
 Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone
 Aluminum Siding Concrete Type: _____ Cut stone Type: Brownstone

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
 Wood frame Post and beam balloon Other (Specify) _____
 Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel

10. ROOF (Type) (Material)
 Gable Flat Mansard Monitor sawtooth
 Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other (Specify) _____
 Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate
 Asphalt shingle Built up Tile Other (Specify) _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
1 1/2 22' x 22'

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN ? (Alterations) IF YES EXPLAIN
 On original site Moved Yes No W addition

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
 Barn Shed Garage Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____
 Carriage house Shop Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
 Open land Wood-land Residential Scattered buildings visible from site
 Commercial Industrial Rural High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
The Leonard Hull House is set on a triangular wooded lot bordered by Madison Road on the west and Cherry Lane on the east.

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

DESCRIBION (Continued)

Peculiarly situated upon a small hill amid large rock formations, the three-bay facade appears to face south away from the road. Throughout the house the fenestration has an unbalanced arrangement. The facade exhibits a side entrance flanked by two (boarded-up) windows. The second story features two asymmetrically placed, smaller windows of different sizes. The east elevation features overhanging eaves and an interesting placement of windows in the gable end; a center tripartite sash flanked by two smaller square windows and topped by two similar square windows. A single story, shed-roofed ell has been added to the western elevation. The only notable architectural detailing is the bracketed entrance hood which protects the facade doorway.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This unusual 1½ story, early nineteenth-century, Domestic-style building was erected in 1837 by Leonard Hull. Sided in clapboards, the post-and-beam framing system rests on a brownstone foundation. The house is capped by an asphalt-shingled gable roof.

In 1837 Leonard Hull received a plot of land from his mother, Hannah Hull, on which he erected this house. Hull (1807-1867), the son of Eliakim Hull Jr., married Emily Chalker in 1834 and later married Catherine Miller of Middlefield. It is not known what happened to Hull's first wife, but upon his death in 1867, Emily Chalker Hull reappeared at Middletown's Probate Court with a petition asking that the dower be set out to her. The Court after "considering questions heard and evidence presented, found that when said Emily Hull absented herself from her husband, she is no longer entitled to the real estate of Leonard Hull" (MPR 23:264). In 1887 the de McCarthy family purchased the house which is still owned by descendants of that family.

Although the house can not be identified with any particular architectural style, it is an interesting and unusual representation of an early nineteenth-century vernacular dwelling.

SOURCES

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known
 Highways
 Vandalism
 Developers
 Other _____
 Renewal
 Private
 Deterioration
 Zoning
 Explanation Vacant