

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 36
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	IF NR SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span>		Guida, John, House	
	2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	Durham		Middlesex	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
	Maiden Lane, south side, corner of Main Street			
	4. OWNER(S)			
	John and Catherine Guida		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
DESCRIPTION	5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
	Residence		Residence/shoe shop	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<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		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	Colonial		ca. 1800	
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 <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: sandstone				
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input 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		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
1 3/4		23 x 20		
12. CONDITION (Structural) <span style="float: right;">(Exterior)</span>				
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> On original site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved		ca. 1925	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Garage added to southwest corner
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 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"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density				
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS				
The Guida House stands on a tiny (.165 A) lot to the rear of the Moses Austin House, just off Durham's Main Street.				

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

The Guida House is a 3/4 story aluminum-sided structure. Its gable end faces the street. Its left side displays a one-foot overhang. A porch has been added to the north gable end which faces the street. A one-car garage has been added to its southwest corner.

18 ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_ BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The Guida House originally stood as an addition on the south gable end of the Moses Austin House. It was probably built in the early nineteenth century by James P. Camp, one of Durham's most extensive shoe manufacturers, to house his many apprentices. It is possible, however, that the addition dates from the eighteenth century, since it would have been most unusual for a practical Yankee like Camp to perpetuate a purely decorative feature like an overhang. The wing was removed from the Austin House between 1921, when Fred Rees sold this lot with no structures on it to George Francis, owner of the Merriam Manufacturing Company, and 1938, when the lot with a dwelling was purchased by Blanche A. Thayer. It was purchased by its present owners in 1965.

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     Explanation \_\_\_\_\_