

**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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Town No.:	Site No. 44
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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)  
 Coakley, Daniel, House

2. TOWN CITY: Durham VILLAGE: COUNTY: Middlesex

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)  
 174 Main Street

4. OWNER(S)  
 Shovlin, Laura E.  Public  Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)  
 Residence Residence/Shoe shop

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

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: 19th century domestic DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1806-1808

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 type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	

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 checked="" 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: 1 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 28' X 42'; greenhouse 14' X 8'

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
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13. INTEGRITY (Location) (Alterations) IF YES EXPLAIN

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	WHEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Greenhouse added to south side ca. 1950
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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 type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input checked="" 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

One of a group of three houses built as rental properties, this small structure stands close to the edge of Main Street, just north of Durham's commercial center.

DESCRIBED BY (Continued)

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

This 1½ story nineteenth-century domestic vernacular house is a composite structure. Its core, built in the early nineteenth century, measures 28'X15'. A 13'X28' shed roof addition was added--probably in the nineteenth century--to its north side. A shed roof sun porch was added--probably in the early 20th century--to its south side. The main entry to the house, which originally was located on the south side, has been obscured by additions. There is also an entry on the west side, leading into what was once a shoemaker's shop. The fenestration on the structure consists of 6X6s throughout. The two sets of double 6X6s on the facade of the house suggest that the fenestration as we presently see it dates from this century. The original sheathing on this house, originally clapboard, has been replaced by aluminum siding.

SIGNIFICANCE

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

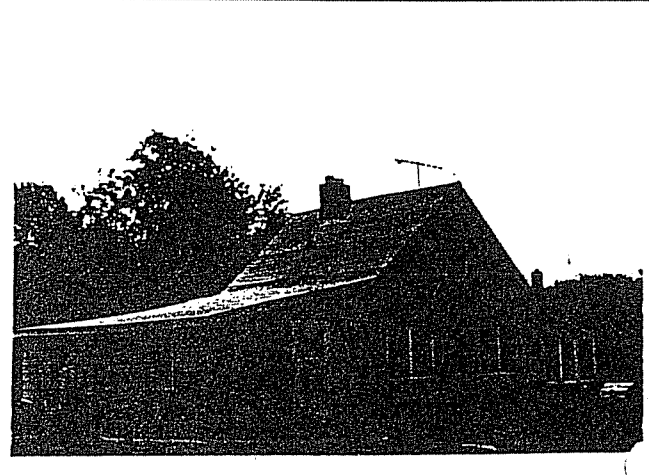
This house was built between 1806 and 1808 by Abiel Camp, a blacksmith and one of the many individuals in that trade who served the needs of those passing over the Middletown and New Haven Turnpike, the main route in the eighteenth and early nineteenth century for those travelling from New Haven and points south to Boston and Hartford. In 1811, Camp sold the quarter acre lot with a dwelling and blacksmith shop to two brothers, Jabez and Morris Bailey. In 1820, Jabez Bailey (father of Henry W. Bailey, who later owned 170 Main Street) to Julia Johnson. She sold it in 1863 to Daniel Coakley, a 30 year old Irish immigrant. He had migrated to America with his wife in the early 1850s and had settled in Durham. The first child was born in Durham in 1856. Coakley, who listed his occupation variously as laborer, shoemaker and farmer, owned the property until his death. In 1885, his heirs sold it to S.S. Scranton, who sold it a few days later to Smith Crowell, Legatee of Daniel Southmayd and owner of the large farmstead to the east of this cluster of small houses. When Crowell sold his house to Nehemiah Burr in 1893, this house was part of the larger property--and it continued to be so through 1932, when Burr sold his farm to Elizabeth Downs and she in turn sold it in 1937 to Deborah Currier. Deborah Currier sold the house to its present owner in 1945. This house is architecturally significant in that it is one of a few small commercial/residential structures of the early nineteenth century to survive--the other of its type being Red's Mill (now Giuseppe's Restaurant) on the New Haven Road on the Durham/Northford border. It is historically significant for its association with the town's early commercial life and with Durham's immigrant population.

SOURCES

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None knowr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Highways	<input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> Developers	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____