

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
 (203) 566-3005

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. <u>51</u>
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) <i>(Historic)</i>	
None	Parmalee, William A. House
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE COUNTY
Durham	Middlesex
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)	
138 Main Street	
4. OWNER(S)	
Eick, Albert and Shirley <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) <i>(Historic)</i>	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No with permission

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Greek Revival	1839-1842
8. MATERIAL(S) <i>(Indicate use or location when appropriate)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i>	
<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: <u>Poured</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: <u>Sandstone</u>	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> balloon E. side addit. <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i>	
<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 <i>(Specify)</i>	
<i>(Material)</i>	
<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 <i>(Specify)</i>	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
2½	31' X 68'
12. CONDITION <i>(Structural)</i> <i>(Exterior)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY <i>(Location)</i>	WHEN? <i>(Alterations)</i> IF YES EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 12'X18' 1½ story addition added to east end in 1966
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings <i>(Specify)</i>	
<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"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS	

This structure stands on a large four acre tree shaded lot.

DESCR. DN (Continued)

Wide vertical, flush-boarded pilasters with bases and capitals join a full wide entablature on the facade. Set over these is a full pediment containing a single shuttered 6X6 window and sheathed with horizontal flush boards. The gable end of this house faces the street and contains eight shuttered 6X6 windows arranged in four bays, but the main entrance to the house is on the south side. The entry is protected by a full-length one story hip-roofed front porch supported by four square posts with sawn brackets. The porch, undoubtedly a late-nineteenth-century addition, covers part of the original entry, which boasted a full entablature supported by pilasters. It still contains its original six-panel door and transom lights, and is flanked by two 6X6 windows. The second story contains 3 symmetrically arranged 6X6 windows. (continued )

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

SIGNIFICANCE

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

In 1839, Phineas Parmalee, a shoe manufacturer , purchased 7 acres standing on the east side of Main Street opposite his own house and shoemaking establishment. He built two houses on the property. The southern structure he sold to fellow shoemaker Perez Sturtevant in 1840. The second , the 2 ½ story 4 bay, Greek Revival style residence, he sold for \$1200 to his son William A. Parmalee in 1842. William A. Parmalee was a prominent shoe manufacturer and was politically active, serving a Town Clerk and as a representative to the General Assembly. On his death in 1902, the house passed by will to Elizabeth Badet of New London. The house passed through a succession of owners until its purchase in 1963 by the Eick family.

This house is one of the best examples of the Greek Revival style in Durham. It is especially notable not only for its overall authenticity, but also for the high style in which it was built. It is historically notable for its association with the Parmalee family which, as proprietors and, later, as entrepreneurs, were leading spirits in the political and economic life of the town.

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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Greater Middletown Preservation Trust	
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27 Washington Street, Middletown, Conn. 06457	



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known.	<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 _____

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59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM  
For Buildings and Structures

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TOWN NO.:		SITE NO.:	
UTM: 18	/	5	1
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 19 Date: 8/83

Parmelee, William A. House  
138 Main Street  
Durham:

17. The house has two additions to its east (rear) end. The first is a 2 gable roofed 18X20 kitchen wing which may be contemporary with the porch. The second is a 12X18 single story gable roofed addition standing on a poured concrete foundation.