

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. 52
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>		Crowell, Elmer W., House	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Durham		Middlesex	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
137 Main Street			
4. OWNER(S)			
Beaty, Jeffery G. & Kathleen M.		<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
5. USE (Present)		<i>(Historic)</i>	
Residence		Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:			
EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD		INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		IF YES, EXPLAIN	

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Bungalow		1921-1924	
8. MATERIAL(S) <i>(Indicate use or location when appropriate)</i>			
<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> balloon	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input 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		
1 1/4	Main Block 25' X 13' ; rear extension 25' X 19'		
12. CONDITION <i>(Structural)</i>		<i>(Exterior)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
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13. INTEGRITY <i>(Location)</i>		WHEN ? <i>(Alterations)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			

The small house lot, on the west side of Main Street, is two houses south of the junction of Main Street and Talcott Lane. A single-car, clapboarded garage lies southwest of the house.

DESCR. JN (Continued)

Porch roof, is supported by two short, battered piers which rise from cobblestone pedestals. A gabled 3-window dormer is above the porch.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This 1½ story, 1920's bungalow has a balloon frame with a gable ridge-to-street slate roof and aluminum siding. The enclosed full-length sun porch has multi-pane windows joined at the top by a continuous semi-ellipse. The porch roof, a continuation of the main roof, is supported by two short battered piers (with extreme entasis) which rise from cobblestone pedestals. The 2-leaf, 5-pane doors are in the center of the porch. All house windows are 1/1 sash. A gabled 3 window dormer is centrally placed above the porch. A painted, corbelled exterior chimney is on the north side.

In 1927, Elmer W. Crowell purchased from Herbert L. Southmayd a quarter acre lot on the west side of Main Street (DLR 36:66). In the deed, the grantor (Southmayd) reserved "the right to have the first right to purchase the ... real estate together with all the buildings which may be erected... should the grantee... offer the same for sale." But when Crowell did sell the land in 1924, with buildings, Jessie D. Munson, not Southmayd, was the grantee. The house was probably built to use as rental property, for at the time of its conveyance in 1924, Crowell was residing in Florida and the grantee, Munson ( was a resident of West Hartford.

Although somewhat altered, this house is architecturally important as a classic early twentieth-century bungalow.

SOURCES

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

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 _____