

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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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.: 58
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) (Historic)	
	Leach, Leverett W., House	
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE COUNTY
	Durham	Middlesex
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)	
	129 Main Street	
	4. OWNER(S)	
	Schilling, Minnie A., estate of <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)	
	residence residence	
DESCRIPTION	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING	
	Italianate	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
	1867/1868	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: sandstone foundation	
	9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Gable <input checked="" 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		
2	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
	20' x 50'	
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		
13. INTEGRITY (Location) (Alterations)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES EXPLAIN		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input checked="" 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"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density		
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		
The Leverett M. Leach House is located on a large, wooded lot on the west side of Main Street in the Durham historic district.		

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

A full-length, hip-roofed porch is on the facade. It is supported by a square, chamfered bust set on low pedestals rising to square capitals. A plain frieze runs under the wide roof overhang. Roof brackets, the usual hallmarks of the Italianate style, appear to have been removed. Symmetrical, hip-roofed entryways have been added to the north and south sides. There is also a large, two story, rear addition. The six-over-six sash windows have architrave moulding around their frames. A 2½ story cross-gabled barn with cupola is located northwest of the house at the rear.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

SIGNIFICANCE

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The Leverett M. Leach House is a 2-story, three-bay Italianate cube built in 1867 or 1868. It has a flat, central chimney, asphalt-shingled roof, a clapboard exterior, and a sandstone block foundation. The house is in some respects similar to to 132 Main Street.

Leverett W. Leach, the proprietor of the L.W. Leach and Son Store located to the south next to the First Church of Christ, received this lot in 1852 (without buildings) from the estate of Mary Bowers. When he died in 1866, his son Leverett M. inherited the property and four years later he had built this house, as the 1870 plot map of Durham indicates. Leverett M. also inherited his father's business; by 1880 he is listed in the Census as the keeper of a "Dry Goods & Grocery Store". But Leverett M. Served his community in other than purely mercantile ways. In 1860 he was elected as a Durham representative in the General Assembly. Two years later he became a Senator from the Eighteenth District. After he died in 1898 the house was sold to Levi Leonard.

This house is significant as an example of Italianate-style architecture in Durham and its association with one of Durham's influential citizens.

SOURCES

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PHOTO

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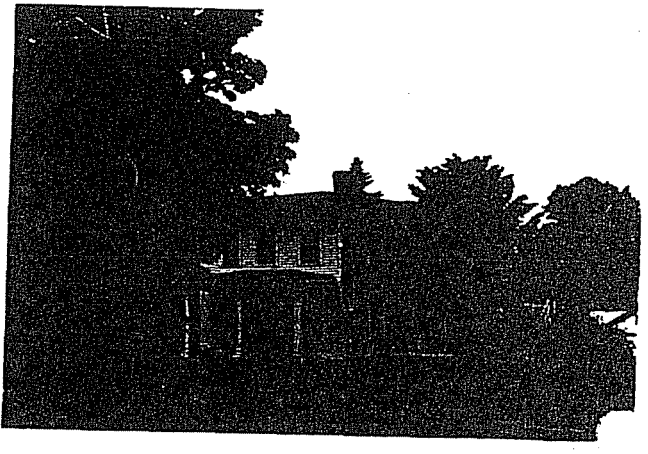
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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

- 21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE
- None known.
 - Highways
 - Vandalism
 - Developers
 - Other _____
 - Renewal
 - Private
 - Deterioration
 - Zoning
 - Expropriation _____