

**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.: 60
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) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span>		Hubbard, Frederick Plumb, House	
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	Durham		Middlesex	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
	126 Main Street			
	4. OWNER(S)			
	Venuti, Joseph & Karen <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private</span>			
	5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
	Residence		Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	With Permission	
7. STYLE OF BUILDING			DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Nineteenth century Domestic Vernacular			1910	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone Foundation <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 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 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		
2½		main block 21'x39'; NE addition 25'x20'; SE addition 23'x25'		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Mid-twentieth century additions to SE & NE corners
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density				
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS				
This house stands adjacent to the Merriam Manufacturing Company on Durham's Main Street.				

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

None.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

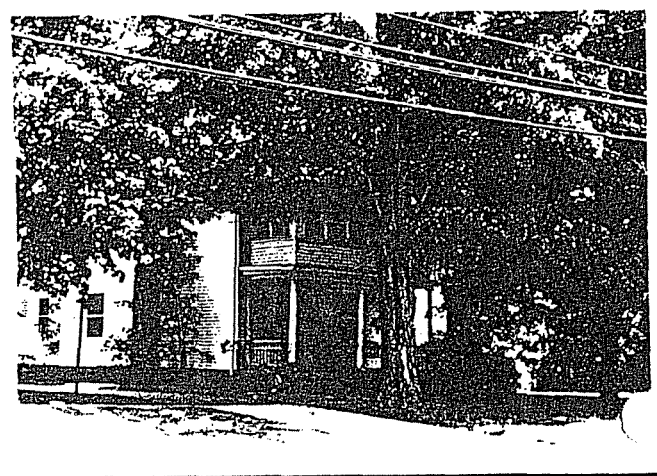
This 2½ story domestic, vernacular structure has been extensively altered since its construction in 1910. As built, the house was a domestic, simple, cross gable residence with classical revival features. The main block, measuring 21'x39', was fronted by a two story porch. The first story was and remains open, supported by doric columns joined by a simple stick-style balustrade. The second story, which may originally have been open, has been enclosed a sunporch. The gable end, which faces the street, contains a louvered rectangular window in its peak (probably a replacement) and has cornice returns -- a classical reference echoing the porch columns. The entry door contains four wood and two glass panels and is probably original to the house. The gable peaks, like that of the main gable, have cornice returns and contain 1x1 windows. The north side of the house boasts a square stained glass window. The original sheathing on this house -- which was either wooden shingle or clapboard -- has been replaced with aluminum siding. The house has suffered major additions. The most prominent of these is a 23'x25' two car gambrel-roofed garage on the south side, connected to the main block by a breezeway. A shed roof and gable roof addition to the rear also dates from the mid-twentieth century.

This house was built in 1910 for Frederick Plumb Hubbard (1849-1910) and his wife, Alit. They purchased the land in June of 1909 from the Merriam Manufacturing Company of which Hubbard was president, having succeeded his father in the post. The house remained in the Hubbard family until 1919, when Frederick Hubbard's widow sold it to the Company. In 1934, the house was sold to George J. and Emma Francis, another president of the Merriam Manufacturing

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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	P.D. Hall	6/5/83
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COMPILED BY	NAME	DATE
	P.D. Hall	8/10/83
	ORGANIZATION	
	Greater Middletown Preservation Trust	
ADDRESS		
27 Washington St., Middletown, Conn. 06457		



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known.     Highways     Vandalism     Developers     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal     Private     Deterioration     Zoning     Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 19 Date: 9/29/83

FREDERICK PLUMB HUBBARD HOUSE, 126 Main Street, Durham

Company. The Francises left the house by will to Mary Mazzoleni in 1955. She sold it to its present owners in 1965. In its present condition, the house has little architectural significance. Historically, however, the proximity of this commodious residence to Durham's chief manufacturing enterprise illustrates the traditional proprietary relation between the company's chief executive officer and his firm in the nineteenth century — a pattern that continued in Durham long after it had disappeared elsewhere.