

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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Town No.:	Site No. 65
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QUAD:	
DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	IF NR SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic)		
Guernsey Bates	Squire-Bates Store		
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Durham		Middlesex	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
115 Main Street			
4. OWNER(S)			
Heck, Carl H. & Sheila C. <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)			
Residence (Historic) Store/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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Colonial	ca. 1796
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 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 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
1 1/2	24' x 32'
12. CONDITION (Structural)	
<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)	
<input type="checkbox"/> On original site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved WHEN? 1847 (Alterations) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES EXPLAIN remodeled 1940	
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 Squire-Bates Store is now on the west side of Main Street, just north of the Elias Austin House. It originally stood on the site of the present-day First Church of Christ. A 1 1/2-story barn with vertical flush-boardings stands behind the building.

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

DESCRIP. CONTINUED (Continued)

This historically commercial building was moved to its present site in 1847. The facade doorway is flanked by fluted pilasters which rise to a simple crown-moulded lintel. A modern exterior chimney is on the north side. A full-length addition has been made to the rear of the building.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

The Squire-Bates Store, now a residence, is a simple 1½-story, 4 bay, Colonial period building which rests on a sandstone foundation. It was built in 1796. Its post-and-beam frame has an asphalt-shingled gable roof and is clapboarded. The facade entryway is off-center. In January 1796 Phineas Squires bought a Main Street plot, with dwelling house and barn, from Martha and Robert Fairchild of Fairfield. The First Church of Christ stands on this lot today. Only a month later in 1796, however, Squires sold the lot, with a newly built store upon it, to Daniel and Guernsey Bates. Dennis Camp received the property in 1835. In that year and the next, the store building was used as a schoolhouse by Gaylord Newton. In 1847 Camp conveyed the property to the First Ecclesiastical Society of Durham, "for the purpose of building a Church thereon" (DLR 19:310). Guernsey Bates' old dwelling house was pulled down, but the store building was moved to its present site. It eventually became the dwelling house of Sereno Leete, a Durham farmer. This building is important as one of the earliest extant commercial structures in Durham.

SOURCES

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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 _____