

Town No.:	Site No. 72
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
Durham		Camp, Elnathan, House	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Durham		Middlesex	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
NE corner Main Street and Maiden Lane			
4. OWNER(S)			
Quick, Joan M. <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Residence		Residence and Offices	
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	
7. STYLE OF BUILDING			DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Colonial			1758?
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 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 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 (addit)	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
2 1/2	main block 42'x34'; E addition 26'x28'		
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" 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)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES, EXPLAIN			
Three nineteenth-century additions to east end			
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input checked="" 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"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			

This handsome eighteenth-century structure stands on the northeast corner of Main Street and Maiden Lane.

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

DESCRIP (Continued)

- gambrel-roofed with double-overhang
- cellar of one of the additions contains a shopdoor dating from the early nineteenth-century

18 ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This gambrel-roofed, double-overhang colonial structure is unlike any other building of its period in Durham in size and scale. The only house remotely approximating its grandness is the Elizur Goodrich House at 42 Main Street--which is contemporary with it and which, except for the gambrel roof, resembles it in many respects. The Elnathan Camp House is a five-bay center entrance structure. Like the Goodrich house it was probably a central chimney structure--but its original chimney has been removed. The present fenestration consists of 6x9s except for one window on the east side, which contains one of the original 12x12s. The east side of the building contains three, nineteenth-century one story additions. The cellar of one of these additions contains a shopdoor dating from the early nineteenth century.

This house stands on land granted to Thomas Mecoock in 1701. He sold it to Abraham Jelit in 1706. When Jelit sold it in 1722, it contained a house and barn. Its new owner, John Camp of Milford gave the property to his son, John Camp 3rd in 1734. He gave it to his son Phineas Camp in 1785. On the same day, Phineas (who was migrating westward) sold the property, described as containing "two mansion houses and a barn" to his brother, Elnathan Camp. Although it is impossible to date the construction of this house from existing records, its similarity to the Goodrich house suggests that it was built some time in the 1760s to replace the earlier and smaller Jelit house. The house was probably built for John Camp, Phineas and Elnathan's father. Elnathan already had a house and shop to the north of the property at 110 Main Street. He did not occupy this building until 1785. (CONT.)

SOURCES

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None knowr. Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanaton _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 19 Date: 8/83

ELNATHAN CAMP HOUSE, NE corner Main Street & Maiden Lane, Durham

19. The building appears to have been used for both residential and commercial purposes, both by Elnathan Camp, who is known to have been a merchant, and by subsequent owners. On Elnathan Camp's death in 1807, the house passed to his son, David Camp. When he died the following year, the property was kept undivided until 1830—though it was apparently occupied by Dennis Camp, who in partnership with his brother-in-law Guernsey Bates, kept a store on the property and was probably responsible for the additions to the east side of the house. Dennis Camp bought out the interests of his cousins, Elnathan Camp's heirs, in 1830. In 1865, Dennis Camp's son, Henry B. Camp of Hartford, sold the property to S.S. Scranton, who sold it shortly thereafter to Smith Crowell. Crowell, who owned the house from 1867 to 1896, kept a tavern on the premises. On his death, the house passed through his daughter into the hands of the Newton family, by whom it was used as a dwelling until 1945. In 1973, it passed to its present owners.

Architecturally, this building is significant as one of Durham's most imposing eighteenth-century buildings, one of two gambrel-roofed buildings remaining in the town. Its historical significance derives from its association with the Camp family and from its function as the most important commercial structure in Durham during the Early National Period.