

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**
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Town No.:	Site No.: 7
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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)	
Hull, Eliakim, House	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE
Durham	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)	
Cherry Lane, west side	
4. OWNER(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
5. USE (Present) (Historic)	
Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE IF YES, EXPLAIN	
Residence	

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Greek Revival	ca. 1840
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:
<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone
<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"/> 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"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up
<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
2½	22 x 30½
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 type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved
WHEN?	(Alterations)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES EXPLAIN	
NW addition, 6'x17', SW woodshed addition 30'x15'	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed (3) small
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop
<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) COOP
<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural
<input type="checkbox"/> High building density	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS	

Situated on an elevated site along the west side of Cherry Lane, the Eliakim W. Hull house is surrounded by open fields and woodland in a rural residential neighborhood.

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

The only decorative detail is a moulded cornice at the roofline which terminates in slight cornice returns on the facade. A single story ell projects from the south elevation and a single story, hip-roofed addition has been added to the rear portion of the northern elevation. A six-over-six window is featured in the gable end and two-over-two sash are exhibited throughout the rest of the house. Three sheds and two chicken coops are located to the south and west of the main house.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This simple 2½ story, three-bay, side-hall plan, Greek Revival-style farmhouse was erected ca. 1840 by Eliakim W. Hull. Resting on a sandstone foundation, the clap-boarded post-and-beam frame is oriented gable-to-street.

Eliakim Hull erected this house ca. 1840 on an eight-acre lot he purchased from Olive Smith. Hull, a farmer and son of Eliakim and Hannah Hull, married Betsey Fowler in 1819. A Middletown native, Hinksman Roberts (1802-1872) and his wife Polly (Nettleton) purchased the farm in 1847. In 1873 Almer Roberts, Hinksman's son, sold the property to Edwin Priest (1810-1890), a machinist from Middletown who resided there until 1885.

The Eliakim Hull House stands as a fine example of the rural vernacular Greek Revival style built in mid-nineteenth-century 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
 Explanation _____