

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. 83
UTM	
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)	
Hall, Elizar, House	Hall-Parsons House	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY
Durham		Middlesex
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)		
87 Main Street		
4. OWNER(S)		
Mathewson, Marjorie E. <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		
5. USE (Present)		
Residence (Historic) Residence		
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
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		

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION			
Georgian	c. 1830			
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 checked="" 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 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	<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			
2 1/2	main 32' x 40' : north add. 16' x 23' : west add. 24' x 36'			
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
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13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ?	(Alterations)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input checked="" 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 house stands on a wooded lot on the southwest corner of the junction of Main Street and Wallingford Road.

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

DESCRIP (Continued)

The double-panel central facade door is flanked by two five-pane sidelights and is surmounted by a five-pane transom. Large doorway pilasters, with simple rectangular bases and moulded capitals, rise to a low-arched, elliptical, Federal pediment decorated with dentillated moulding. Above the doorway at the second story level is a central tripartite Palladian window with ornamental keystone, pilasters, and sidelights. Dentil courses run under the full pediments of the gable ends, which contain Federal style fanlights. The 12/12 sash windows of the house have plain trim and louvred shutters. A wood-shingled ell has been added to the northwest corner, and a garage to the west end of the ell.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

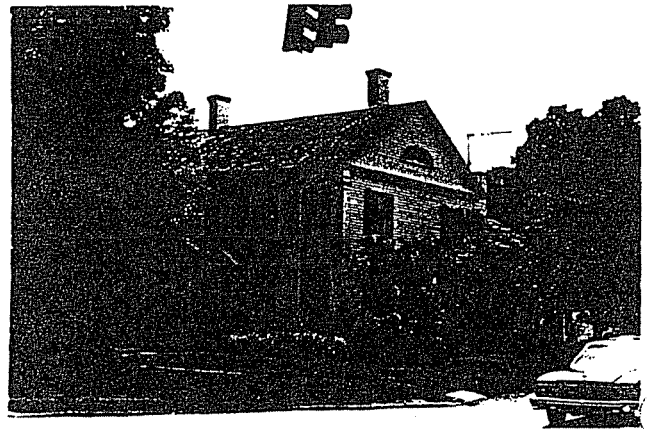
The Hall-Parsons House, built c. 1830, is a 2-story Georgian/Federal style building. The asphalt-shingled, ridge-to-street gable roof is marked by double interior chimneys, a feature of the Georgian style house plan. The post-and-beam frame is clapboarded and rests on a mortared sandstone foundation. An 1822 deed mentions a lease indenture for this lot between Joseph Camp, Chauncey Hall, and Elizur Hall on the one hand and the First Ecclesiastical Society of Durham on the other. But only a 'shoemaker's shop' stood at that time. Elizur's house was built a few years later, at least by 1833, as a mortgage deed from that year reveals. The house became the property of Nathan Parsons, a Durham farmer, and remained in his family until the second decade of the twentieth century. Little is known of Elizur Hall. He was apparently involved in the shoemaking industry, as the 1822 deed mentioned above reveals. The 1820 census lists at least one member of Hall's household as being engaged in 'manufacture'. The Hall-Parsons House is an excellent late, transitional example of the Georgian and Federal styles in Durham.

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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PHOTOGRAPHER	DATE
Hall, Peter	6/83
VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE
Northeast	6:23
NAME	DATE
McCord, J.	8/83
ORGANIZATION	
Greater Middletown Preservation Trust	
ADDRESS	
27 Washington Street, Middletown, Conn.	06457



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known.  
  Highways  
  Vandalism  
  Developers  
  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Renewal  
  Private  
  Deterioration  
  Zoning  
  Explanation \_\_\_\_\_