

**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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Town No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Site No. **84**

UTM: \_\_\_\_\_

QUAD: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT:  S  NR IF NR SPECIFY  Actual  Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) \_\_\_\_\_ (Historic) **Camp & Baldwin Store**

2. TOWN CITY **Durham** VILLAGE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY **Middlesex**

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) **85 Main Street**

4. OWNER(S) **Curtis, Marie M.**  Public  Private

5. USE (Present) \_\_\_\_\_ (Historic) **Residence/Photo Studio** | **Store/Residence**

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:  Yes  No EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD  Yes  No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE  Yes  No IF YES, EXPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING **nineteenth-century domestic** DATE OF CONSTRUCTION **ca. 1820**

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

Clapboard  Asbestos Siding  Brick  Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Wood Shingle  Asphalt Siding  Fieldstone

Board & Batten  Stucco  Cobblestone

Aluminum Siding  Concrete Type: \_\_\_\_\_  Cut stone Type: **Mortared Sand-stone Foundation**

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

Wood frame:  Post and beam  balloon  Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Load bearing masonry  Structural iron or steel

10. ROOF (Type)

Gable  Flat  Mansard  Monitor  sawtooth

Gambrel  Shed  Hip  Round  Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

(Material)

Wood Shingle  Roll Asphalt  Tin  Slate

Asphalt shingle  Built up  Tile  Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

11. NUMBER OF STORIES **2** APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS **main 26' x 44', many additions**

12. CONDITION (Structural) \_\_\_\_\_ (Exterior) \_\_\_\_\_

Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) \_\_\_\_\_ WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_ (Alterations) \_\_\_\_\_ IF YES EXPLAIN **second story rebuilt**

On original site  Moved  Yes  No

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

Barn  Shed  Garage  Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Carriage house  Shop  Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

Open land  Wood-land  Residential  Scattered buildings visible from site

Commercial  Indus-trial  Rural  High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

The Camp & Baldwin Store resembles the L.W. Leach Store (now the Morse & Otte Market) just a few buildings to the north, on the same side of Main Street. The single out-building is a barn.

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

DESCRIP 1 (Continued)

This building originally had a post-and-beam frame. During the nineteenth century, however, the second story was apparently rebuilt, as the irregular placement of the gable-end second-story windows shows. Full-size windows are generally 2/2 sash. Multiple additions have been made to the northwest corner, and a hip-roofed sun porch has been added to the south side.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Built ca. 1820, the Camp & Baldwin Store is a simple nineteenth-century commercial structure. Its 2-story wooden frame has a gable-to-street wood-shingled roof, a clapboard exterior, and a rough, mortared sand-stone foundation. Like the Robinson-Andrews and the Asahel Strong Houses to the south, the Camp & Baldwin Store lot was originally a part of one of Durham's 'parsonage lots'. The first mention of the building was made in an 1824 deed, in which Heth Camp conveyed the store to William S. Camp and Timothy W. Baldwin, Durham merchants. As the store was in full operation at this time, it was probably built a few years earlier, when Heth Camp contracted some type of lease with the First Ecclesiastical Society of Durham. The terms of this lease, however, have not been recorded. William Camp and his partner Baldwin settled their own lease with the Ecclesiastical Society in 1826--this time for nine-hundred and ninety-nine years. By 1836, the store had passed to Asher Robinson, and was henceforth used as a residence only, until the present time. It is now the Curtis Studio. This building's architectural similarity to the L.W. Leach Store suggests the existence of a Durham building tradition for commercial structures.

SOURCES

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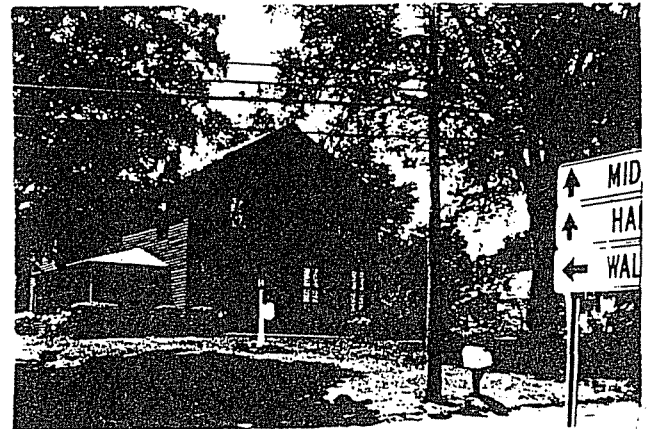
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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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