

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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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. 8
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) <i>(Historic)</i>		Crane, Henry, House	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Durham		Middlesex	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
Cherry Lane, north side			
4. OWNER(S)			
LaBella, Frank & Dorothy <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)		<i>(Historic)</i>	
Residence		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		
7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Colonial		ca. 1785	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input checked="" 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	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input 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	26 x 22 1/2		
12. CONDITION (Structural)		<i>(Exterior)</i>	
<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?	<i>(Alterations)</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		IF YES EXPLAIN	
		adds: W porch: 26x4; E porch: 26x4	
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 type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
Located at a bend on Cherry Lane near the intersection of Hellgate Road, the Henry Crane House is set on a level lot surrounded by open fields in a rural residential neighborhood.			

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

DESCRIPT. (Continued)

The 1 story, three-bay, hip-roofed enclosed porch added to the facade in the nineteenth century features a modern doorway flanked by two six-over-six sash. The 1 story, gable-roofed ell which extends from the eastern elevation most likely was added at the same time as the facade addition. The original center chimney has been replaced and a modern exterior chimney has been added to the western elevation. There is a shed-roofed addition to the rear.

Outbuildings: A single story, two-bay, gable-roofed garage is located to the northwest of the house.

18 ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Facing south onto Cherry Lane, this Colonial period house was erected by Henry Crane ca. 1785. The 2½ story building topped with a wood-shingled, ridge-to-street gable roof features a center-hall plan with a three-bay facade. Utilizing a post-and-beam framing system, the house is asbestos-sided and rests on a sandstone foundation.

Henry Crane (b. 1748) erected this house ca. 1785 on a plot of land he purchased from Jonathan Wells. Crane, the son of Henry Crane, Jr. and Mercy (Francias), was the grandson of Henry Crane, Sr., one of Durham's original settlers. Shortly before he migrated to Whitestown, New York, Crane sold the homestead to Captain James Hickox in 1792. In 1802 Captain Hickox's widow, Rachel, sold the dwelling house to brothers, Ezra and Isaac Loveland. Both men resided in the house, each owning half of the dwelling with the right to pass through each other's portion when necessary. This dual ownership of the property provides an interesting glimpse of the close relationship of an early nineteenth-century family. Ezra and Isaac were the second and third eldest sons of Titus Loveland whose homestead (no longer extant) was located just to the east of this property. Like their father, the Loveland brothers were employed as shoemakers and by 1817 were operating their own shoeshop on the property. In 1834 Isaac's son, Isaac C. Loveland, purchased the property which was "subject to the improvement of (uncle) Ezra Loveland during his natural life"(DLR 21:155). Isaac C. resided there until 1846, when the property was purchased by Bela Davis (1800-1887). It is most probable that Davis resided here until (cont

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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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 19 Date: 4/13/84

THE HENRY CRANE HOUSE, Cherry Lane, Durham

his new house was completed in 1865 (see Bela Davis House). The Davis family owned the property until 1907.

The Henry Crane House derives its significance from the long association with the Loveland family and its contribution to Durham's cottage industry: shoemaking.