

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**
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| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY | |
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| Town No.: | Site No. 90 |
| UTM: | : |
| QUAD: | |
| DISTRICT | IF NR SPECIFY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR | <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential |

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| IDENTIFICATION | 1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic) Camp, Lemuel, House | |
| | 2. TOWN CITY Durham | VILLAGE COUNTY Middlesex |
| | 3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) 75 Main Street | |
| | 4. OWNER(S) Atwell, Mildred <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private | |
| | 5. USE (Present) (Historic) Residence Residence | |
| | 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: | 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 |
| DESCRIPTION | 7. STYLE OF BUILDING Georgian | |
| | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1825 | |
| | 8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate) | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding |
| | <input checked="" 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 | |
| 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"/> balloon | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |
| 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 checked="" 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 | | |
| 2 1/2 | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 29 ⁶ ' x 35' | |
| 12. CONDITION (Structural) | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | |
| <input 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 rear additions | | |
| 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 | | |

Situated upon a steep hill, the Lemuel Camp House faces east onto Main Street. Located in the heart of Durham's Historic District, this well-preserved Georgian-style dwelling is shaded by large maples in a densely populated residential neighborhood consisting of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century structures.

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

The center-hall plan and twin interior end chimneys reflect the Georgian stylistic influence. The five-bay facade features a late-nineteenth-century door with rounded arch window panes. The simple door surround is topped with a large projecting cornice supported by brackets and a dentiled course. Although the second-story windows are smaller than those on the first story, they all feature two-over-two sash. A single-story addition has been added to the rear.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Built ca. 1825, the Lemuel Camp House is a 2½ story, late-Georgian-style building which rests on a sandstone foundation. Sided in wood shingles, the post-and-beam timbers are capped by a ridge-to-street, asphalt-shingled gable roof.

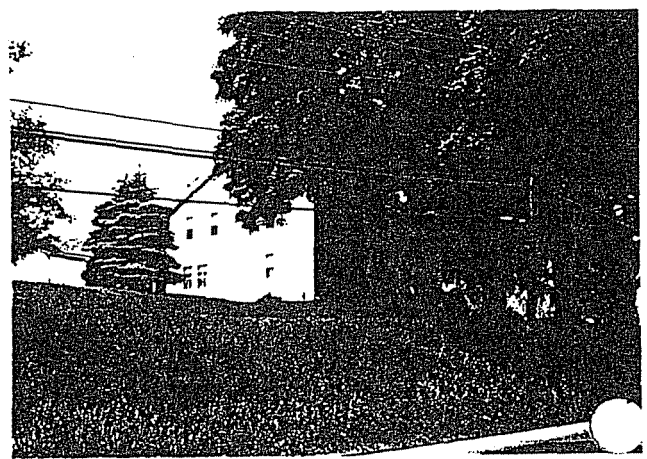
In 1809 Lemuel Camp purchased a four-acre lot on the west side of Main Street from the estate of Elizur Spelman. No buildings were standing on the land. Camp (1770-1843), who resided in the tavern he built across the street, did not erect this structure until 1825. The tax list for 1823 shows Lemuel with one dwelling house (the tavern) valued at \$1,700. By 1827 the Grand List indicates that Camp owned three dwelling houses at \$2,700. In 1795 Lemuel married Martha "Patty" Pickett (1775-1860). They had four children: Sophronia, Mary G., Henry, and Edward. Lemuel served as a local justice of the peace for many years. It is not possible to determine whether the Camp family resided here or across the street, but when Sophronia inherited the house in 1843 she used it for rental purposes. Sophronia, who never married, left the house in 1862 to Martha P. Camp and Mary Jewell Camp. Miss Mary J. Camp was instrumental in the establishment and building of the Durham Public Library. The Camp family retained ownership until 1882.

A fine example of Georgian-style architecture, the Lemuel Camp House is important for its association with the Camp family and their contribution to the development of 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 _____