

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 9
UTM	
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)  
 Nettleton, Samuel C., House

2. TOWN/CITY: Durham VILLAGE: COUNTY: Middlesex

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)  
 Cherry Lane, southside

4. OWNER(S)  
 Waller, Harvey W. & Diane D.  Public  Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)  
 Residence Residence

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

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Greek Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1857

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

<input 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 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 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: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 19½' x 26'

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)

<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
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13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES EXPLAIN

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Additions: S-35½'x35½'; E-53'x12' (porch); NW=16'x13½', 22'x22½'
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14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

The Samuel C. Nettleton House is set on a slightly elevated site facing north onto Cherry Lane. The surrounding area is dominated by sweeping open fields and large maples. trim the front edge of the property which borders the road.

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

DESCRIP: (Continued)

A large 2½ story, three-bay, ridge-to-street, gable-roofed ell extends from the eastern elevation. The single-story open porch extending the full length of the facade and ell displays simple Doric columns supporting a shed-roof. It is most probable that the first floor of the main block originally exhibited a three-bay side hall plan symmetrical with the three second-story windows. The facade gable-end features slight cornice returns and a three-paned, rectangular window. The present facade entrance is located centrally on the eastern ell. A number of large additions have been added to the southern elevation. A number of outbuildings are located on the grounds, the most prominent being a large, three-story, gambrel-roof barn.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Oriented gable-to-street, this 2½-story, Greek Revival-style structure was erected in 1857. Anchoring its wood-shingled, post-and-beam frame is a foundation of sandstone. The gable-roof is asphalt-shingled.

Samuel C. Nettleton built this house in 1857 replacing an earlier structure on the premises known as the Amos Smith Homestead. Little is known about Nettleton, except he originally came from Killingworth. In 1865 the house was sold to Anthony Killinger who resided there until 1868. The next owner was farmer, Joseph Tyron (1831-1910). A native of Middletown, Tyron and his wife, Margret (Atwood) (1837-1896) continued to farm the property until the turn of the century.

Architecturally, this house derives its significance as a well-preserved example of Greek Revival-style farmhouse.

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 \_\_\_\_\_