

**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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Town No.	Site No. 95
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)		
The Raymond Gavette House	Gavette, Raymond, House		
2 TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Durham		Middlesex	
3 STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
68 Main Street			
4 OWNER(S)			
Gavette, Raymond & Jeanette <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5 USE (Present)			
Residence (Historic) 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 type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	With permission

DESCRIPTION

7 STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION		
19th century domestic	ca. 1911		
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____	
9 STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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	26'x26'		
12 CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
		<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good
		<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13 INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ?	(Alterations)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES EXPLAIN			
10'x26' shed roof addition to north side - 1945			
14 RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input 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 checked="" 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			

This house stands on Durham's Main Street. It is situated on a hillside which slopes southward to Allyn's Brook.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

None

18 ARCHITECT BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

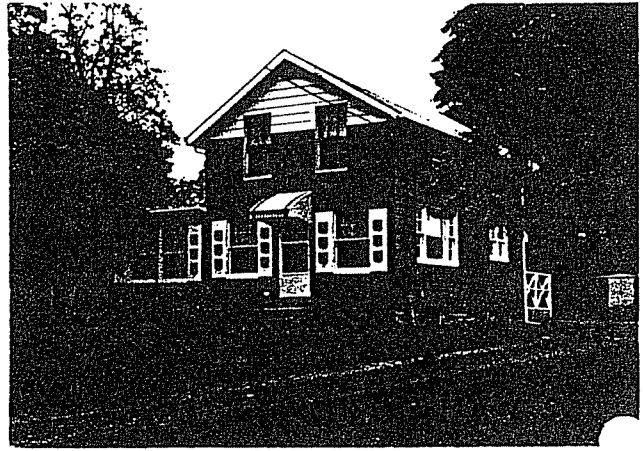
This simple nineteenth-century domestic vernacular structure stands on a sandstone rubble foundation. Its gable end faces Main Street. The main block of the house consists of two stories. The main entry, situated in the west-facing facade, is symmetrically placed and is flanked by two 8x1s with shutters. The second story contains two 6x6s. In 1945, a one story shed roof addition measuring 10x26 was placed on the north side of the house. The Guernsey Homestead originally stood on this site--a house built in the mid-eighteenth century. This structure was still standing in 1874, when Beer's Atlas designated it as the home of Mrs. Selina Evarts, the widowed daughter of Joel Blatchley who owned the adjacent mi property. In 1865, she sold the property to Eli and Reuben Hubbard, two enterprising farmer and real estate dealers who, like the Evarts and the Blatchleys, had come up to Durham from Madison in the mid-nineteenth century. In 1868, the Hubbards sold the house to Frederick Reinhardt, a German immigrant shoemaker. Reinhardt had come to Durham in the previous decac his first child having been born in the town in 1854. Reinhardt evidently worked for other shoe shops until his purchase of this property, when he set up his own shop. It is said to have been the last operating shoemaking shop in Durham. Reinhardt died in 1874. In 1879, c the death of his widow, the property was sold to George H. Davis. In 1884, he sold the "we ling, shop and other buildings" to Abby Baldwin, who sold it the following year to Martha E. Barton. It is clear that as of 1909, when Martha Barton sold the house to Alice G. Fechter of New Haven, the old Guernsey homestead was still on the site, along with the "shop and oth buildings". By 1911, however, and in all subsequent deeds all that is referred to is a half

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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W&S elevations	6: 11
NAME	DATE
P.D. Hall	8/20/83
ORGANIZATION	
Greater Middletown Preservation Trust	
ADDRESS	
27 Washington St., Middletown, Conn. 06457	



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known.
 Highways
 Vandalism
 Developers
 Other _____
 Renewal
 Private
 Deterioration
 Zoning
 Explanatn _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 19 Date: 9/29/83

THE RAYMOND GAVETTE HOUSE, 68 Main Street, Durham

acre lot with a dwelling. It is clear that around this time the old house was removed and the present structure built. According to Durham: A Century of Change, the older house was dismantled and moved to Darien, Connecticut. In 1911, the property, presumably with its new house, was sold to Abraham and Israel Alpert of New Haven. The property remained in the Alpert family until 1935, when it passed to Floyd Gavette, father of the present owner. This house, like the Minute Market at 1 Main Street, is one of the last examples of nineteenth-century domestic architecture to be built in Durham. After this point, residences were built in the bungalow style of the type to be seen at the south end of Main Street.