

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
 (203) 566-3005

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 98
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)	
Wadsworth, James, house Goddard-Wadsworth House	
2. TOWN CITY	COUNTY
Durham	Middlesex
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)	
60 Main Street (East side)	
4. OWNER(S)	
Gifford, Marcia <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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES, EXPLAIN	

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Colonial Period		ca. 1755
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle (adds)	<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 foundation
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Asbestos
(Material)		
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Asbestos
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
2½	27'x47'	
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)		
<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		
Multiple additions to NE and SE corner of orig. structure		
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		

The house sits on a large wooded lot set high above Main Street. It is located on the east side of the street just north of the Public Library. It shares a private drive with the Cook/Fowler House to its south.

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

DESCRIPT. (Cont/Inued)

Originally, the main entrance was on the south side. However, later in time, another central doorway was added and a west three bay facade was erected. The south and west doorways are surmounted by a thin, flat, projecting moulding. All windows are twelve-over-twelve sash with plain frames. The asymmetrical arrangement of the north and south side first and second story windows suggests clearly that the Goddard-Wadsworth House has undergone major alterations. This house was originally a gambrel-roofed 1½ story colonial-period building. Later the roof was added. There are many additions to the main house: three on the northeast, one on the east and three on the southeast, all variously sheathed with wooden shingles or clapboarding.

18 ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

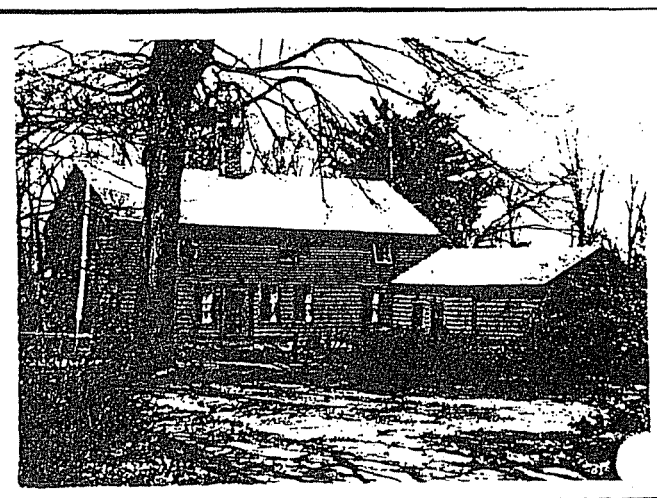
The Goddard-Wadsworth House, built ca. 1755, is a post-and-beam, 2½ story Colonial-period building. The exterior of the house is variously sheathed: the north and south side has wood shingling in the first level and clapboarding on the second, and the west end is shingled. Oriented gable-to-street, the house is topped by an asbestos-shingled roof with a tall slender central chimney, and rests on a sandstone foundation.

Between 1751 and 1752, Israel Goddard purchased a total of 2½ acres of land from Nathaniel Chauncey and soon after built a 1½ story gambrel-roof Colonial period building for his wife and family. Soon after the death of his wife Ann Camp he mortgaged the property to Gilbert Johounot, a loyalist merchant from Middletown, and Joshua Chandler, a New Haven innkeeper. In 1765 Johounot sold his interest in Goddard's estate to a Boston merchant, Gilbert Deblois. As both these men later became Tories, when Revolution started in 1775, all of Israel Goddard's property was confiscated by the State. Soon after, Goddard was deported to Nova Scotia along with 60 other Tories. General James Noyes Wadsworth bought the house and rebuilt it by adding a full second story with gable roof and an ell. This house remained in the Wadsworth family until 1834 when it was sold to William Lyman. From 1860 to 1927 the house was in the possession of W.C. Fowler, the author of Durham's History. (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; 1974 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: 3/23/84

GODDARD-WADSWORTH HOUSE, 60 Main Street, Durham

- 19) The Goddard-Wadsworth house is a good example of how a house can be updated to suit the tastes and needs of its owner. In addition Goddard's history brings to life a particular incident not unique to Durham, but common to most of the colonies as well.