

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 100
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) <i>(Historic)</i>		Cook/Fowler House	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Durham		Middlesex	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) 58 Main Street			
4. OWNER(S) Marcia A. Lattime <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		

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Colonial period		ca. 1772	
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 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, rubble (?) 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 type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input checked="" 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	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
2	28' x 28'		
12. CONDITION (Structural)		<i>(Exterior)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
13. INTEGRITY (Location)	WHEN ?	Alterations	YES EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	28' x 15' east addition 2 dormer windows added; gambrel roof N&S side
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) Small well w. gabled, asphalt-shingled baldachin.		
<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			
Located on a wooded lot directly across the street from the Public Library, the Cook/Fowler House is situated high above and separated from Main Street by a private drive.			

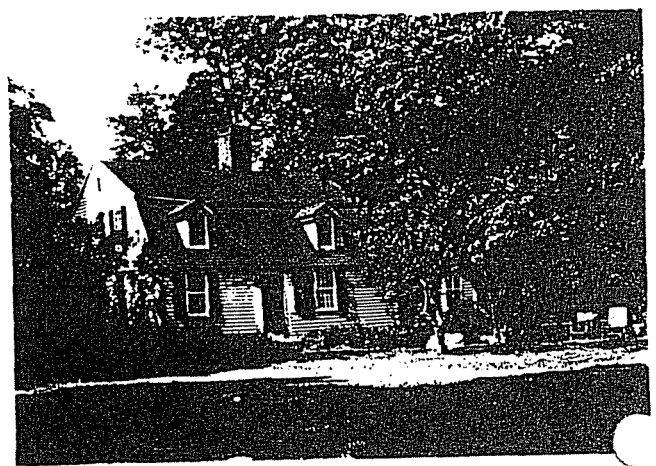
17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)
 DESCRIP 1, 2-N (Continued)
 The 3 bay south side, facing away from the street, has a plainly framed central entrance doorway flanked by asymmetrically placed twelve-over-twelve sash windows, one being a double window. Two small gable dormers were added to the second-story gable roof on both the north and south sides about 1850, when this attic was converted to living space. An interesting original feature found on the second story of the 3 bay west elevation is the placement of small square windows to either side, typical of this style of architecture. There are two 1 story additions running the length of the east side, apparently built not long after the completion of the main house.

18 ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
 SIGNIFICANCE
 Jesse Cook built this 2 story gambrel-roofed, "Cape" style cottage about 1772. Its post-and-beam frame, sheathed with clapboard, rests on a sandstone block foundation and is covered by an asphalt-shingled roof with a large central chimney.
 In 1769 Jesse Cook purchased a 1 acre home lot from Elnathan Camp for the sum of 22 pounds. A carpenter by trade, Jesse erected his own house soon after his marriage to his third wife, Ann Griswold, in 1771. According to local tradition, the Cook family lived in this house until 1790 when the house was turned over to Jesse's brother Thomas. Other owners included the Lyman family for over 30 years in the early nineteenth century, and W. C. Fowler, author of Durham's History, 1662-1866, and his heirs from 1860-1932.
 The Jesse Cook House is a very fine example of an early Colonial period house. It is of interest to know that Jesse Cook built his own house since it may be possible, by comparing the style and method of construction, to compile a small group of buildings in Durham that were also built by him.

SOURCES
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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known	<input type="checkbox"/> Highways	<input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> Developers	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____