

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 102
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> The Grange Methodist Episcopal Church/Grange Hall	
	2. TOWN CITY Durham	VILLAGE COUNTY Middlesex
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) 52 Main Street (East Side)	
	4. OWNER(S) Durham Grange <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) <i>(Historic)</i> Grange Church/Grange	
DESCRIPTION	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 IF YES EXPLAIN	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Temple form Greek Revival	
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1836	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Flush Board</u>	
	<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: <u>Sandstone mortared foundation</u>	
	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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		
11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 1 56½' x 41'		
12. CONDITION (Structural) <i>(Exterior)</i> <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) <i>(Alterations)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved WHEN? <i>(Alterations)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES EXPLAIN		
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 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 Methodist Episcopal Church/Grange is situated on the corner of Main Street and Fowler Avenue on a small lot and lies directly across from the Town Hall.

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)
 The facade is marked by a central doorway flanked by 4 full-length pilasters rising to a full pedimented gable end. These vertical flushboard pilasters rest on a plain wide water table and have moulded capitals. Five pilasters interspersed by four large rectangular shuttered windows adorn the north and south sides. Changes which have been made include the removal of the square church tower and the alterations made to the entryway. The central entrance once had a wide, single-panelled, double-leaf door flush with the facade and trimmed with plain moulding. Today there is a single six-panelled door recessed slightly back from the facade and flanked by three paned sidelights over a single panelled base as well as two slender fluted pilasters. Directly above the doorway is a plain architrave and crown moulded cornice with dentil moulding. Surmounting the entrance are two large single panels, where windows were originally located. (CONT. BELOW)

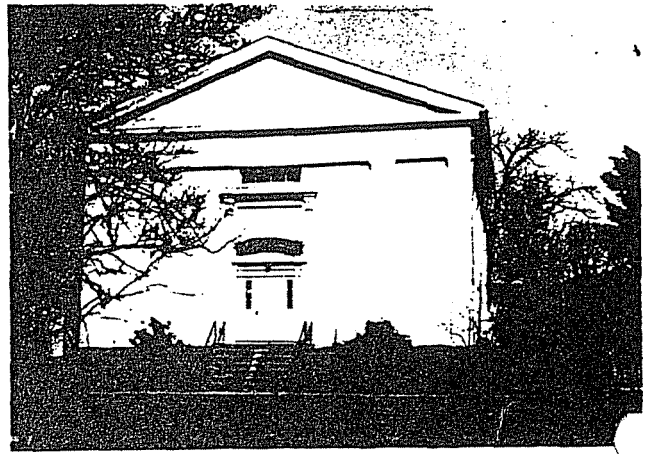
18 ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
 The Durham Grange/Methodist Episcopal Church is a single-story, Greek Revival-style building that sits on a high foundation of mortared sandstone and has a wood-shingled gable-to-main-street roof. The temple-like structure is clapboarded with the exception of flushboarding on the west facade.
 From the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1815 through the early 1830s, the congregation ran from 30 to about 10 members. It was not until the mid-1830s that membership increased to the point where it necessitated building a permanent structure. A lot containing 10 rods was purchased from Zebulon Hale and Enos Rogers in 1836. The cornerstone for the church was laid July 1, 1836. Upon completion the very same year the church was the second in Durham. The other was the Third Meetinghouse that was situated directly across Main Street. It was replaced with the South Congregational Church, today the Town Hall.
 The building of the Methodist Episcopal Church marks a rapidly changing society in Durham from an all-encompassing ecclesiastical parish to the separation of the ecclesiastical society from the town in 1804.

17 (cont'd)
 These panels are capped by a projecting square dovehood supported by two foliated scrolled consoles. Lastly, a four-paned transom, just under the wide entablature, completes the entryway.

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 _____