

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Town No.	Site No.: 113
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)		Davis-Brainerd House	
2 TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Durham		Middlesex	
3 STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
28 Main Street (east side) [Note: 24, 26, 28 Main Street are located on the same lot]			
4 OWNER(S)			
Sweet, Lloyd L. and Stella P.			<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
5 USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Residence		Residence	
6 ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		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	
19th century domestic		ca. 1884	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" 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 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 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	14' x 24' ; 19' x 23'		
12 CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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: NE 8 x 12, front porch 5½ x 19,
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) south porch 5 x 17.
<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 Henry Davis House is located on the east side of Main Street in the center of Durham, just south of the green and across the street from Ackeman's Store. There are large trees in front of the house.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Full-length wrap-around porch to the south side
 Four chamfered posts with sawn brackets.

18 ARCHITECT
 Unknown

BUILDER
 Unknown

SIGNIFICANCE

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
 Henry Davis built this clapboarded, 2½ story, balloon-framed house about 1885. The asphalt-shingled gable roof is oriented towards the street and the building rests on a sandstone block foundation. The facade includes a full-length wrap-around porch to the south side. It has four square chamfered posts with sawn brackets and a simple stick balustrade with a spandrel of cut work. The unusual facade is marked on the first story by a long central window with two narrow vertical panes; a smaller version of the same window is found on the second story, and in the gable end is a small double vertical-paned window. The entryway is on the south end of the porch and the door is sheltered by the south porch and is located on the facade of the south two-story ridge-to-street addition. There is a two-story north addition, an east addition, and a small shed-roofed porch supported by slender columns to the southeast off the main part of the house.
 Henry Davis, a merchant, was the son of Lewis Talcott Davis and Sarah Burr of Killingworth. In 1883, he purchased 1 2/5 acres from the heirs of Isaac Parmalee and built his house but only lived here for three years. Frank P. Brainerd, who purchased the property in 1886, lived in the house until 1904, when he moved to New Haven.
 The Davis House is another example of Durham's architecture which demonstrates the range of late-nineteenth century domestic vernacular taste.

SOURCES

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28. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

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 _____