

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. 115
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>	
Page, Frederick H., House	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE COUNTY
Durham	Middlesex
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)	
21 Main Street	
4. OWNER(S)	
Kowalski, Walter E., Trustee <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) <i>(Historic)</i>	
Residence/Real Estate office 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No During business hours

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Bungalow	c. 1920
8. MATERIAL(S) <i>(Indicate use or location when appropriate)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input 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 <i>(Specify)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
10. ROOF <i>(Type)</i>	
<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 <i>(Specify)</i> <i>(Material)</i> <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 <i>(Specify)</i>	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
1½	25' x 42'
12. CONDITION <i>(Structural)</i> <i>(Exterior)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
13. INTEGRITY <i>(Location)</i>	WHEN? <i>(Alterations)</i> IF YES EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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 <i>(Specify)</i> <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 handsome bungalow stands on a tree-shaded half acre lot at the south end of Durham's historic district, set back from the roadway.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

18 ARCHITECT

Unknown

BUILDER

Unknown

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This handsome bungalow stands on a picturesque cobblestone foundation. Constructed with a balloon frame, it is sheathed with wide blue-painted clapboards. Although surmounted by a two-pitch gable roof, like many similar houses of the 1920s and 30s in Durham, the living space in the second story is expanded by full-length dormers on the second story, which functionally transform the second floor into full-size living space. The house is fronted by a full-size sun porch with multi-paned picture windows on its first story facade. The dormers contain small 3x1 windows. The south side contains a 1 story, 3 sided rectangular bay. To the rear of the house stands a gable roofed 2 car garage contemporary with the main structure. This is one of three houses at the southern end of Main Street associated with the William A. Parsons family. In 1913, Harold C. Parsons, the metal manufacturer, bought 2½ acres from Robert B. Meigs and Grace Amelia Camp. This land was located south of his own home at 31 Main Street. In 1921, he sold 1 1/6 acres to his brother-in-law, Frederick H. Page, husband of his sister Gertrude. They built a house on the property shortly afterwards. In 1946, the Pages gave the property to their daughter and her husband, Catherine and Homer McNutt of Philadelphia, who sold the property in 1971. With its unspoiled site, this bungalow is an excellent example of the homebuilding and landscaping of the post World War I period. Historically, it is an interesting example of Durham's social conservatism, the tendency of families to cluster their residences as they had in the 18th and 19th centuries.

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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20 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"/> Explanon _____