

**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. 119
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)	
Camp's Tavern		Camp-Meigs House	
2 TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Dirham		Middlesex	
3 STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
19 Main Street			
4 OWNER(S)			
Vumback, David J.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5 USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Residence/Restaurant		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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	During business hours

DESCRIPTION

7 STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Colonial		ca. 1760	
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 type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____	
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 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 1/2	28' x 37'		
12 CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
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13 INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN	(Alterations)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		IF YES EXPLAIN	
		2 shed roof additions to rear; barn rebuilt as restaurant 1980	
14 RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input checked="" 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 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 building stands at the southern end of Durham's historic district. It occupied a tree shaded one-acre lot.

DESCRIF

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

-gable roofed portico supported by doric columns

SIGNIFICANCE

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This five bay center-chimney colonial house has been extensively restored. Accordingly, it is difficult to gain a real sense of its original appearance. However, it probably differed little from other structures of the mid-eighteenth century in Durham. As it presently stands, the house is fronted by a gable-roofed portico supported by doric columns. This portico protects the entry, which contains six-paned side lights and a reproduction six-panel door. Its fenestration is uniformly 12x12 -- and are probably reproductions, for the standard fenestration used in Durham in the mid-eighteenth century was 8x12. The house stands on a cut sandstone block foundation. There are two lean-to additions to the rear of the structure, both apparently dating from the nineteenth century. They stand on sandstone rubble foundations and are, like the main structure, sheathed with clapboards. The barn associated with the house, which stands to its southwest rear, is a sturdy structure of fieldstone and wood. It was extensively rebuilt in 1980 and now serves as a popular restaurant, Camp's Tavern.

Between 1708 and 1710 Samuel Camp of Milford purchased from Benjamin Baldwin several adjoining parcels of land on the south end of Main Street. Between 1708 and 1722 he built a house and barn on a 12 acre section fronting on Main Street. This section extended from what is now the Durham Diner to the Town Hall. In 1722 he sold his Main Street property to his three sons. Amos received the northernmost three acres, John, 6 acres with a dwelling and barn, and Ephraim, 3 acres at the south end of the home lot. Amos sold his share to his brother John in 1727; Ephraim's share also apparently went to John -- though there is no

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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DATE

P.D. Hall

6/10/83

VIEW

NEGATIVE ON FILE

N&E elevations

2: 34A

NAME

DATE

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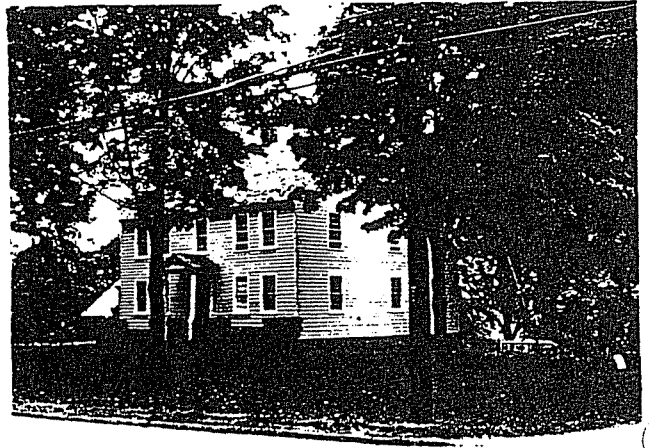
ORGANIZATION

Greater Middletown Preservation Trust

ADDRESS

27 Washington St., Middletown, Conn. 06457

SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS



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: 9/22/83

CAMP-MEIGS HOUSE, 19 Main Street, Durham

record of the transaction. John left the property to his son Samuel Camp (1735-1810) in 1767. On his death in 1810 Samuel left the property on which "Camp's Tavern" now stands to his son Ozias (1780-1855). On his death the property passed to his daughter and her husband, Mary and Phineas Meigs. In 1870 Phineas sold the property to his nephew Edgar Loveland Meigs (1837-1910). The property was owned from 1890 to 1964 by Stephen A. Seward and his descendants. In 1974 the property passed to its present owners. It was continuously used as a farmstead from the 1720s through the early twentieth century. The title search reveals little about when this house was built, save that there was a house and barn on the site from the 1720s on. There is a structure shown on the site in the 1760 map of Durham. But Fowler's listing of "Changes in the Homesteads" attributes first ownership of the house to Samuel Camp (1735-1810). In view of his marriage to Hannah Hickox in 1758 -- and in view of the style of the house -- it seems likely that it was built around 1760.

This house is a worthy example of mid-eighteenth-century residential architecture -- though hardly the best in Durham. Its historical significance stems from its association with the Camp family, particularly with Col. Samuel Camp, one of the town's leading men.