

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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Town No.:	Site No. 145
UTM:	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) Giuseppi's Restaurant		(Historic) Hart, William A., House	
2. TOWN CITY Durham		VILLAGE	COUNTY Middlesex
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) New Haven Road, east side			
4. OWNER(S) Calvi, Joseph Sr. and Robert <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present) Restaurant		(Historic) Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> No	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, EXPLAIN During business hours
7. STYLE OF BUILDING Early-nineteenth-century Cape		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1828	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input 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: Mortared rubble foundation	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input checked="" 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 1 1/2	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 34'x59'; 25'x10'		
12. CONDITION (Structural) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated			
(Exterior) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated			
13. INTEGRITY (Location) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved	WHEN?	(Alterations) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES EXPLAIN Completely remodeled in 1942. Add. to W,E,NE.
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) Large parking lot
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			

Facing west onto the New Haven Turnpike, the William A. Hart House is sited in the south-western portion of town near the North Branford townline. The surrounding rural neighborhood consists of primarily twentieth-century dwellings.

(OVER)

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

In the mid-twentieth century, when the house was remodeled as a restaurant, a five-bay, shed-roofed, brick-faced addition was added to the facade. It was probably at the same time that the rear shed-roofed ell was added giving the structure a saltbox appearance. A large concrete block wing extends from the eastern elevation and the interior of the house has been completely reconstructed for commercial purposes. All the original fenestration has been replaced by large plate glass windows.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This 1½ story house has been dramatically altered since its construction in 1828. The core of the present structure is a simple early nineteenth-century, ridge-to-street, cape-style dwelling. The original block utilizes a post-and-beam framing system over a mortared-rubble foundation. The entire building is sided in wood shingles and the roof is asphalt-shingled.

In 1827 a year before his marriage to Sally Maria Jones, William A. Hart (1806-1879) received a lot of land from his father on which he was to build a new home. The house was started within a year and William and his bride moved in after its completion in 1832. The son of Samuel and Patience (Hubbard) Hart, William Augustus, was educated in the Durham School System, attending the South and Southwest District Schools. Upon graduation William desired to become a teacher and took his first position in 1826 at the Candlewood Hill District in Higganum. In the winter of 1827 he taught in North Madison where he met his future bride, Sally Jones. After their marriage they returned to Durham and lived on the Hart family homestead where William, as the eldest son, had the responsibility of "marketing the farm products and purchasing the family supplies." Although farming had become William's primary occupation, he still taught during winter in Branford, North Haven, and Durham. A long-time member of the Church of Christ, Hart's political affiliations were first with the Whig Party. Later he switched to the Know-Nothing Party and finally joined the Republican Party. In 1829 he joined the State Militia as a private in the Eighth Company of the Sixth Regiment-Second Division. (cont)

SOURCES

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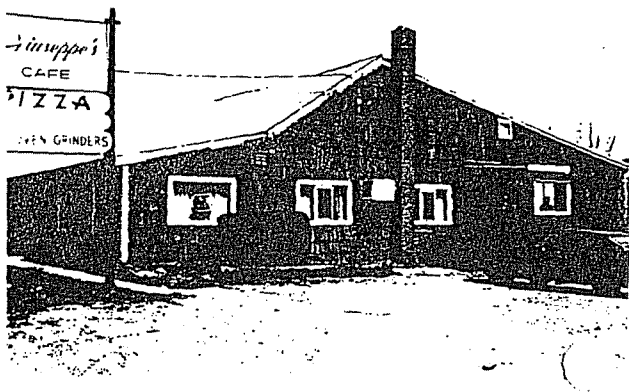
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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known.
 Highways
 Vandalism
 Developers
 Other _____
 Renewal
 Private
 Deterioration
 Zoning
 Explanation _____