

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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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. 154
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, Ezra, House	
	2. TOWN CITY Durham	VILLAGE
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) Parmelee Hill Road, South side	
	4. OWNER(S) Johnson, Lynell & Judi	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
5. USE (Present) (Historic)		
Residence		
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
IF YES, EXPLAIN		

DESCRIPTION	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Georgian	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1815
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8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: Sandstone Foundation
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post and beam
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel
<input type="checkbox"/> balloon	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____

10. ROOF (Type)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up
<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip
<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor	<input type="checkbox"/> Round
<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input type="checkbox"/> Sawtooth	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2½	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 32 x 54
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12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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	Rear Addition	

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop
<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) new house
<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodland
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

The Ezra Camp House is located above the south side of Parmelee Road, in a rural, residential neighborhood. The house is surrounded by woodland and open fields with some modern residential development occurring to the east and west of the lot.

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

DESCRIBE (Continued)

The 5-bay facade displays a six-panelled facade entrance door topped with a five-paned overlight and covered by a free-standing pedimented gable doorhood. Twelve-over-twelve sash are featured throughout the main block. A 1½ story ell has been added to the southern elevation.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This 2½ story, Georgian style house was erected ca. 1815 by Ezra Camp. The asphalt-shingled, ridge-to-street, gable roof displays twin interior end chimneys of brick. The asbestos-sided, post-and-beam frame is supported by a sandstone foundation.

Ezra Camp (1770-1817), son of Elah and Prudence Camp, erected this house, commonly known as the "Home Farm" ca. 1815. Camp, a farmer, took his oath of freedom in 1796. Upon his death in 1817, Camp's probate inventory stated he owned the Fowler dwelling house (no longer extant) and the New House with a barn and cowhouse. Camp willed the Fowler homelot and house to his wife Anna, and the rest of his property to be divided amongst his children: Ozias, Lyman, Oran, Selima, Phebe and Almira. Ozias, the administrator of his father's estate, sold the New House, also known as the Home Farm, to Guernsey Bates in 1818. Bates owned the property for a short while before selling it to Elijah Coe in 1820. Coe (1757-1833), the son of Abel and Prudence (Rossiter) Coe, continued to farm the land. In 1834 the Estate of Elijah Coe sold the house to Jeremiah Bailey. Bailey (1792-1878), a native of Haddam was the son of Eliakim and Esther (Brainerd) Bailey. A farmer, Bailey married Maria Nettleton (1795-1873), and their son, James E. Bailey, built the farmhouse across the street (see James E. Bailey House). According to "The Century of Change", Jeremiah and Henry Bailey operated a spinning wheel and repair shop along Malt Brook in the southern portion of town. In 1871 Jeremiah sold the homestead to his daughter, Elizabeth Twitchell (b. 1833). Elizabeth married a carriagemaker, (cont)

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; 1974 Beers Atlas.

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known
 Highways
 Vandalism
 Developers
 Other _____

Renewal
 Private
 Deterioration
 Zoning
 Expropriation _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 19 Date: 3/29/84

EZRA CAMP HOUSE, Parmelee Hill Road, Durham

George H. Twitchell (1832-1868) of Winsor, New York, in 1856. Twitchell, a soldier in the Civil War, died of "the effects of the hardships of the service" (Beers: p. 277). The "Home Farm" was sold out of the Bailey/Twitchell family in 1911.

Historically, the Ezra Camp House is significant for its association with the Camp, Coe and Bailey families. Architecturally it is significant as one of Durham's best examples of a rural Georgian farmhouse.