

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 157
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) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span>	
	Parmelee, Isaac, ouse	
	2. TOWN CITY Durham	VILLAGE 
	COUNTY Middlesex	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) Parmelee Hill Road, north side	
	4. OWNER(S) Caltabiano, Anthony & Yale <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private</span>	
	5. USE (Present) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span> Residence <span style="float: right;">Residence</span>	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, EXPLAIN
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Greek Revival	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1850
DESCRIPTION	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick
	<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding
	<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone
	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____	<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"/> balloon
<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
10. ROOF (Type)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth	
<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Round	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Slate	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½		
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 17x30½, 30x23		
12. CONDITION (Structural) <span style="float: right;">(Exterior)</span>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
13. INTEGRITY (Location) <span style="float: right;">(Alterations)</span>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved	WHEN? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
IF YES EXPLAIN		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden	coop; dairy farm	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		
Set on a partially shaded level lot the Isaac Parmelee House is surrounded by open fields in a rapidly developing residential neighborhood.		

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

The most prominent Greek Revival-style feature is the four-panel entrance door flanked by massive pilasters which rise into a heavy entablature. The facade gable end features broad overhanging eaves and a decoratively mullioned rectangular window. An integral 1½ story ell on the west elevation features three two-over-two paned, second story "eyebrow" windows. Original six-over-six sash are featured throughout the rest of the house. Outbuildings on the property include a large gambrel-roofed barn, a shed, and a chicken coop.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Facing south onto Parmelee Hill Road, this 2½ story, three-bay, Greek-Revival-style building was erected by Isaac Parmelee ca. 1850. Supported by a sandstone foundation, the clapboarded, post-and-beam frame is topped with an asphalt-shingled, gable-to-street roof.

The early land records concerning this house are unclear. It is most probable that Isaac Parmelee erected this dwelling house between 1841 and 1853 when, according to tax records, his house value jumped from \$550 to \$1200. Isaac (1800-1878), the son of Joel and Esther (Hall) Parmelee, was a direct descendant of Joel Parmelee, an original proprietor of Durham. A deacon of the Center Congregational Church for many years, Isaac married his cousin Eliza Cooley (1808-1875) of New Durham, New York. Parmelee, a successful farmer, was elected a Selectman in 1849 and served as a town representative in 1865. In 1866 the property was purchased by Joseph A. Rogers of Hamden. German immigrants Albert Eick and his son Carl bought the house in 1886 and continued to operate a successful farm. Today the property is still active as a dairy farm.

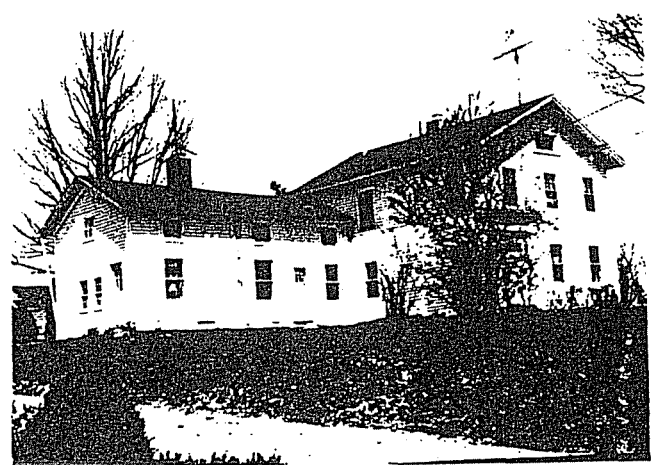
Historically significant for its association with the Parmelee family, the Isaac Parmelee House continues to provide a link to the area's agricultural heritage.

SOURCES

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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 \_\_\_\_\_