

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 172
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>	
	Page, Henry, House	
	2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE COUNTY
	Durham	Middlesex
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)	
Tri-Mountain Road, east side		
DESCRIPTION	4. OWNER(S)	
	Miller, Harold and Elaine <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:	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
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING	
	Queen Anne	
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	1885	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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		
2 1/2		
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
24'x27'; 20 1/2'x12'		
12. CONDITION (Structural) <span style="float: right;">(Exterior)</span>		
<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 (Location)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> WHEN? <input type="checkbox"/> Alterations: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES EXPLAIN		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open land <input 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 Tri-Mountain Road, the Henry Page House is surrounded by open fields in a rural residential neighborhood.

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

DESCRIPTI (Continued)

The three-bay facade is highlighted by a balustraded veranda supported on lathe-turned columns and exhibiting scroll-sawn brackets. The veranda roof is interrupted by a decorative pediment above the main entry-way. Hidden from view, the facade doorway is located in a recessed entry alcove. The facade also features a large gable-to-street dormer with paired center windows. Both the north and south gable ends feature an overhang and a similar set of paired windows. The eastern ell displays a full-length hip-roofed porch.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Henry Page built this simple 2½ story, Queen Anne-style house in 1885. Resting on a brick foundation, the aluminum-sided balloon frame is capped by an asphalt-shingled gable roof.

Henry Page (1832-1911), the son of Isaac & Eunice Page, built this house in 1885 across the street from his father's homestead. The Penny Press of Middletown recorded the event on March 13, 1885. "Henry Page and family have moved into their new house. It is a fine house." Mr. Page, a successful farmer and well-known agriculturalist, also burned charcoal for a profit. In 1886 he established the Mountain Spring Creamery and operated a successful dairy for many years. Active in local politics, Mr. Page served as a state representative between 1870 and 1872. He married Phebe L. Coe in about 1853 and they raised eight children: Eddie, Harriet, Theron, Lavinia, Henry, I, Sarah E., Ben, and Frederick. In 1911 Ben and Fred inherited their father's house and owned it until 1918, when they sold it out of the family.

The Henry Page House derives its significance as an important link to Durham'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 \_\_\_\_\_