

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.: 17
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-Hotchkiss House	
	2. TOWN CITY Durham	VILLAGE COUNTY Middlesex
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) Guilford Road, East side	
	4. OWNER(S) Witter, Charles A. and Jane A. <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) (Historic) Residence Residence	

DESCRIPTION	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	
	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 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 ext.		<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: Foundation--sandstone				
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 2½		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 23'x24'; northeast add. 23'x26'						

12. CONDITION (Structural)				EXTERIOR			
<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)		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	NE addition	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES							
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input checked="" 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 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
Built on a slightly elevated lot the Camp-Hotchkiss House is shaded by large pines. The surrounding rural residential neighborhood consists of nineteenth and twentieth century dwellings.

DESCRIP. (Continued)

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

The three-bay, side-hall plan facade features a fully pedimented gable end with a decorative mullioned rectangular window. Fully Greek Revival in style, the facade doorway is flanked by four-paned sidelights and pilasters supporting a simple molded cornice. The most prominent addition to the house is the wrap-around porch capped with a hip roof supported by square posts that rise from an uncoursed rubble and mortar balustrade. Set in plain trim, six-over-six sash are exhibited throughout. A gable-roofed ell extends from the east elevation. The first story of the addition is sided with mortar and rubble, similar to the balustrade of the porch.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Situated close to the east side of Guilford Road, this 2½ story, Greek Revival style house was erected ca. 1850. Resting on a sandstone foundation, the post-and-beam frame is aluminum-sided and capped with an asphalt-shingled gable-to-street roof.

In 1846 Curtis C. Camp sold his new dwelling house (see Curtis C. Camp House) on a five-acre lot between Guilford Road and South End Avenue to his brother, Alexander Camp (1818-1903). It was between 1846 and 1850 that Alexander erected this house on the western portion of the lot. Camp migrated to Kansas soon after and sold the house to Henry G. Hotchkiss in 1850. Hotchkiss had also purchased from Camp the sawmill located along the nearby brook. Malt Brook during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries boasted such industries as a shingle mill, comb factory, malt house, tanneries, grist mill, fulling mill and cloth mill. In 1857, Hotchkiss died and a year later his newly remarried widow, Matilda Robinson, sold the house to a neighbor, George Atwell. German immigrants Charles H. Kaiser (Keyser) and his wife Mary acquired the house in 1860. The house remained in the Kaiser family until 1885.

A fine example of the domestic Greek Revival style, the Camp-Hotchkiss House is notable for its association with the industrial activity along Malt Brook.

SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

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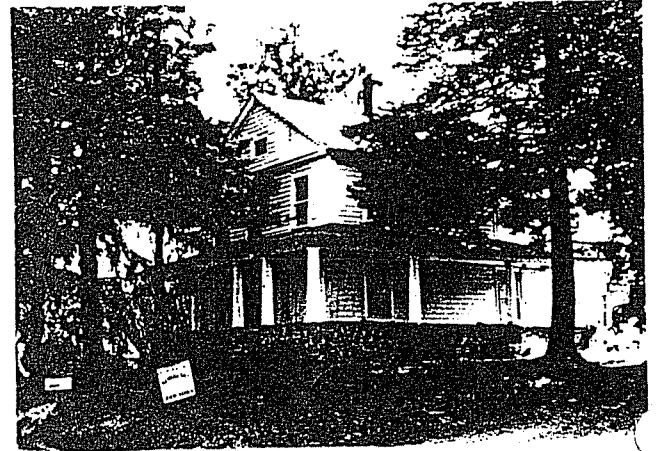
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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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