

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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Town No.:	Site No. 179
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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)
Hinman, James, Jr., House

2. TOWN CITY: Durham VILLAGE: COUNTY: Middlesex

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location): Wallingford Road

4. OWNER(S): Lewis, Richard D. and Virginia R. Public Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)
Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD: Yes No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE: Yes No IF YES EXPLAIN:

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Nineteenth-century domestic DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1835

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):
 Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Other (Specify) _____
 Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding Fieldstone
 Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone
 Aluminum Siding Concrete Type: _____ Cut stone Type: Brownstone

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 Wood frame Post and beam balloon Other (Specify) _____
 Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel

10. ROOF (Type):
 Gable Flat Mansard Monitor sawtooth
 Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other (Specify) _____
 (Material):
 Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate
 Asphalt shingle Built up Tile Other (Specify) _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 1½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 22' x 30'

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) (Alterations)
 On original site Moved WHEN: (Alterations): Yes No IF YES EXPLAIN: addition: 1 story garage

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 Barn Shed Garage Other landscape features or buildings (Specify):
 1 story gable roof building
 Carriage house Shop Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Open land Wood-land Residential Scattered buildings visible from site
 Commercial Industrial Rural High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The James Hinman, Jr. House is set back off the south side of Wallingford Road on a small wooded lot at the intersection of Maple Avenue. The surrounding residential neighborhood is made up of eighteenth-, nineteenth-, and twentieth-century domestic structures.

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

DESCRIPT 1 (Continued)

The facade features a central entry door topped with a modern, aluminum door hood. The entrance is flanked by a twelve-over-twelve sash on the east and a small, diamond-paned window on the west. A 1 story, 1 bay, gable-to-street garage has been added to the easternmost portion of the facade. The exposed basement on the western elevation is clapboarded and the original twelve-over-twelve sash are featured throughout the house.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

The James Hinman, Jr. House is a 3 bay, 1½ story, nineteenth-century Domestic-style building erected ca. 1835. Built into the side of a hill, the basement is fully exposed on the west elevation. Resting on a brownstone foundation, the clapboarded post-and-beam frame is topped with a ridge-to-street gable roof.

In 1832 James Hinman, Jr. (1795-1857) bought the northwest corner of Timothy W. Baldwin's home lot on which he erected this building. Hinman, a "mechanic," willed the property to his wife Eunice Hinman in 1857. In 1871 Edwin J. Black of Stanhope, New Jersey, and his wife Maria Merwin Black purchased the property and resided there until 1875. The next owner was Daniel Southmayd (1816-1884), a farmer, married to Tamson Hickox. In 1884 Delbert A. Blinn (b. 1844), a carpenter, purchased the "quarter acre with house, near the Quarry District School House," and resided here with his wife Susan Hitchcock of Meriden until 1905.

Significant for its association with the Hinman family, this early nineteenth-century Domestic-style building contributes to the character of Durham's Historic District.

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 Explanatoin _____