

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
 (203) 566-3005

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Town No.:	Site No.: 20
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)
 Bates-Newton House

2. TOWN/CITY: Durham VILLAGE: COUNTY: Middlesex

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)
 Haddam Quarter Road, south side, 2 miles east of Maiden Lane

4. OWNER(S)
 Louis J. Tempel & Jean Curtin Public Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)
 Residence Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE: Yes No IF YES, EXPLAIN: with permission

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1777

DESCRIPTION

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	sandstone foundation
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input 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: main block: 30 x 40; east addition: 10 x 10; rear addition: 11 x 32

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)

<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
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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	10 x 10 addition to east side; 11 x 32 addition to rear.
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14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input checked="" 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.
 This house is set back from Haddam Quarter Road, standing on a small hill which slopes down to the road.

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

DESCRIP (Continued)

This 2½ story, center-chimney Colonial house has been little altered from its original appearance. Its facade contains five bays with original eight-over-twelve, flush-set windows. The entry, which contains a replacement two-leaf, four-panel door, is protected by a full pediment--which was added in the twentieth century. Centered on the east side of the house is a 10' x 10', 1½ story gable-roofed addition dating from the nineteenth century (as shown in a photograph in Gaylord's Roger Newton). The one-story 11' x 32' rear addition, with a shed roof, dates from the twentieth century. The interior of this house was remodelled in the early 1970s, at which time all original plaster was replaced. The house contains three fireplaces and detailed millwork.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built by Aaron Bates (1757-), son of Stephen and Mindwell (Seaward) Bates. Although the Bates were a Haddam family, many lived in Durham and inter-married with the Seawards, one of the town's founding families. Since Aaron Bates married in 1776, it is likely that he built the house between that time and his sale of the property "with a dwelling house and barn" to his relative Curtis Bates in 1777. In 1804 Curtis Bates sold the house to Abner Newton, a Durham native who had been living in Hartland, Connecticut. Abner Newton (1764-1852) was the son of the patriarch of the Newton family, Burwell Newton (1729-1807), and his wife Eunice Johnson. Burwell, although eager to serve in the American Revolution, was handicapped by a cleft palate, which left him unable to speak intelligibly. He was excused from service for this reason but sent his 14-year-old son Abner in his stead. Abner served in Connecticut and New York between 1777 and 1783. At the war's end he returned to Durham. He married Abigail Fairchild in 1788. She was the daughter of Elisha Fairchild, whose heroic rescue of 200 smallpox-stricken American prisoners of war dumped on the Milford shore by the British in January of 1777 led to his own death within a few weeks. The young Newtons moved to Hartland in eastern Connecticut but returned to Durham in 1804. Abner Newton served as Deacon of the First Ecclesiastical Society and as one of Durham's Representatives to the General Assembly for three terms.

On Abner Newton's death in 1852 the property passed to his youngest son, Roger Watson Newton (1809-1897). A Deacon of the First Society and a member of the (SEE CONTIN. SHEET)

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; 1874 Beers Atlas; Newton, C. G., Roger Newton (Durham: 1912).

PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER P. D. Hall DATE 6/1/83

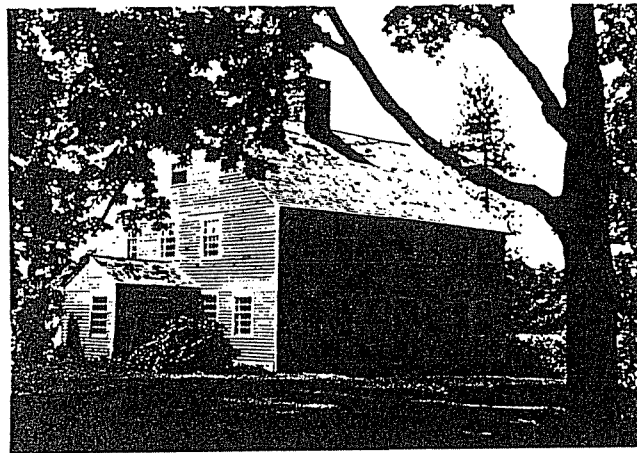
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COMPILED BY

NAME P. D. Hall DATE 8/10/83

ORGANIZATION Greater Middletown Preservation Trust

ADDRESS 27 Washington Street, Middletown, CT 06457



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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UTM References:

A 18 693490 4594840	O 18 693670 4593010
B 18 693500 4594740	P 18 693550 4593380
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Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundaries of the Main Street Historic District encompass all of the existing local state-mandated historic district with the following additions: Maple Avenue to the west of Main Street, including open farmland to the west and south, and five properties on the east side of Main Street below the southern boundary of the existing district. In addition two properties are included beyond the local district boundaries to the north and west of the intersection of Talcott Lane and Maple Avenue. These boundaries were established for maximum conformance to historic and geographic considerations and to maintain visual continuity between historic properties. (See attached map.)

Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 22 (138 Main Street), as shown on the Durham Tax Assessor's Map 97, the eastern district boundary extends in a southerly direction along the rear property lines on the east side of Main Street to the rear property lines on the north side of Maiden Lane. Here the district boundary turns to the east to the northeast corner of Lot 26 before turning south across Maiden Lane to the southeast corner of Lot 65. Here the boundary returns to the west, before continuing in a southerly direction along the said rear property lines to 58 Main Street before turning east and extending along the rear property lines of the north side of Fowler Avenue to include Lot 24, Map 95. Here it returns in a westerly direction along the north side of the street to a point opposite the rear property line of Lot 31. Once again the boundary turns to the south and crosses Fowler Avenue before continuing along the rear property lines on the east side of Main Street, crosses Higganum Road and passes around Lot 93, Map 19 before returning to the north along the east side of Main Street to a point opposite the southern property line of Lot 51 Map 97 (on the west side of Main Street). The boundary then crosses Main Street (Route 17) and runs along the southern border of said property to the southwest corner before turning north.

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
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DISTRICT: 8 NR: ACTUAL
POTENTIAL

CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 19 Date: Aug. 1983

Bates-Newton House, Haddam Quarter Road, Durham

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State Legislature, Roger Newton was also a prosperous farmer and community leader. In 1840 he married Cynthia Huntington of Haddam, by whom he had six children. The homestead passed to his youngest son, Arthur S. Newton, in 1897. In 1931 Arthur died, leaving the homestead to his youngest son, Abner Buckingham Newton (1903-1984). In 1972 the house passed out of the Newton family and into the hands of its present owners.

Architecturally this house is notable as a well-preserved late-eighteenth-century farmhouse and for the remarkable integrity of its setting, which is still rural and undeveloped. Historically it is notable for its association with the Newtons, long one of Durham's leading families. It is also notable as the birthplace of Abner Newton (1796-1871), a major figure in nineteenth-century Connecticut publishing and founder of the newspaper, The Middletown Constitution.