

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 33
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <i>(Historic)</i>		Mousch, Augustus & Charlotte, House	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Durham		Middlesex	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
Madison Road, east side			
4. OWNER(S)			
Mockalis, Arthur and Barbara <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)		<i>(Historic)</i>	
Residence		Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Queen Anne		1910	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: poured foundation	<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	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
2 1/2	21'x26'; 21'x15'		
12. CONDITION (Structural)		<i>(Exterior)</i>	
<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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			

Set atop a slight knoll banked by a stone retaining wall, the house faces southwest onto Madison Road. The surrounding neighborhood consists of late nineteenth-and twentieth-century residential architecture.

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

Characteristic of the Queen Anne style are the imbricated shingles found in the gable ends on the north and west elevations and the multi-paned stained-glass window featured on the north side. The three-bay, side-hall plan facade is highlighted by a Colonial Revival-style entryway which exhibits four-paned sidelights framed by slender pilasters topped with a broken pediment. The single story ell which projects from the rear features an open porch on the south side. A single story, gable-to-street wooden garage is set to the southwest of the house.

18 ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_ BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This simple Queen Anne-style house was constructed in 1910 by Augustus and Charlotte Mousch. The 2½ story building uses a gable-to-street plan and incorporates a 2½ story bay which projects from the north elevation. Supported by a poured concrete foundation, the balloon frame is presently sided with asbestos shingles.

Augustus Mousch erected this house in 1910 on a small plot of land he purchased from his sister-in-law, Margaret Weldon Simpson. Mousch (1853-1928), a native of Switzerland, was married to Charlotte Lillia Weldon (1853-1917) of Mansfield, Conn. A "polisher" by trade, Mr. Mousch presumably worked either with Merriam Manufacturing Company which produced tin toys and boxes or W.A. Parsons & Company which made tin cash boxes, safe deposit boxes and other tin products. The house remained in the Mousch family until 1960.

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 \_\_\_\_\_