

**NATIONAL RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 35
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) Hull, Sylvanus, House	
	2. TOWN CITY Durham	COUNTY Middlesex
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) Madison Road, east side	
	4. OWNER(S) Wakeman, Betty and Alfred <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) (Historic) Residence Residence	

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	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
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7. STYLE OF BUILDING Center-chimney Colonial	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1770
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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	
<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 1 1/2	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 28' x 38'
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12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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	Chimney replaced

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garden	

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input 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
Located just north of the Killingworth town line, the Sylvanus Hull House is set back off the east side of Madison Road, accessible only by a private road. Surrounded by woodland, once actively farmed, this late eighteenth-century house is the oldest standing structure in the southeast portion of Durham

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

The three-bay facade features an off-center entranceway with a late nineteenth-century door. The gable end exhibits three small four-paned windows placed triangularly around a larger six-over-six sash. This window placement is characteristic of local colonial-period Cape-style buildings. The first-floor sash have been replaced with modern one over-one windows. A number of outbuildings are located on the property.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This simple, 1½ story, colonial-period Cape-style dwelling was erected by Sylvanus Hull about 1770. Oriented gable-to-street, the clapboarded post-and-beam timbers rest on a fieldstone foundation. The house is capped by a wood-shingled gable roof which is topped by a modern brick chimney. Sylvanus (1746-1818), the son of Cornelius and Abigail (Chipman) Hull, probably built this house shortly after his marriage.

It is first mentioned in his father's probate inventory in 1800 as "the house in which Sylvanus Hull now dwells" (MPR 7:94). Sylvanus and his wife Phebe had ten children: Jerusha, Phebe, Jephthae, Melinda, Austin, Cornelius, Sylvanus, Sylvester, Elihu, and Ozias. Sylvanus was the grandson of Cornelius Hull (1687-1756), a native of Killingworth who settled in Durham in the early eighteenth century. Upon his death in 1818 Hull willed his homelot to be divided between his widow and nine surviving children. Cornelius Hull, Sylvanus's second eldest son, bought his siblings' portions and in 1829 sold the property to Levi Davis of Madison. Joel Fairchild of Middletown acquired the farm in 1839 and later sold it to Samuel Fairchild of Wallingford in 1844. In 1856 Cynthia Bailey, the wife of Levi Bailey, bought the house and resided there until 1873.

One of the few remaining Cape-style dwellings in town, the Sylvanus Hull House is the oldest surviving structure in this portion of Durham, which was once part of the town's of Guilford and Killingworth.

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.

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known | <input type="checkbox"/> Highways | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Developers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> Private | <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____ |