

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No	Site No 38
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) <i>(Historic)</i> Luzerne Bristol House		Strong, T. B., House	
	2 TOWN CITY Durham		COUNTY Middlesex	
	3 STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) Maiden Lane, north side, .2 m east of Main Street			
	4 OWNER(S) Luzerne and Dorothy Bristol <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
	5 USE (Present) Residence		<i>(Historic)</i> Residence	
	6 ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
		IF YES EXPLAIN with permission		
DESCRIPTION	7 STYLE OF BUILDING Greek Revival		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1860	
	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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: sandstone block foundation			
	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) _____				
<i>(Material)</i>				
<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 22 x 28		
12 CONDITION (Structural)		<i>(Exterior)</i>		
<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		
13 INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN? <i>(Alterations)</i>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
		IF YES EXPLAIN Hip-roofed additions to west and north sides		
14 RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> High building density				
16 INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS The Bristol House stands on a tree-shaded lot on the north side of Maiden Lane.				

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

The Bristol house is a three-bay, side-hall plan, Greek-Revival-style residence. Its main entry is offset to the west side of the facade. It consists of flat antae pilasters with bases and caps surmounted by a flat full entablature. The facade is surmounted by a full pediment and framed with narrow corner pilasters. The gable peak contains an arch top, fixed two-over-two window. The fenestration is six-over-six throughout the structure. Two narrow hip-roofed additions have been made to the west and north sides of the house. As a late Greek-Revival-style structure, this house was built to be heated with stoves and never contained a fireplace. In the garden of this residence is a carved sandstone well parapet which stood originally in the yard of the John Johnson House.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Little historical information is available concerning T.B. Strong, although we do know that the Strong family came to Durham in the early eighteenth century from Northampton, Massachusetts. There is a Talcott Strong (B. 1840) who served in the Civil War and was elected to represent Durham in the Connecticut General Assembly in 1882.

SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the building lies in its architecture as a fine representative example of the Greek Revival style in Durham.

SOURCES

Durham Land Records; Durham Vital Records; Middletown Probate Records; Federal Census of 1820, 1950, 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

- None known
- Highways
- Vandalism
- Developers
- Renewal
- Private
- Deterioration
- Zoning