

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) *(Historic)* Clark, Ebenezer, House

2. TOWN CITY: Durham VILLAGE: COUNTY: Middlesex

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) Cherry Lane

4. OWNER(S) Frey, Peter L. & Judith 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

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Mid-nineteenth-century Domestic DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1825/1842

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: sandstone

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: 1 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 24' x 17'

12. CONDITION (Structural) *(Exterior)*

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN? Alterations? IF YES EXPLAIN

On original site Moved 1842 Yes No Additions to north, south, east elevations

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

Barn Shed Garage Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____

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

Located on the east side of Cherry Lane, the Ebenezer Clark House sits in a residential neighborhood that consists primarily of twentieth-century residences.

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

DESCRIPT. (Continued)

The two-over-three-bay facade displays a modest entryway capped by a thin projecting cornice. Topped with a diminutive brick chimney, this house displays relatively few architectural detailings. The two-over-two sash exhibit fixed "slat" shutters. A single-story, flat-roofed addition projects from both the north and south elevations. A shed-roofed ell extends along the rear elevation.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Tradition asserts that this 2½ story, nineteenth-century Domestic-style house was built in Haddam ca. 1825 and moved to Durham in 1842. Supported by a sandstone foundation, the clapboarded post-and-beam frame is topped by an asphalt-shingled, ridge-to-street gable roof.

In 1842 Ebenezer Clark bought a two-acre lot on the east side of Cherry Lane from Worthington Chauncey. It was to this parcel that Clark either moved a dwelling house from Haddam or on which he built the existing structure in 1842. Hannah White (1787-1873), the wife of Charles White, bought the house in 1844. In 1853 Mrs. White, whose occupation was listed as housekeeper, sold the property to her two daughters, Sarah White and Mary Robinson. The Seward family acquired the house in 1874 and remained here until 1882.

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 _____