

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.: 6
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) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span> Clark, John B., House
	2. TOWN/CITY Durham
	VILLAGE Durham
	COUNTY Middlesex
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) Cherry Lane, West side
4. OWNER(S) D'Acri, Emma	
5. USE (Present) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span> Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
IF YES, EXPLAIN	

DESCRIPTION	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Late Nineteenth-century Domestic	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1870
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding
	<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____		

DESCRIPTION	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	

DESCRIPTION	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 2½	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 22' x 27'
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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

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	Additions to S, N, W elevations

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 checked="" 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

Facing east onto Cherry Lane, the John B. Clark House is located in a residential neighborhood dominated by open fields.

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

DESCRIPT (Continued)

Displaying little in the way of decorative detail, the three-bay, side hall plan facade features a plain trimmed entrance way. A rounded arch window, usually found in the gable end of local, late-nineteenth century farmhouses, is exhibited on the second story of the north elevation. A large 2½ story, ridge-to-street, gable-roofed ell projects from the north elevation. The south elevation displays a 2 story, 5-sided bay topped with a tin roof and a shed-roofed open porch. Two small additions have been added to the rear. Outbuildings include a shed, barn and two car garage.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This clapboarded 2½ story, nineteenth-century domestic style house was built by John B. Clark about 1870. Supported by a brick foundation, the balloon frame is capped by a gable-to-street asphalt-shingled roof.

John Buckley Clark (1842-1873) built this house about 1870 on the site of a house he purchased from John Hickox. Born in Haddam, Clark was orphaned at a young age and was placed out to neighbors and worked for room and board. With money he had saved as a child, Clark attended a "select school" in Poughkeepsie, New York. He returned to Connecticut after graduating and in 1862 enlisted as a private in Company A of the twenty-fourth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. On July 4, 1863, Clark was eating dinner after the Battle of Port Hudson when he was struck with a spent ball in the chest. He survived the accident and was discharged for disability the following September. In 1867 he married Samantha Nettleton (1841-1902) and took a job as a night watchman at the Crosby Manufacturing Company in Glastonbury. His health forced him to give the job up and he moved to Durham where he took up farming. "Attaining prominence as one of the most enterprising and promising young farmers in town of Durham" (p. 938). John B. Clark died in 1873 and the house was willed to his widow, Samantha who later married Edwin Atkins. In 1902, John B. Clark Jr. and his sister, Bertha Latham inherited the homestead. Clark Jr. continued to operate the farm. The house remained in the Clark family until 1954.

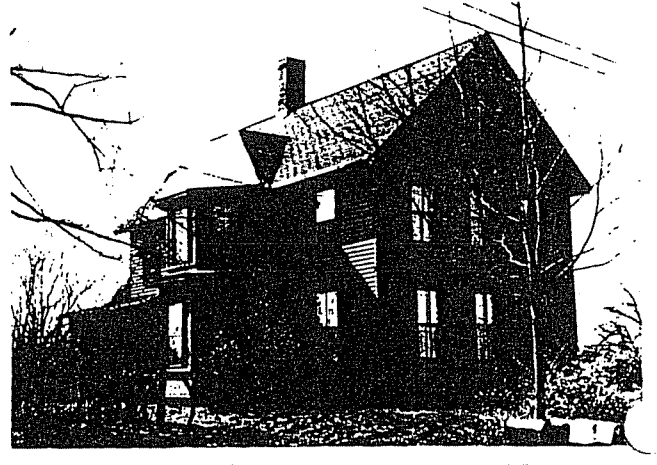
Long associated with prominent farmer John B. Clark, this house is significant as a link to the area's agricultural heritage.

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   
  Explanon \_\_\_\_\_