

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Town No.:	Site No.: 73
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)		Tucker, Henry, House/Congregational Parsonage		
	2. TOWN CITY		VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	Durham			Middlesex	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)				
	105 Main Street				
	4. OWNER(S)				
	Larsen, Arved M. & Nell F. <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private				
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)				
	Residence Residence/parsonage				
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: 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			DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	Greek Revival			1838	
	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: <u>Coursed sandstone foundation</u>				
	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 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		28' x 39' main block			
12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" 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) (Alterations)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density					
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS					

The Tucker House/Congregational Parsonage stands on the west side of Main Street. Its shaded lot is several buildings north of the First Church of Christ.

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

In the full pediment of the facade gable is a flattened elliptical fanlight with leaden tracery. A plain frieze runs around the eaves of the house. The corner pilasters, marked by a slight entasis, rise to capitals. The recessed central doorway is flanked by pilasters and is surmounted by a full entablature with a dentil course. The six-panelled original door has a five-pane leaded sidelight on each side. The full 6/6 sash windows have louvred shutters. A long shed-roofed addition is attached to the northwest corner. A small hip-roofed porch has been added to the southeast corner.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

The Tucker House, built in 1838, is a 2 1/2 story, four bay, gable-to-street Greek Revival style building. It has a central-hall plan, a central chimney, clapboarding, and a coursed sandstone foundation.

In 1837, Leverett W. Leach sold a three acre Main Street tract, the "Butler place", to Henry Tucker, a farmer and lumberman. In 1839, Tucker conveyed the Butler House to Phineas Squires; the deed which describes this transaction mentions, in the south boundary reference, "the new house lately built by the Grantor." (DLR 18:366).

In 1857, the house was received by the First Ecclesiastical Society of Durham, and became the parsonage for that Society. In 1939, the house was deeded to the First Church of Christ. It passed into private hands in 1959.

This house is a fine example of a Durham Greek Revival style building. It is particularly significant for its role as a parsonage for over 80 years.

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 Atlas.

PHOTO

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known.
 Highways
 Vandalism
 Developers
 Other _____
 Renewal
 Private
 Deterioration
 Zoning
 Explanation _____