

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HIST-6 NEW 5.77

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.: 87
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)		
Dean Thomasson House	Camp, Lemuel, Tavern		
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Durham		Middlesex	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
80 Main Street			
4. OWNER(S)			
Thomasson, Dean & Donna <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)			
Residence (Historic) Tavern/Residence			
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	With permission

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION						
Colonial	1806						
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	siding fndn.				
<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 Foundation					
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION					
<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						
2½	main block 29'x36'; E side addit. 28'x18'; S side addit. 22'x22'						
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&E sides, interior remodelled 1978			
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES							
<input 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 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 checked="" 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							

This house stands on a small half acre lot close to the edge of Durham's Main Street. It is surrounded by the grounds of the Durham Consolidated School.

DESCRIP. (Continued)

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

- Federal
- gable-roofed portico sheltering the main entry
- doorway with double architrave molding
- 6 pane toplight
- double-leaf four panel door
- one story shed roof addition to the northeast corner

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an interesting example of Durham's architectural conservatism. Although built in the Federal Period, this structure, with its central chimney and double overhang is more typical of the houses built in the mid-eighteenth century. Nevertheless, there are Federal touches. These include the gable-roofed portico sheltering the main entry and small cornice returns in the gable ends of the main block. The 36'x29' main block is a one and a half story five bay structure which stands on a sandstone block foundation. The fenestration is 12x12 throughout -- except for the gable peaks, which contain small 6x3 windows. The main entry, which is centered on the facade, is protected by a gable roofed portico supported by square posts. The doorway, which is framed with double architrave molding contains a 6 pane toplight and a double-leaf four panel door. In the southwest corner of the house is a "funeral door". In the 1850s, two major additions were constructed. First, a one story shed roof addition to the northeast corner, measures 28x18 and stands on a brick and sandstone block foundation. Its windows are 6x6s. The second, a two story gable roofed addition to the south gable end of the main block, measures 22x22. This addition contains a chimney. Its own entry door, on its west side, contains an arch-top door and is in the Italianate style.

In 1805, Benjamin Pickett (1729-1817) gave his daughter Martha (1775-1860) and her husband Lemuel Camp (1776-1848), this half acre lot on Main Street. No house stood on the property. By the fall of 1806, however, the Grand List shows Lemuel, who had owned no house before this point, being assessed for "3 smoakes" -- a house with three fireplaces. Presumably

SOURCES

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	ORGANIZATION	
Greater Middletown Preservation Trust		
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27 Washington St., Middletown, Conn. 06457		



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known.
 Highways
 Vandalism
 Developers
 Other _____

Renewal
 Private
 Deterioration
 Zoning
 Explanation _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 19 Date: 9/22/83

LEMUEL CAMP TAVERN, 80 Main Street, Durham

built this house between 1805 and 1806. It was opened as a tavern shortly thereafter, one of many in Durham which served the major overland route between New York and Boston. Lemuel Camp died in 1848 -- by which time the tavern had become a residence. His widow lived on in the house until 1860. On her death, the property, which by this time included 23 acres of surrounding land, was divided between Camp's surviving children, Edward Pickett Camp of New Haven (1808-1863) and his spinster sister, Sophronia Camp (1796-1872). Based on the premise that good fences make good neighbors, the siblings made a surprisingly explicit division of the property, dividing the rooms and even the stairways between themselves. Neither lived there, however, and there is reason to believe that the house was divided into apartments at this time. At the turn of the century, Sallie B. Strong, who was a Camp by birth, bought up the scattered shares in the property, living in part of the house herself and renting other portions to tenants. Among the more notable of these was the watercolorist Wedworth Wadsworth (1846-1926). In 1927, she sold the property to J. Franklin Bailey in exchange for room and board for her lifetime. She died in 1933 at the age of 80. The house continued to be occupied by tenants and changed hands several times until 1976, when it was acquired by its present owners. They restored the exterior and interior of the house in 1978. This house is one of the best preserved examples of late colonial/early Federal architecture in Durham. Its historical significance derives from its association with the Camps, one of Durham's founding families, and from its function as a tavern in the days when Durham was an important stopover on the overland route from New York to Boston.