

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
 (203) 566-3005

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Town No.:	Site No. 89
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	IF NR SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)	
	Cardinal Antiques Markham, Dr. Ernest A., House	
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE
	Durham	Middlesex
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)	
	77 Main Street	
	4. OWNER(S)	
	Hinman, Edward N. <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)	
	Residence/ shop Residence/ Doctor's office	
DESCRIPTION	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN It is a Shop	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING	
	Victorian domestic	
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	ca. 1885	
	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 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 checked="" 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		
2		
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
32' X 30'		
12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" 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 WHEN ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed (2) <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 building stands on the west side of Main Street and just south of the Church of the Epiphany. Two sheds are northwest of the house on this narrow, deep lot. The Markham House is in several respects visually similar to the Scranton House on the corner of Main Street and Talcott Lane.		

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Doorway is flanked by two pairs of tall, vertical windows with 1/1 sash. In the center of the facade is a low, gabled domer with an oculus bordered by simple, sawn wooden ornament.

18 ARCHITECT Unknown	BUILDER Unknown
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SIGNIFICANCE

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

When Leonard B. Markham inherited his father's house in 1928, a gloss was made in the probate certificate that the house had been built after 1881, the year in which Dr. Ernest A. Markham received the lot south of the Church of the Epiphany from Mary Jewel Camp.

Ernest A. Markham was born in Vermont in 1853. His family soon moved to Hartford. After he received his B.A. from Wesleyan in 1875, Ernest studied medicine in New York until 1878. He then moved to Durham and built this house about 1885 (DPR 1928) and he practiced medicine until his death in 1927 in an office in the northeast corner of the house. A "country doctor" of uncommon skill, he also held many local civic offices. He was a member and president of the state medical examining board and also was a representative to the State Legislature in 1895. The house remained in the Markham family name until 1975. It is presently the Cardinal Antiques shop.

The Dr. Ernest A. Markham House, built ca. 1885, is a 2 story Victorian domestic building with a central hall plan, a central chimney, an asphalt-covered low hip roof, clapboarding, and a coursed sandstone foundation. The 3 bay facade has a central double doorway with plain trim. The doorway is surmounted by a 5 paned transom and a crown-moulded cornice, and is flanked by two pairs of tall, vertical windows with 1/1 sash. At roof level in the center of the facade is a low, gabled domer with an oculus bordered by simple, sawn wooden ornament. The influence of the Greek Revival style is betrayed by the entablature around (see continuation

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 Beers Atlas.

PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER Peter Hall	DATE 6/83
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VIEW from West	NEGATIVE ON FILE 6:17
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COMPILED BY

NAME J. McCord	DATE 8/83
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ORGANIZATION
Greater Middletown Preservation Trust

ADDRESS
27 Washington Street Middletown, CT. 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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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 19 Date: 10/7/83

Markham, Dr. Ernest A., House
77 Main Street
Durham:

the house and the suggestion of corner pilasters. A hip-roofed porch has been added to the north side. Multiple additions have been made to the west side, and on the south side is a 5 sided, 2 story, Queen Anne style bay resting on a coursed sandstone foundation.

This house is architecturally significant as one of the finest examples of Victorian residential buildings in Durham.