

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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| Town No.: | Site No. 93 |
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| QUAD: | |
| DISTRICT | IF NR SPECIFY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR | <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential |

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| IDENTIFICATION | 1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <i>(Historic)</i> | | The Walker House | | Hubbard, Reuben Homestead House | |
| | 2 TOWN CITY | | VILLAGE | | COUNTY | |
| | Durham | | | | Middlesex | |
| | 3 STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) | | | | | |
| | 70 Main Street | | | | | |
| | 4 OWNERS | | | | | |
| | Lloyd & Beverly Walker <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private | | | | | |
| | 5 USE (Present) | | <i>(Historic)</i> | | | |
| | Residence | | Residence | | | |
| | DESCRIPTION | 6 ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: | | EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD | | INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | IF YES, EXPLAIN | | |
| | | | | With permission | | |
| 7 STYLE OF BUILDING | | | | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION | | |
| 19th century domestic | | | | c. 1870 | | |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stucco foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____ | | | | | | |
| 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 type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ | | | | | | |
| 11 NUMBER OF STORIES | | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS | | | | |
| Two | | Main block: 16X27 South adit.: 14X35 | | | | |
| 12 CONDITION (Structural) <i>(Exterior)</i> | | | | | | |
| <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 | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Sun porch added to South side. | | |
| 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 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 type="checkbox"/> High building density | | | | | | |
| 16 INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS | | | | | | |

This house stands on Durham's Main Street. It is set into the side of the hill that slopes southward toward Allyn's Brook.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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| 18 ARCHITECT Unknown | BUILDER Unknown |
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SIGNIFICANCE

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house, as built, consisted of two simple gable roofed structures joined at their southeast and northwest corners. Both sections were narrow, the largest 16' wide, the smaller rear section, 14' in width. The gable ends of both face the street. At some point after the turn of the century, a one story hip-roofed sun/entry porch was added to the south and west sides of the house and the main entry was moved forward some 12 feet. While the fenestration consists of 6X6s, save for the 3X3 eyebrow windows in the northwest section, there is evidence that the window arrangement has been changed, most notably on the south side of the southeast section, where an exterior brick chimney was added at some point in this century.

The land on which this house was built was part of the Guernsey homestead, which came into the possession of Selina Evarts of Madison in 1853. She sold the property to Eli and Reuben Hubbard, two brothers from Madison, in 1865. In 1874, the present house in its peculiar configuration first appears in Beer's Atlas. Hubbard died in 1914 at the age of 80 leaving the house to his widow Harriet. She sold the house and 26 acres to her son, Eli H. Hubbard, in 1922. The house remained in the Hubbard family until 1964. In 1968, it passed to its present owners.

This house is an interesting example of a late nineteenth century farmhouse. Considering the Hubbard's extensive landholding in Durham, it is a surprisingly modest structure.

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

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| PHOTOGRAPHER Alex Parades | DATE 4/84 |
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| VIEW S&W elevations | NEGATIVE ON FILE 11:24A |
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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

- 21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE
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|--|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known | <input type="checkbox"/> Highways | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Developers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> Private | <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____ |