

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. 94
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)	
Roberts, Samuel, House	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE COUNTY
Durham	Middlesex
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)	
69 Main Street	
4. OWNER(S)	
Flood, Ronald W. and Louise D. <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) (Historic)	
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Colonial/domestic vernacular	1728-1729
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input checked="" 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 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 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	45' 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 type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" 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 Second story bays, SW corner alterations
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) Low stone retaining wall to southwest. <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 type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS	

This is the Durham house nearest the Old Burying Ground. The house's wide, shallow lot is high above the road, continues to rise behind the house towards the west, and shares a private drive with the houses to the north. A retaining wall to the southwest abuts the Burying Ground. A small board and batten shed lies to the south.

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

DESCRIP (Continued)

Extensive alteration of both interior and facade is suggested by the irregular placement of the plain trim doorway, the full 2/2 sash windows of the first story, and the four smaller windows of the second story. A 2-story high flat roof which cuts into the south gable marks a major addition to the southwest corner.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

The Samuel Roberts House is a 2 story, clapboarded, Colonial saltbox structure which rests on a sandstone foundation. The main doorway is slightly south of the west facade center.

In 1728, Theophilus Morrison sold to Samuel Roberts "a part of [his] home lott" (DLR 4:58), which was the six-acre plot bounded southerly by the Old Burying Ground and northerly by what was later to become the north boundary of the Church of the Epiphany. A reference in December 1729 (DLR 4:124) to "Samuel Robert's home lot" indicates that the house had been built during the preceding year.

Samuel Roberts married Rachel Webb in 1777. By the time of the house's construction, Samuel and Rachel had a family of five children. (cf. Arnold, DVR, p. 64). Four more were born before Samuel, in 1739, sold the house lot, now with a "cooper's shop," to Thomas Phillips. Until 1896, when it passed to the Goodale family (in whose possession is remained until 1964), the house never remained in the same hands for more than a few years at a time.

This early eighteenth-century house was built in a period of rapid settlement in Durham's history. The fragmentation of Theophilus Morrison's home lot and the subsequent construction of the Samuel Roberts House and other houses attest to this demographic growth.

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

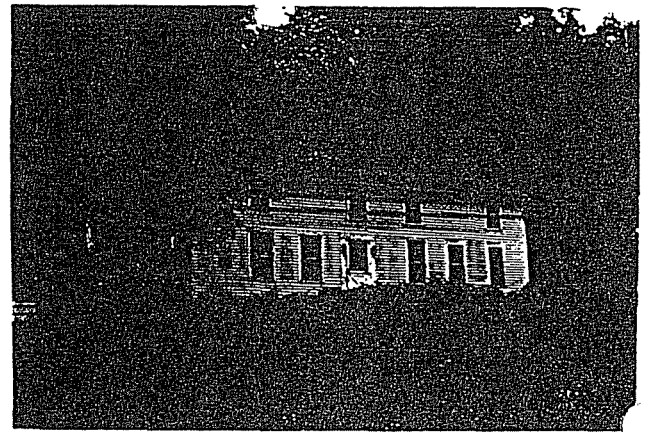
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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None knowr.
- Highways
- Vandalism
- Developers
- Other _____
- Renewal
- Private
- Deterioration
- Zoning
- Explanaton _____