

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 142
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)		
Twin Pine Farm	Thayer, Jonathan, Farm		
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Durham		Middlesex	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
Middlefield Road, east side			
4. OWNER(S)			
Scaglione, Pietaina <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)			
Residence (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			
Greek Revival	1850			
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
<input checked="" 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: Sandstone Block		
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	27'x24'; 33'x17'; 14'x11'; 14'x12'; 18'x24'; 14'x7'; 32'x15'			
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
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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	
			IF YES EXPLAIN	
			Numerous additions to E. elevation	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	Chicken coop	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS				

Sited in a rural-residential neighborhood, the Jonathan Thayer House is surrounded by open fields that were once actively farmed.

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

DESCRIP: (Continued)

The three-bay, side-hall plan facade features large overhanging eaves and heavy cornice returns. The gable end displays an eight-paned rectangular window topped with a projecting cornice supported by three evenly-spaced brackets. Protecting the facade doorway is a flat-roofed doorhood. A small single-story bay projects from the north elevation. The two story ell added to the south elevation features three-over-three eyebrow windows and an enclosed shed-roofed sunporch. A number of ells have been added to the rear including a single story ell and two large sheds. Outbuildings include a large, deteriorated chicken coop, a single story, hip-roofed garage, cornshed, greenhouse and barn.

18 ARCHITECTY _____ BUILDER _____

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

The Jonathan Thayer House is a 2½ story gable-to-street, Greek Revival style building that faces west onto Middlefield Road. The wood-shingled, post-and-beam framing system is supported by a sandstone foundation.

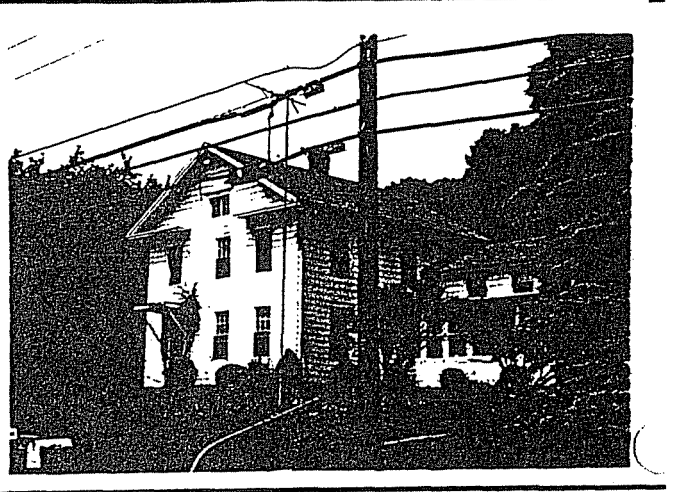
According to Professor William C. Fowler's History of Durham, Jonathan Thayer tore down the homestead of Joseph and Charles Parsons and built this structure about 1850. Thayer (1796-1868), a native of Middletown, was a farmer. Upon his death in 1868, the homestead was inherited by his wife, Mehetable and their two children, Lydia and Edward. Edward (1829-1900), who had migrated to Weston, Vermont, returned to Durham to farm his father's estate. In 1856 Edward married Martha Foote (1842-1904), the daughter of Lucius and Lois (Hubbard) Foote. In the early twentieth-century, August F. Otte operated a milk, egg and produce farm on the property.

Once an active dairy farm, the Jonathan Thayer House provides a link to Durham's agricultural heritage.

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, 1966); Whited, Milton, Durham's Heritage (Durham: 1976); 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas.

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanaton _____