STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106  
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM  
For Buildings and Structures  

IDENTIFICATION  
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Harriet Cooper Lane House  
   Historic: Robert Smithson House  
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown  
   VILLAGE: West Long Hill  
   COUNTY: Middlesex  
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 30 Laurel Grove Road  
4. OWNER(S): George Mylchreest  
5. USE: Present: Residence  
   Historic: same  
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no  
   Interior accessible: x yes, explain: with owner's permission  
   x no  

DESCRIPTION  
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial  
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):  
   x clapboard  
   wood shingle  
   board & batten  
   aluminum siding  
   asbestos siding  
   asphalt siding  
   stucco  
   concrete: type:  
   other:  
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:  
   x wood frame: x post and beam  
   balloon  
   load bearing masonry  
   structural iron or steel  
   other:  
10. ROOF: type:  
    x gable  
    gambrel  
    shed  
    flat  
    mansard  
    monitor  
    round  
    sawtooth  
    other:  
    material:  
    x wood shingle  
    roll asphalt  
    ashpalt shingle built up  
    tin  
    slate  
    tile  
    other: 23'x39'; addition and  
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½  
12. CONDITION: Structural:  
    excellent  
    x good  
    fair  
    deteriorated  
    Exterior:  
    excellent  
    x good  
    fair  
    deteriorated  
13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site  
    moved, when: 1957  
    Alterations: no  
    x yes, explain: Chimney replaced  
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
    barn  
    shed  
    x garage s  
    carriage house  
    shop  
    garden  
    other landscape features or buildings:  
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  
    open land  
    woodland  
    x residential  
    commercial  
    industrial  
    x rural  
    scattered buildings visible from site  
    high building density  
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This center-chimney Colonial house  
   faces west from the east side of Laurel Grove Road near the intersection of Wadsworth Street.  
   It is set back behind a yard with a stone wall bordering the property near the road. Across  
   the street is the Nehemiah Hubbard House (c. 1730). Laurel Grove Road is an unpaved lane  
   with tall trees shading scattered residences.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

   Entrance porch
   Triple-run staircase

SIGNIFICANCE

   Architect: 
   Builder: 

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house originally stood on the Main Street of Durham, Connecticut near the site of the Durham Manufacturing Company. It was probably built around 1741 by Robert Smithson. In 1957 it was moved to its present site. It is remembered in Durham as the Harriet Cooper Lane House after a long-term former occupant.

   This house displays the center-chimney, two-room deep plan typical of mid-eighteenth-century house construction. In its well-preserved condition it complements the Nehemiah Hubbard House across the street. Together these two houses make the entrance into Laurel Grove Road a pleasing streetscape reminiscent of the eighteenth century.

PHOTOGRAPH

   photographer: Roger Sherman
   date: 9/78
   view: west
   negative on file: Roll 42, #24A

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

   X none known
   highways
   vandalism
   developers
   other: 
   renewal
   private
   deterioration
   zoning
   explanation: 