

Orange Factory Village, Dawson House  
(Supervisor's House)  
Old Orange Factory Road (St. Rt. 1628)  
Durham  
Durham County  
North Carolina

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE NORTH CAROLINA		COUNTY DURHAM	TOWN OR VICINITY DURHAM
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) ORANGE FACTORY VILLAGE, DAWSON HOUSE			HABS NO. NC-9-A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Supervisor's House			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Orange Factory Road (SR 1628), Orange Factory Village			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Post 1900 (Laura Phillips, 1979)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This was the residence of at least two Supervisors and their families (the Blackwoods and the Dawsons) for the Orange Factory textile mill which was in operation at the turn of the century. An economic/class dichotomy is evident by the house's geographical separation from the mill villagers and by its larger size.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood frame, horizontal boards, asphalt shingle roof.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular shape; 2 1/2 stories in height.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Plain windows; pent roof; three gables; full porch on front and west sides; east side has no porch but has hood over outdoor steps leading to kitchen. Two chimneys, lipped, both interior. Main entrance is single-centered. Several sheds and outbuildings are present.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) (Not recorded).			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES . East porch has been removed (around kitchen). This building is difficult to date because an addition (bathroom) has been added to the rear sometime since the original construction of the house. Also, the remains of a concrete garage foundation, another addition, are visible east of the house.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition, presently owned by the City of Durham and slated for destruction for a reservoir. People have been living in the house as recently as September, 1983.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)			
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