

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
for Buildings and Structures

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: _____ Historic: Samuel Galpin House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 1087 Atkins Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Katrina B. Shepard PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain with occupant's permission no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: between 1744 and 1761
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> brick foundation, north lean-to
<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: <u>brownstone foundation</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam balloon
 load bearing masonry structural iron or steel
 other: _____
- 10. ROOF: type:
 gable flat mansard monitor sawtooth
 gambrel shed hip round other _____
material:
 wood shingle roll asphalt tin slate
 asphalt shingle built up tile other: _____
- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 28'x36'; north lean-to 12'x25'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: North lean-to added; center chimney removed
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: large shade tree in front
 carriage house shop garden
- 15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 open land woodland residential scattered buildings visible from site
 commercial industrial rural high building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This Colonial house faces east from the west side of Atkins Street north of the intersection of Bradley Street. Although sited close to the street, it is obscured from view by large shade trees. Stow's Hill rises to the north, and farmlands spread out to the east and west toward the nearby Berlin line. This section of Westfield retains its traditional rural character.

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

Second floor overhang
Lean-to placed on north gable end (later addition)

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This center-chimney Colonial house was built probably between 1744 and 1763 for Samuel Galpin. His son, Samuel, Jr. was elected Ensign of the Middletown Train Band (militia) in 1759, and later served as Captain. The Galpin family were early settlers in Berlin, Connecticut, and were represented in the Westfield Society of Middletown by this branch. The property remained in the family until 1872. Since then the house has retained its traditional usage as a farmhouse through a succession of owners.

The center-chimney, two-room-deep plan of this house is typical of mid-eighteenth century construction in the lower Connecticut River valley. The second floor overhang is also typical of this period.

This house is significant primarily because it remains in its traditional environment and usage. As such it demonstrates the enduring character of this rural section of Middletown.

PHOTOGRAPH

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negative on file: Roll 51, #27-27A

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; Colonial Dames Records of Connecticut; 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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