

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

For Buildings and Structures

|                     |           |     |                     |
|---------------------|-----------|-----|---------------------|
| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY |           |     |                     |
| TOWN NO.:           | SITE NO.: |     |                     |
| UTM: 18/            | /         | /   | /                   |
| QUAD:               |           |     |                     |
| DISTRICT:           | S         | NR: | ACTUAL<br>POTENTIAL |

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Brookfield Farm Historic: John Warner House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 136 Atkins Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Philip and J. Susannah Truitt PUBLIC  PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  yes, explain with owner's permission  no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1750
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):  
 clapboard       asbestos siding       brick  
 wood shingle       asphalt siding       fieldstone  
 board & batten       stucco on chimney       cobblestone  
 aluminum siding       concrete: type: \_\_\_\_\_  cut stone: type: brownstone  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_ foundation
- 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: 22'x28'; rear leanto 27'x17'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural:  excellent       good       fair       deteriorated  
Exterior:  excellent       good       fair       deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Rear wing, possibly early addition
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 barn       shed       garage       other landscape features or buildings: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 house faces west from atop a rise on the northeast corner of Atkins Street and Saw Mill Road. This is the southernmost of several eighteenth century houses on both sides of Atkins Street in this rural section of Westfield.

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

Front entrance overlight.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_ Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was probably built around 1750 by John Warner, an early settler in Westfield. It remained in the Warner family until 1846, when it was purchased by Linus Wilcox. The house has had several owners since then while retaining its traditional usage and rural setting.

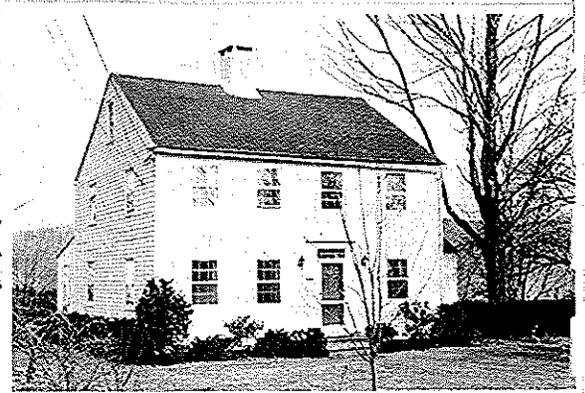
Early map views indicate that the four-bay, center-chimney configuration was a common type of house construction in the urban center of eighteenth century Middletown. This house, however, is the only example of the type in rural Westfield. This distinction, together with the well-preserved condition of the structure, makes this house an interesting and important member of the remains of an eighteenth century farming community grouped along Atkins Street.

**PHOTOGRAPH**

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; 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: \_\_\_\_\_