

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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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 POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: _____ Historic: Hezekiah Sage House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 197 Atkins Street
4. OWNER(S): Paul and Evelyn Olander 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. 1770
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 clapboard ___ asbestos siding ___ brick
 ___ wood shingle ___ asphalt siding ___ fieldstone
 ___ board & batten ___ stucco ___ 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: 36'x28'; SW wing 24'x47'
12. CONDITION: Structural: ___ excellent good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
 Exterior: ___ excellent good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site ___ moved, when: _____
 Alterations: ___ no yes, explain: South wing added; two story porch added; doorway
side lights added
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 center-chimney house faces east from the west side of Atkins Street. Atkins Street slopes up to the north along a ridge known variously through history as "Sideing Hill," "Stow's Hill," and "Savage Hill." This section of Westfield retains its traditional rural character.

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

Three-bay facade
Later two-story pavilion/porch
Much original fabric

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: In 1769 Jonathan Sage deeded his 50½ acre farm to his son Hezekiah, reserving the eastern 2/3 with the "Mansion House" to his own life use. The western 1/3 was to be Hezekiah's "for him to enter into improvement of immediately." Thus ca. 1770 would be a likely date for the construction of this three-bay center-chimney house. Hezekiah Sage, "Yeoman," died in 1797, and his house went through a succession of owners until Joseph Wilcox bought it in 1816. The property remained in the Wilcox family until 1950, when the present owners acquired it.

This house displays the center chimney and double overhang common to Connecticut houses of its period. The three-bay front is less common, although it appears on several other early houses in Middletown. A large southwest wing and a two-story pavilion/porch have altered the external appearance of this house, yet its colonial origins are clearly discernible. The traditional rural character of Westfield is exemplified by the survival of this early farmhouse.

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: _____