

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

9 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
(203) 566-3005

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: Timberlost Farm Historic: Noah Bacon Homestead
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 218 Boardman Lane
- 4. OWNER(S): Lester A. Nothnagle, Jr. PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain with permission no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Between 1735 and 1770

- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input type="checkbox"/> brick
<input 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</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		<u>foundation;</u>
		<u>retaining wall</u>

- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood frame: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input type="checkbox"/> load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> structural iron or steel
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

- 10. ROOF: type:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gable	<input type="checkbox"/> flat	<input type="checkbox"/> mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> monitor	<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> shed	<input type="checkbox"/> hip	<input type="checkbox"/> round	<input type="checkbox"/> other _____

 material:

<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> roll asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> tin	<input type="checkbox"/> slate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> built up	<input type="checkbox"/> tile	<input type="checkbox"/> other: <u>28'x34';</u>

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: east lean-to addition 7'x28'

- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Later door; Victorian front bay window added

- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> barn (saltbox) shed	<input type="checkbox"/> garage	<input type="checkbox"/> other landscape features or buildings: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> shop	<input type="checkbox"/> garden

- 15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> open land	<input type="checkbox"/> woodland	<input type="checkbox"/> residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> rural	<input type="checkbox"/> high building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This center-chimney Colonial farmhouse faces south from the north side of Boardman Lane near Bell Street. Shade trees in front of the house partially obscure its facade. A large barn in the rear of the house sits at the base of a steep hill rising to the northwest. This area of Westfield retains its traditional rural character.

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

Three-bay facade

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____

Builder: _____

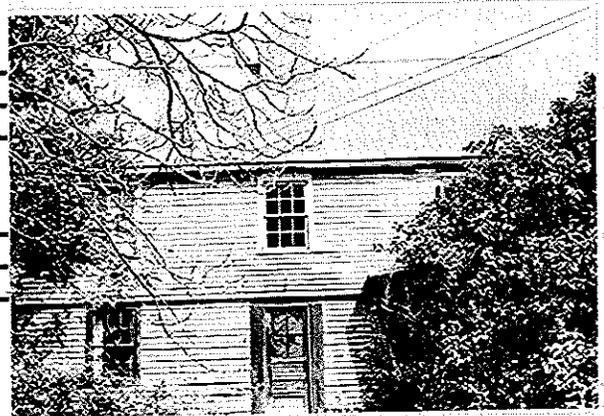
18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The Bacon family for over two centuries was prominent in the Westfield area of Middletown. This house was built on land originally owned by Nathaniel Bacon. It was occupied until 1807 by his son Noah, a farmer like his father. The Nathaniel Bacon House to the east was given to Joel Bacon, older brother of Noah (see form for 3 Boardman Lane). As this house was one of several built on the Bacon property, it is difficult to ascertain its exact date of construction; a likely period is between 1735 and 1770.

This house displays the center-chimney, two-room deep plan typical of mid-eighteenth century Connecticut domestic architecture. Its three-bay front is less common to Middletown than the popular five-bay front. A one-story Victorian bay window was added to the front east bay, and a lean-to on the east end of the house is probably of early date, as it displays an overhang.

This house has retained its original usage and relationship to its property for over two centuries, contributing to the enduring traditions of this rural section of Middletown.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: John E. Reynolds
date: 9/78 view: south
negative on file: Roll 35, #22



COMPILED BY:

name: John E. Reynolds date: 9/78
organization: Greater Middletown Preservation Trust
address: 27 Washington St., Middletown, Ct. 06457

19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; Joellyn Kuhnlein and Elizabeth Reynolds, "Nathaniel Bacon House," unpublished GMPT Report, 1974; 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Map

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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