

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
			POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic: Atkins-Crowell House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 435 Coleman Road
- 4. OWNER(S): Trumbull and Caroline Huntington 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: Colonial; Greek Revival alterations 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: 32'x30'; rear wing 30'x16';

- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: south wing 56'x22'

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

- 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site \_\_\_ moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alterations: \_\_\_ no  yes, explain: See #18

- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
\_\_\_ barn      \_\_\_ shed      \_\_\_ garage       other landscape features or buildings: early stable  
\_\_\_ 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 structure is located on the west side of Coleman Road. It sits on a large well landscaped plot in a primarily rural area, in the southern section of Middletown. Its few immediate neighbors are post-World War II development houses.

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

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

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

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The Atkins, early settlers of the Long Hill district, probably constructed this substantial residence in the late 1700s. Daniel Crowell acquired the house probably around 1800 when he was purchasing a great deal of farmland in the area. Crowell left the house to his wife Comfort in 1823. It remained in the Crowell family until the early 20th century. William A. Coleman, a locally known dairy farmer, occupied the residence and farmed the land until the late 1930s. It is currently owned and occupied by Trumbull and Caroline Huntington.

The original section of this substantial Colonial residence has a four-bay facade and off-center chimney. It also displays heavy ornate Greek Revival detail from a later period, pedimented gables, and entrance way with side lights, pilasters, and transom. The first story windows have caps and the second story windows are surmounted by a plain frieze.

This house, with its associations with families who farmed in the area since the eighteenth century, is an important survival in this still largely rural area.

**PHOTOGRAPH**

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; History of Middlesex County (Chicago: H.F. Beers, 1884); 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: \_\_\_\_\_