

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: William Harris House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Chamberlain Road; north side, .15 miles west of Chauncey Rd.
4. OWNER(S): Margaret Flanagan PUBLIC PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain x no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Late 18th C.
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
clapboard x asbestos siding second story brick
x wood shingle first story asphalt siding story fieldstone
board & batten stucco cobblestone
aluminum siding concrete: type: x cut stone: type: brownstone
other: foundation
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
x wood frame: x post and beam balloon
load bearing masonry structural iron or steel
other:
10. ROOF: type:
x gable flat mansard monitor sawtooth
gambrel shed hip round other
material:
wood shingle roll asphalt tin slate
x asphalt shingle built up tile other:
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 32'x25'; wing 32'x15'
12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good x fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good x fair deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site moved, when:
Alterations: no x yes, explain: Siding and various east additions
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
x barns x shed garage x other landscape features or buildings: brick silo
carriage house shop garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
x open land woodland residential x scattered buildings visible from site
commercial industrial x rural high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: The house faces south at the bend of Chamberlain Hill Road between Lyceum and Chauncey Roads. It is sited in an agricultural setting with scattered buildings nearby, including a 1 1/2-story Colonial house to the east.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The builder of this house is unknown however, it was owned by William H. Harris, a farmer, in the nineteenth century. The house remained in the Harris family until 1951. It is presently owned by Mrs. Frederick Flanagan.

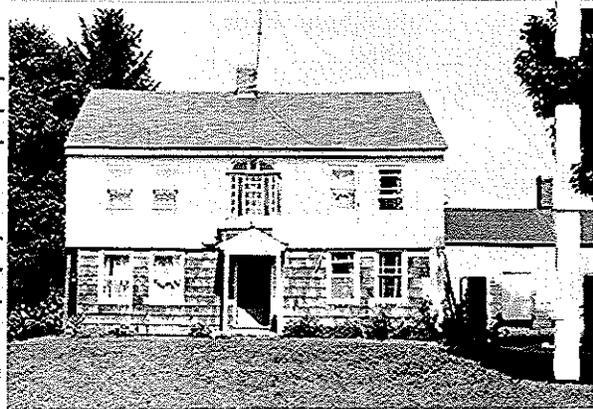
It is a large, imposing center-chimney Colonial house with a double overhang. A later modified Palladian window placed over the entranceway is an unusual rural feature in Middletown. Later alterations include asbestos and wood shingling, additions to the east and a projecting entrance porch. There are many related outbuildings on the property and nearby the house, the most notable being a brick silo with conical roof. This imposing Colonial house with unusual Palladian window, retains its traditional agricultural surroundings.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; 1874
Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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