

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 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: Historic: Warner-Wyse House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 19 Cherry Street
4. OWNER(S): Rosina Fortuna PUBLIC X 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: Greek Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1830-1831
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
X clapboard asbestos siding brick
wood shingle asphalt siding fieldstone
board & batten stucco cobblestone
aluminum siding concrete: type: X cut stone: type: brownstone
other: foundation cemented over
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
wood frame: post and beam X 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: 41' x 22'
12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent X good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent X good fair deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: X on original site moved, when:
Alterations: no X yes, explain: Storm windows north; 2nd floor entranceway added
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
barn X shed garage other landscape features or buildings:
carriage house shop X garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
open land woodland X residential scattered buildings visible from site
commercial industrial rural X high building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This house is located at the edge of the Middletown North End residential district. It faces a parking lot, Acheson Drive, and the Connecticut River to the east. There is also a parking lot and a new 2 1/2 story commercial building to the south. The setback of the house, the enclosing hedges and vine covered fences on either side, and the gardens to side and rear, shelter the house from the surrounding open space.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____

Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The land on which this house was built was purchased by Isaac Warner, a resident of Ferry Street, in 1830. The house was built on the lot and sold one year later to a John Wyse, who owned it until 1861. Late 19th century owners Nicholas Tucker (owner of a second hand furniture store) and Horace Leonard (a "mariner" who lived in the house next door) apparently used the house as a rental property. The house has been in the Fortuna family, the present owners, for over 50 years.

The Warner-Wyse House is a good example of the early form of the popular three-bay house with gable to the street. Although the gable end is treated with a cornice return rather than a pediment, the house displays the influence of the Greek Revival style in the entrance doorway framed with pilasters and over-lights. The protective landscaping enhances both the house and the street.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Robert Svec
date: 3/78 view: east
negative on file: Roll 17, #36A

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; 1851 Clark Map; 1877 Bailey Map

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known highways vandalism developers other: _____
 renewal private deterioration zoning explanation: The proposed extension of DeKoven Drive (State Department of Transportation) which will enlarge Cherry Street, will come much closer to this house than the present street.

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Item number: _____ Date: 1/90

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317 Dekoven Drive (formerly 19 Cherry Street)

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