

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106  
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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: Methodist Episcopal Church Parsonage Historic: same
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 24 Church Street
4. OWNER(S): Methodist Episcopal Church PUBLIC  PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Offices & Daycare Center Historic: Parsonage
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  yes, explain with permission  no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Second Empire DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1868-69
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: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 39'x35' (wing 15'x22')
12. CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  
 Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site Front entrance replaced; window caps possibly re-  
 Alterations:  no  yes, explain: moved; dormers altered; interior modernized for  
classrooms; two story wing added
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 barn  shed  garage  other landscape features or buildings: building is  
 carriage house  shop  garden connected to Church Annex by breezeway
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 substantial brick structure overlooks the historic South Green from the north side of Church Street. To the east is a Queen Anne style structure, to the west is the Gothic Revival Methodist Church. Affixed to its rear wall is an enclosed passageway which connects the building to the Tudor style Annex of the Methodist Church.

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

Cornice with carved brackets and geometric decoration on frieze

**SIGNIFICANCE**

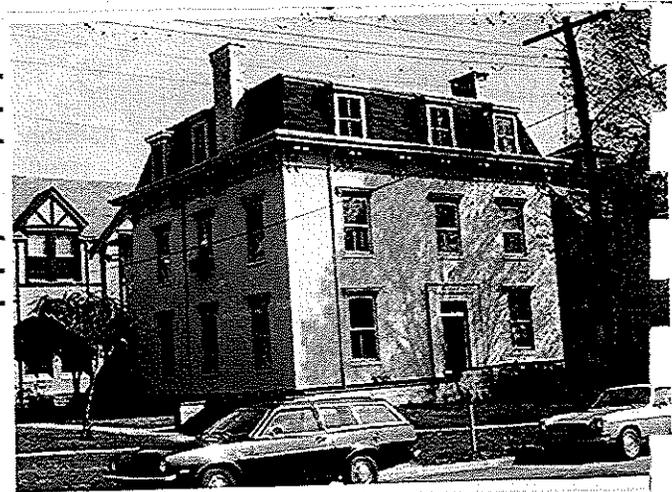
Architect: \_\_\_\_\_ Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This Second Empire building was constructed between 1868 and 1869 as a parsonage for the Methodist Episcopal Church. Its style conformed with other Second Empire structures being built in the Union Park area at that time. The parsonage survived the devastating fires of 1885 and 1930 which destroyed the nearby church buildings. Despite the probable loss of the decorative window caps, this building displays typical Second Empire characteristics. Its cubical form, mansard roof with dormers, and bracketed eaves reflect the high-style quality of construction and design found in the South Green area.

Through its use as a daycare facility, the old parsonage continues to contribute to the historic South Green area.

**PHOTOGRAPH**

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; "The First Methodist Church, Twentieth Anniversary of the Fourth Church Building" (Middletown: 1951); 1874 Beers Atlas

**20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:**

**21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:**

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET  
Item number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1/90

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Middletown, CT 06457

