

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: Mary & Luther Eldridge House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 99 East Main Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Elizabeth and Wanda M. Winner PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Queen Anne DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1888-1890
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> clapboard (1st story)	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> brick foundation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood shingle (above 1st board & batten story)	<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt siding	<input type="checkbox"/> fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding	<input type="checkbox"/> stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> cobblestone
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete: type: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gable crossed	<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: _____
- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 28'x50'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: _____
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

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

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This residence is the southernmost member of a row of six houses that overlook East Main Street. These buildings, of similar size, are more closely sited than the other residences on this end of the street. South, the street is primarily commercial. Two early factory buildings are nearby. Unlike the neighboring houses, this building has retained its original appearance.

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

Leaded stained glass windows on south side
Chimney pots on north side

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house, built for Luther Eldridge, a superintendent of the Russell Manufacturing Company, was constructed after his wife Mary purchased the property in 1887. It displays many features characteristic of the Queen Anne style. The large porch is decorated by posts with knobs and brackets. Porch balusters connected by horizontal cross-members create a recurring rectangular design below the railing. Projecting attic gables beneath the steeply pitched roof are covered by fish scale shingles. Similar shingling occurs on the second story and is contrasted by the clapboarded first story. The north side of the house exhibits a diagonal row of three leaded, stained-glass windows. A thin detailed chimney, topped by two chimney pots, is on the south side of the structure. The building's varied surfaces are highlighted by the use of dark and light paint.

This residence is a notable feature of the street. Retaining its original appearance, it represents an era when East Main Street was a part of the Middlesex Turnpike, the major highway leading south from the city. During the late nineteenth century, the area experienced marked residential development. This was influenced by the growth of the industries, principally the Russell Manufacturing Company, that bordered the highway.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; History of Middlesex County (New York, J.B. Beers & Co., 1884)

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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