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 TOWN NO.: _____ SITE NO.: _____
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 QUAD: _____
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 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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II. HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
 for Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: _____ Historic: John Hubbard House
 TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 332 Freeman Road
 OWNER(S): Karen and Paul Torop PUBLIC PRIVATE
 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
 ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
 Interior accessible: yes, explain no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1781
 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: granite
 ___ 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: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 27'x37'
 12. CONDITION: Structural: ___ excellent good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
 Exterior: ___ excellent good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site ___ moved, when: _____
 Alterations: no yes, explain: Siding; interior alterations
 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 ___ barn ___ shed garage other landscape features or buildings: low wood
 ___ carriage house ___ shop ___ garden fence borders the road
 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 building faces Freeman Road near the Haddam boundary. From Saybrook Road, the road ascends a small rise before reaching the house. Two later residences are a short distance east and west. A barn is north with Aircraft Road beyond. The front of the house, screened by a large tree, overlooks a sloping field across the road.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____

Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: When Deacon John Earl Hubbard wrote his will in 1781, he granted this house, then partially built, to his eldest son John. Hubbard's earlier home, located at 1866 Saybrook Road, stands a short distance away. The house remained occupied for many years by the Hubbard family and their descendants. Luther A. Freeman, husband of John E. Hubbard's great-granddaughter, resided here during the late 1800s. Before moving to the house, he had owned the largest sawmill in the county. His son, Edgar Freeman, built the house next door to the west in 1870. He and his father jointly farmed their property, that contained over three hundred acres by 1900.

This Colonial house is a distinctive feature of the area. The five-bay facade has a notable central entrance. Five small, rectangular lights are above the door that displays decorative strap hinges. The broad, gabled roof is crowned by a large center chimney. The sides of the building exhibit double overhangs.

The structure, despite its aluminum sided walls, has retained much of its original character. Sited near fields bordered by stone walls, it is reminiscent of an era when a small group of families farmed this outlying area of town.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Records; Commemorative Biographical Record of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.H. Beers, 1903); 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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