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 TOWN NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ SITE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 QUAD: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DISTRICT: S NR: ACTUAL POTENTIAL

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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 HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM  
 for Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Stueck Building Historic: Stueck's Block  
 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Middlesex  
 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 460-470 Main Street  
 4. OWNER(S): RHEM, Inc. PUBLIC  PRIVATE   
 5. USE: Present: Commercial Historic: same  
 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
 Interior accessible:  yes, explain commercial use  no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Late 19th Century Commercial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1893  
 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: limestone  
 \_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_ lintels & sills;  
granite foundation front & side;  
brownstone foundation rear  
 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:  
 \_\_\_ wood frame: \_\_\_ post and beam \_\_\_ balloon  
 load bearing masonry  structural iron or steel (interior framing)  
 \_\_\_ 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: 4 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 63'x120'  
 12. CONDITION: Structural: \_\_\_ excellent  good \_\_\_ fair \_\_\_ deteriorated  
 Exterior: \_\_\_ excellent  good \_\_\_ fair \_\_\_ deteriorated  
 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site \_\_\_ moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alterations: \_\_\_ no  yes, explain: Storefronts modernized  
 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 \_\_\_ barn \_\_\_ shed \_\_\_ garage \_\_\_ other landscape features or buildings: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ carriage house \_\_\_ shop \_\_\_ garden \_\_\_\_\_  
 15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  
 \_\_\_ open land \_\_\_ woodland  residential \_\_\_ scattered buildings visible from site  
 commercial \_\_\_ industrial \_\_\_ rural  high building density  
 16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: The Stueck Building occupies the northeast corner site at the intersection of Main and Washington Streets. Its four story height is consistent with the commercial buildings to the north. This massive brick building counter balances similarly-sized structures on two of the other three corners.

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

**SIGNIFICANCE**

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_ Builder: Horace Butler

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Jacob W. Stueck first appears on the Middletown scene as a driver for Hoffort's Bakery (at the southeast corner of Main and Washington Streets opposite the present Stueck building) in 1878. A scant two years later he was the proprietor of the same bakery. He relocated his bakery and dining rooms across the street in a commercial block that he built in 1893. The building is still used commercially with three stores on the ground floor, offices and apartments on the upper floor.

This otherwise plain brick structure is distinguished by a decorative frieze and cornice molding at the roof line. Limestone belt courses delineate the upper window courses against the red brick walls. The building solidifies the corner with its imposing mass and bulk. It makes a fitting anchor for this busy city corner.

**PHOTOGRAPH**

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; Middletown Tribune: Souvenir Edition (Middletown: 1896); Marino Postal Card Collection (Greater Middletown Preservation Trust)

**20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:**

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

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

