

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: _____
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 1184 and 1221 Middle Street
- 4. OWNER(S): 1184: Edward and Jennie Ducki; 1221: Catherine Leonard 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: Greek Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1859 before
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input type="checkbox"/> brick
<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt siding	<input type="checkbox"/> fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> board & batten	<input type="checkbox"/> stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> cobblestone
<input type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete: type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: <u>probably brownstone</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		
- 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: 1184: 21'x49';
- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 1221: 28'x22' rear wing 12'34'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: 1221: Rear wing added
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
1184: 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: These two vernacular Greek Revival houses are located on either side of Middle Street just south of the Berlin line. 1184 faces west from atop a bank close to the street, and 1221 is set back slightly on a plot bordered by Division and Middle Streets. This section of Westfield has open rural surroundings.

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

- #1184: Window in gable pediment
Greek Revival doorway with pilaster and entablature
- #1221: Greek Revival doorway; no pediment in gable

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: During the mid-19th century Westfield was a growing farming community. These two small vernacular Greek Revival houses reflect that period. They were both built before 1859, probably by members of the Bowers family.

Each displays the gable-to-street configuration typical of the vernacular Greek Revival in Middletown, although 1221 differs slightly with a cross-gabled wing to the south. Other common features are the Greek entrances with simple pilasters and entablature. 1184 displays a pedimented gable, while 1221 utilizes prominent main cornice returns to suggest a pediment.

Together these houses reflect the continued growth of Westfield as a farming community during a period when industry was spurring development in other areas of Middletown.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: 1184: B.A. Cleary; 1221: J.E. Reynolds
 date: 1184:3/79;1221:12/78 view: 1184:west;1221:east
 negative on file: 1184: Roll 61, #15A; 1221: Roll 51, #33

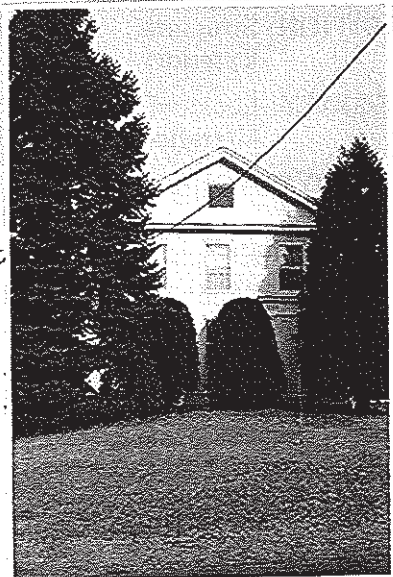


1221 Middle Street

COMPILED BY:

name: John E. Reynolds date: 9/78
 organization: Greater Middletown Preservation Trust
 address: 27 Washington St., Middletown, Ct. 06457

19. SOURCES: 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas



1184 Middle Street

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

- none known highways vandalism developers
- renewal private deterioration zoning