

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: Nathaniel Bacon House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 353 Newfield Street
- 4. OWNER(S): William and Mary Tuttle PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain with permission no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: probably before 1758
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 clapboard not original asbestos siding brick
 wood shingle asphalt siding fieldstone
 board & batten stucco cobblestone
 aluminum siding concrete: type: _____ cut stone: type: brownstone
 other: _____ foundation; ashlar
- 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: 30'x40'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Large porch across front; additions to rear
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: large lawn
 carriage house shop garden north side; large shade trees
- 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 large center-chimney Colonial house faces east from the west side of Newfield Street. It is set back slightly from the street and is shaded by large trees. Newfield Street in this area displays small residences which contrast with several nearby multi-story apartment complexes.

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

Panelling and staircase, interior
Later doorway and porch

SIGNIFICANCE

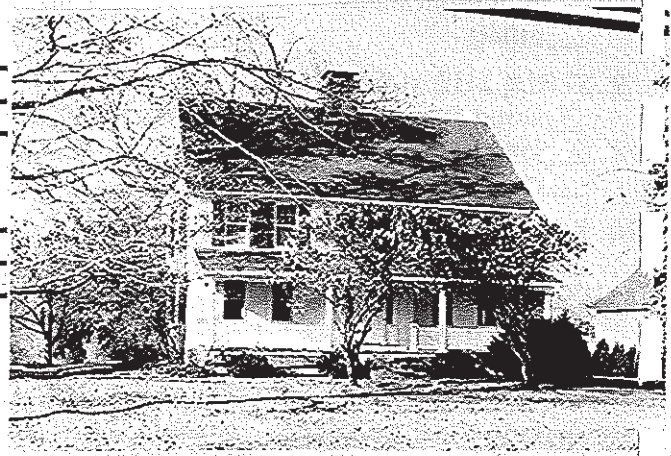
Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was probably built by Lt. Nathaniel Bacon on land inherited from his father Nathaniel in 1704. Lt. Nathaniel's will of 1758 mentions this property "as the lot I now dwell on." The large scale of this house, together with the absence of any overhangs, make it an interesting example of the center-chimney house type so common during the mid-eighteenth century. The fine quality of the interior appointments suggest that this was a prominent mansion in its day.

The Bacon family has been prominent in Middletown for over three centuries. Through its historical association with this family as well as its interesting deviations from the architectural norms of its period, this house remains an important survivor from the early growth of the Newfield area.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis
date: 11/78 view: east
negative on file: Roll 49, #31



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19. SOURCES: Jesse Alsop, "Jeremiah Bacon House" (FERA 1935); 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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