

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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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: Russell Carriage House Historic: same
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 77 Pearl Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Wesleyan University PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Faculty Residence Historic: Garage and Barn
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain with tenant's permission no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Queen Anne with Colonial Revival alterations DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: around 1900;
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate): remodelled 1930-1931
 clapboard asbestos siding brick
 wood shingle dormers asphalt siding fieldstone
 board & batten stucco cobblestone
 aluminum siding concrete: type: _____ cut stone: type: granite
 other: _____ foundation and lintels

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

- wood frame: post and beam balloon
- load bearing masonry first floor structural iron or steel
- other: _____

10. ROOF: type:

- gable flat mansard monitor sawtooth
- gambrel shed hip round other two cupolas
- material:
 wood shingle roll asphalt tin slate
 asphalt shingle built up tile other: _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 26'x49' (west wing app.28'x52')

12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Interior remodeled; fireplace and chimney added;

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES: window filled in, east side
 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: This structure is located on the west side of Pearl Street near the intersection of Washington Street. It is linked with the brick Federal house at 73 Pearl Street by a brownstone wall topped with wooden pickets and a gateway on the drive between them. This wall sets these buildings off from the small scale residences typical of the east side of Pearl Street.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____

Builder: _____

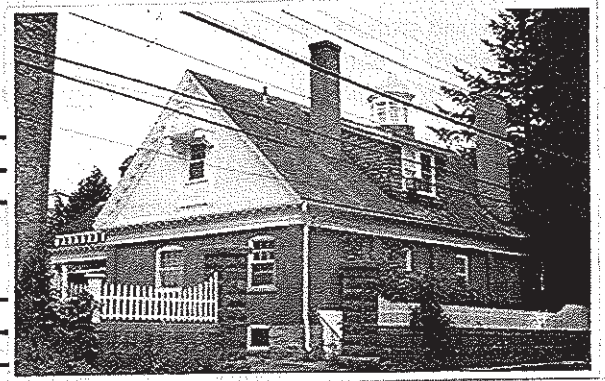
18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This structure is a part of the former Russell estate and was constructed around the turn of the century for use as a stable. It subsequently was converted into a garage. R. Stubbings, coachman/chauffeur for the Russell family, occupied the Federal style brick house (73 Pearl Street) next to this structure from 1895 to 1944.

In 1930-31 the interior was converted into an apartment. The building's Colonial Revival details, notably a Palladian window in the north gable end and fielded panelling on the interior, probably date from this conversion. The building was acquired by Wesleyan University through the gift of the Russell estate in 1936 by Thomas MacDonough Russell. Since then it has been used as a faculty residence and has been occupied since 1965 by Pulitzer Prize winner Paul Horgan.

This adaptive use residence has a pleasing overall effect due to its small scale and use of materials compatible with 73 Pearl Street.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis
date: 11/77 view: southwest
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19. SOURCES: Middletown City Directories; Middletown Land Records; "Wesleyan University Alumnus," 1886, (including map); Interview with Miss M.E. Meader (82 years old), life long resident of Pearl Street

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:



21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: _____ Date: 1/90

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