

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: Joseph Clark Homestead
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 35 Smith Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Douglas P. and Donna M. Raineault 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: c. 1773
- 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: brownstone
___ 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: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 27'x34'

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

- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site ___ moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Later entrance porch; rear porch

- 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: This house faces east from the west side of Smith Street near the intersection of Miner Street. Recent housing developments have transformed this once rural area into a small, relatively dense, suburban area. Smith Street marks the western boundary of this development.

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

Much original fabric and decoration remains

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Joseph Clark purchased property in Westfield in 1773 and probably built this house shortly thereafter. His son Joel inherited the property in 1827 and occupied it until his death in 1882. Since then the house has had many owners, each of whom has preserved the house in its traditional usage.

This house exhibits the double overhang, center-chimney plan, and five-bay front typical of Connecticut Valley residential construction in the late 18th century. Although the surrounding property is no longer farmed, this house in its well-preserved condition serves to contrast the style of an earlier period with the recent residential development nearby.

The current owners are undertaking an extensive restoration, returning the house to its original appearance.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: John E. Reynolds
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; History of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.B Beers, 1884); 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: _____