

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:	5	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: _____ Historic: A.M. Colegrove Mansion
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 456 Wadsworth Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Edmond and Bertha McRae PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residential Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Second Empire DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1868; before 1874
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input 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>brownstone</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		walls and <u>foundation</u>
- 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: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 49'x50'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Upper part of tower removed; much decorative trim removed
- 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 substantial structure sits on the brow of a hill on a large plot. Large well-kept boxwood hedges isolate the building from its neighbors in an area that has undergone some 20th century residential development.

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

Brownstone construction

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____

Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Allyn Colegrove built this substantial residence around 1868. Colegrove, who had extensive land holdings in the area, was director of The First National Bank in its earliest years. He is also remembered for his prize-winning cows which used to roam on the front lawn of the estate.

As originally constructed, this house was one of the showpieces of the Second Empire style in Middletown, and was featured in the pictorial publication, Scenes of Middlesex County of 1892. It exhibited a wealth of stylistic detailing and an elaborate tower. It still retains the mansard roof, pedimented dormer windows, and bold, wood accenting typical of the style. The facade retains the circular porch and second floor bay which supported the tower with a belfry.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Roger Sherman
date: 10/78 view: south
negative on file: Roll 42, #4

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19. SOURCES: Scenes in Middlesex County (W.H. Parish Publishing Co., 1892); 1874 Beers Atlas



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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