

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	NE:	ACTUAL
			POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic: Phineas Bacon House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 1292 Country Club Road
- 4. OWNER(S): Jack and Beverly Budwitz 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. 1754
- 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: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 36'x30'; north wing 43'x15'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: \_\_\_ excellent  good \_\_\_ fair \_\_\_ deteriorated  
 Exterior: \_\_\_ excellent  good \_\_\_ fair \_\_\_ deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site \_\_\_ moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alterations: \_\_\_ no  yes, explain: New sash; doorway; bay window, north side
- 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 south from the north side of Country Club Road near Bell Street. It sits atop a bank and is clearly visible from Interstate 91. The surrounding country is still open as befits the traditional rural character of Westfield Parish.

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

1½' jog or overhang on northeast wing  
Double overhang on sides and front.  
Old hardware on barn

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This center-chimney Colonial farm house was built c. 1754 by Phineas Bacon on land owned by his father Benjamin. The property descended in the Bacon family until 1942 and has always been farmed. The Bacon family was prominent in Westfield for over two centuries.

The center-chimney, two-room-deep plan of this house is typical of mid-eighteenth century Connecticut house construction. A 1½-story north wing, probably of early date, features an overhang which juts out 1½ feet on the rear.

As with much of the section of Westfield located west of Interstate 91, this property retains its original rural character; it is one of several isolated farmhouses with dependencies in this historic area.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: John E. Reynolds  
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; Middletown City Directories; Commemorative Biographical Record of Middlesex County (J.H. Beers, 1905); 1859 Walling Map; 1877 Beers Atlas



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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