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TOWN NO.: _____ SITE NO.: _____

UTM: 18/____/____/____/____/____

QUAD: _____

DISTRICT: S NR: ACTUAL POTENTIAL

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RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
 Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

BUILDING NAME: Common: _____ Historic: Samuel Harris House

TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex

ADDRESS & NUMBER (and/or location): 612 Middle Street

OWNER(S): Paul Weld PUBLIC PRIVATE

USE: Present: Residence Historic: same

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
 Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Saltbox DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1686

MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> clapboard w/beaded edges	<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: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> rubble foundation

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

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

ROOF: type:

gable w/salt-box flat mansard monitor sawtooth
 gambrel shed hip round other _____

material:

wood shingle roll asphalt tin slate
 asphalt shingle built up tile other: _____

NUMBER OF STORIES:

2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 37'x32'

CONDITION: Structural: Exterior:

excellent good fair deteriorated
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INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
 Alterations: no yes, explain: Restoration

RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: _____
 carriage house shop garden _____

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

open land woodland residential scattered buildings visible from site
 commercial industrial rural high building density

INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This house faces east from the east side of Middle Street, north of Smith Street. Middle Street formerly passed to the east of this house, but was rerouted around the rear of the structure. Tall shade trees obscure the side of this ancient house. This section of Westfield is primarily rural in character.

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

Structure has been restored to period, including use of some probable original elements.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

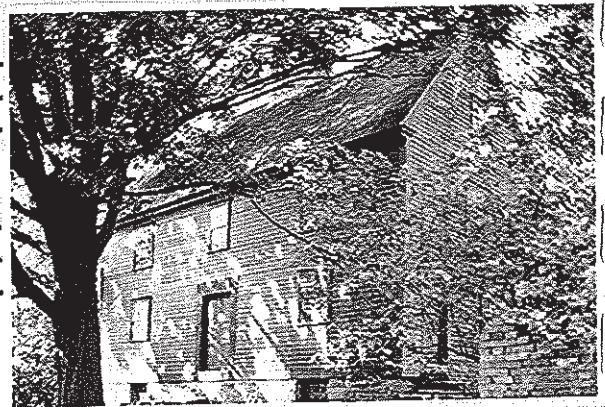
18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: In 1666 Daniel Harris arrived in Middletown from Massachusetts. Twenty years later he built this house for his son Samuel, upon his marriage. It is the oldest known residential structure in Middletown. Around 1710 the lean-to was added to the rear of the house; and around 1719 the property was acquired by the Graves family.

The present owner, Mr. Paul Weld, has undertaken the thorough restoration of the property. Under his expert care, the house has come to once again display the look and feel of the property around 1710..

This house features a three-bay facade with small sash windows; a double leaf entrance door; and cellar windows in the high brownstone foundation. The slope of the roofline in the rear clearly defines the lean-to addition. Through its long history and present faithful restoration this house presents the most complete picture of 17th century architecture in Middletown.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: John E. Reynolds
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas; Interview with present owner, Mr. Paul Weld, 1978

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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