

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: _____
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 214 and 223 Millbrook Road
- 4. OWNER(S): 214: Louis H. Harris, 223: Constance Grasso et al. PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residential Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: xyes no
Interior accessible: xyes, explain with owner's permission no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Italianate DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1874

- 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: 214: brownstone
 other: _____ foundation; 223: stuccoed brownstone 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: 214: 29'x29', wing 22'x25';

- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 223: 28'x25'. wing 23'x30'

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

- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
 Alterations: no yes, explain: 223: two-story extension on south; both: wrought iron porch railings

- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn 214: x shed 223: x 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: These two Italianate structures face each other from corner sites on the north end of Millbrook Road. Both exhibit cared-for lawns and shrubbery. They sit on large plots at the edge of an area of modern ranch-houses.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____

Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: These houses were erected in the 1870s residential development of Johnson's Lane. (Prior to this development Millbrook Road, as it is currently called, was extensively farmed). Sources indicate the houses are on land which was once part of a large plot owned by H.C. Johnson. Early occupants included Henry Johnson and possibly Wellington Johnson, farmers.

Both of these structures display typical Italianate features: cubical form, flat roof, wide over hanging eaves, and symmetrical window placement.

They are representative of the late 19th century farming character of an area which continued in agricultural use until the 1940s.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Roger Sherman
date: 9/78 view: 214: SW; 223 SE
negative on file: 214: Roll 38, #13; 223: Roll 38, #14

COMPILED BY:

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; 1874 Beers Atlas



223 Millbrook Road

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

214 Millbrook Road

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

- none known highways vandalism developers
- renewal private deterioration zoning

