

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

33 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
(203) 566-3005

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

for Buildings and Structures

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| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY | | | |
| TOWN NO.: | SITE NO.: | | |
| UTM: 18 | / | / | / |
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| DISTRICT: | S | NR: | ACTUAL POTENTIAL |

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Masonic Temple Historic: White-Stoddard House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 33 Pleasant Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Masonic Building Association PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Offices Historic: Residence
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain with permission no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Second Empire DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1870
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding | <input checked="" 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: _____ | | <u>foundation</u> |
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam balloon
 load bearing masonry structural iron or steel
 other: _____
- 10. ROOF: type: rear addition
 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: 46'x42'; wing 60'x90'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Large rear dormitory wing; entrance porch and cupola 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 brick structure faces north from the intersection of South Main and Pleasant Streets. To the east is a smaller dwelling, similar in style. Across the wide intersection is the picturesque South Green. Overlooking the Green from an elevated site is the Federal-Italianate Mather-Douglas House across the way.

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

Large brownstone slab-front landing

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____

Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Henry White, the builder of this structure, occupied the house from the time of its erection in 1870 until the late 1880's. White, a versatile man, was one time partner in White and Loveland, a paper box manufactory, partner in White and Deming Coal Co., and one time president of Victor Sewing Machine Co. Orrin Stoddard purchased the property from the heirs of White in 1895. Stoddard was partner of Meech and Stoddard, a local Main Street store. In 1927 the Masonic Building Association purchased the building. The Masons, a fraternal organization, continue to occupy the building and are responsible for the massive brick addition to the rear, the cornerstone which depicts a secretive Masonic code that refers to important dates of events connected with the order, and hardware with Masonic emblems.

This building displays the form of the Second Empire style on a large scale. The ornamentation is similarly large and elaborate. The projecting pavillion is accented by double doors, arched windows on the second story, and a hood supported by elaborate paired brackets. It is capped by the base of a cupola (now removed). The windows have brownstone sills and lintels and are capped with decorative arches. A three-story bay affixed to the south wall

(see continuation sheet)

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Roger Sherman
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negative on file: Roll 21, #14

COMPILED BY:

name: Elizabeth Loomis date: 7/78
organization: Greater Middletown Preservation Trust
address: 27 Washington St., Middletown, Ct. 06457

19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; 1874 Beers Atlas; 1877 Bailey Perspective View Map



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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

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displays a porthole dormer. A decorative cornice accents the convex mansard roof.

The interior, partially renovated, retains many of its original qualities: central hall with elaborate staircase, double doors, moldings, and parquet floors.

This building, along with its neighbors, is a fine representative of the refined life style of this area in the late nineteenth century.

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