

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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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: "The White Rock"
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 628-630 Bow Lane
- 4. OWNER(S): Anthony and Lillian Kriwokulski PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residential (multiple) Historic: Residence
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Victorian remodelling Federal; DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Early 19th C.
- 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 or granite foundation
___ other: _____
- 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: 32'x31'; addition 21'x29'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: ___ excellent good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
Exterior: ___ excellent good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site ___ moved, when: _____
Alterations: ___ no yes, explain: Early west wing with enclosed front porch added;
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Victorian remodelling (see #18)
___ 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 building overlooks Bow Lane in an outlying area of the city. It is one of four neighboring residences built prior to the twentieth century. A stuccoed, Colonial house is west, closeby; small fields border the site north and east. Located on a knoll, the large building faces an open lot to the south across the road.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This structure probably was built by members of the Tryon family in the early 1800s. The Tryons farmed a considerable amount of land in this area and owned the house during the latter part of the nineteenth century. For a time, probably in the late 19th century, it was utilized as a summer boarding house known as the White Rock.

The building has a large rectangular profile that is emphasized by its wide five-bay facade. The ridge of the gabled roof runs parallel to the street, and is capped by two chimneys set to either side. Beneath the gables, fanlights are displayed. These features, indicative of the Federal style, suggest the building's early origin. It also exhibits Victorian decoration that was probably applied during the late 1800s. Deep pediments project from the gables and the eaves are bordered by plain, wide fascia boards and large dentils. The main entrance displays fluted pilasters that support a prominent entablature. Scroll brackets are displayed beneath the cornice and above the recessed, double doors.

This large building is a significant feature of Bow Lane. It is one of four neighboring houses that form a notable collection of early architecture in the area. This group, (see continuation sheet)

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Robert Svec
date: 12/78 view: south and east
negative on file: Roll 53, #32 & 37



COMPILED BY:

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19. SOURCES: 1874 Beers Atlas; 1859 Walling Map; Russell Library, Middletown Case

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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which once comprised a small farming neighborhood, reflects the rural appearance of the district during the 1800s.