

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

9 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106  
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TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic: Jeremiah Wilcox House  
 TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Middlesex  
 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Bradley Street; NE corner of intersection with Atkins Street  
 OWNER(S): Adolph and Ella Schieman PUBLIC  PRIVATE  
 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same  
 ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
 Interior accessible:  yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_ with permission \_\_\_\_\_ no

DESCRIPTION

6. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1747  
 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):  
 clapboard east side \_\_\_\_\_ asbestos siding \_\_\_\_\_ brick  
 \_\_\_\_\_ wood shingle \_\_\_\_\_ asphalt siding \_\_\_\_\_ fieldstone  
 \_\_\_\_\_ board & batten \_\_\_\_\_ stucco \_\_\_\_\_ cobblestone  
 \_\_\_\_\_ aluminum siding \_\_\_\_\_ concrete: type: \_\_\_\_\_  cut stone: type: brownstone  
 other: asphalt shingles rubble 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: 27'x34'; west wing 12'x13'  
 12. CONDITION: Structural: \_\_\_\_\_ excellent  good \_\_\_\_\_ fair \_\_\_\_\_ deteriorated  
 Exterior: \_\_\_\_\_ excellent \_\_\_\_\_ good  fair \_\_\_\_\_ deteriorated  
 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site \_\_\_\_\_ moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Enclosed front porch; west wing added  
 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 barn  shed \_\_\_\_\_ garage  other landscape features or buildings: wood silo;  
 \_\_\_\_\_ carriage house \_\_\_\_\_ shop \_\_\_\_\_ garden stone fences; farmland  
 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 old structure faces southeast from the north side of Bradley Street near Atkins Street. The house is shaded by a tall beech and a hemlock in front. The surrounding property is open farmland.

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

8/12 sash west gable

SIGNIFICANCE

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

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house is alleged to have been built by a Jeremiah Wilcox in 1747. However, some doubt exists as there is a nearby structure (861 Middle Street) also supposed to have been built by a Jeremiah Wilcox before 1760.

Construction details reveal this structure to have been originally only 1½-stories high. The second floor was an early addition as is shown by remaining old sash and structural evidence.

Because this house has retained its traditional usage as a farm for over two centuries, it is an important survivor from the early settlement of Westfield as a rural farming community.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: John E. Reynolds  
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negative on file: Roll 51, #29

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19. SOURCES: History of Middlesex County (New York: J.B. Beers, 1884); 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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