

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): 11 and 33 Bretton Road
- 4. OWNER(S): #11-Carmela M. Miceli; #33-Rak Realty Company PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residential Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Italianate DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1870
before 1874
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> brick
33: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood shingle addition	<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt siding	<input type="checkbox"/> fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> board & batten	<input type="checkbox"/> stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> cobblestone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete: type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: <u>brownstone</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		<u>sills, lintels and foundation</u>
- 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: #11-35'x27', with rear addition
- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: #33-22'x28
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Both have added wings
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: _____
 carriage house shop gardens _____
- 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 brick structures are located on the south side of Bretton Road. Except for two other houses of the same era located nearby, the street has a variety of post World War II dwellings. These two structures add a picturesque character to this residential locality.

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

- #11-Decorative verandah
- #33-Entranceway displays sidelights and transom

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: When these dwellings were built, around 1870, Bretton Road was called Trench Hill. They were erected during a period when the local Pameacha area manufactories were at their peak. Evidence from Middletown City Directories indicates that for many years they housed workers in local mills.

They are representative of the Italianate style popular at the time. They display the typical block form with shallow wings and wide overhanging eaves. Both have brownstone sills and lintels, and original entranceways; #11 has a later but ornate porch; #33 retains a one story verandah on three sides.

Together with two other houses of the Italianate style on Bretton Road (#s 39-41 and 51) they contribute to the substantial residential character of the area.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis
 date: 7/78 view: #11:northwest;#33: north
 negative on file: #11: Roll 34, #14; #33: Roll 34, #16

COMPILED BY:

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19. SOURCES: Middletown City Directories; 1874 Beers Atlas



11 Bretton Road

33 Bretton Road

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:



21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

- none known highways vandalism developers
- renewal private deterioration zoning