

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

39-41: Buckley Hedges House

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic: 51: J.P. Davis House

2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Middlesex

3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 39-41 and 51 Bretton Road

4. OWNER(S): See next page (below #21) 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

8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

39: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> brick foundations
<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	51: <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 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: 39-41: 26'x34' & additions

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 39: 2½; 51: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 51: 22'x28', wing 26'x16'

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

13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Asphalt siding, #51

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

51:  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: These two structures are located on the south side of Bretton Road. Separating them is a late-nineteenth century residence. This tree lined residential street is composed of 20th century residences, with the exception of these two houses and two other similar structures located to the east (11 and 33 Bretton Road).

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

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: These two structures, together with two similar dwellings to the east (#s 11 and 33) were built in the Trench Hill (Bretton Road) development of the late 1860s. The lots on which they sit were a part of a large tract of land once owned by Isaac Coe. Coe, a local businessman, originally had his slaughter house nearby; and contracted with Daniel Chase to remove it prior to selling parcels as building lots. 39-41 Bretton Road, built by Buckley Hedges, was the first to be constructed in this development. 51 Bretton Road was built around 1873 and its earliest occupant was J.P. Davis.

These two structures are of the Italianate style. They both display the typical features of that style: flat roof, wide eaves, decorative entrance porches, and bay windows. 39-41 Bretton Road, built on a large scale, retains its original clapboards, decorative wooden sills and lintels, and brackets under the eaves. 51 Bretton Road is smaller and displays delicate stickwork in its entranceway and east veranda. They are illustrative of the expansion of residential areas outside of the center of Middletown after the Civil War.

**PHOTOGRAPH**

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis  
date: 7/78 view: 39-41: north, 51: northwest  
negative on file: 39-41: Roll 34, #8 51: Roll 34, #11

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39 Bretton Road

19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Tax Assessors; 1851 Clark Map; 1874 Beers Atlas; 1877 Bailey Perspective View Map

**20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:**

51 Bretton Road

**21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:**

none known     highways     vandalism      
 renewal         private         deterioration   

