

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
9 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: Crandall-Cornwell House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 89-91 Broad Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Sebastian Cannata et al. PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence (Double) Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Greek Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1840
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<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:
 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 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 42'x44' (wing 20.5'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: West wing added; late 19th century veranda added to entrance porch
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: full yard to rear
 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 is the southernmost building in a row of Greek Revival houses on the west side of Broad Street. It retains its full yard in the rear, and is set back from the street in line with its neighboring structures. A municipal parking lot is across the street.

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

Side by side entrances with over and side lights framed by pilasters
Entrance porch with fluted Doric columns expanded to veranda with pedestals
supporting porch roof columns

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____

Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This double residence Greek Revival was built in 1840 by William Crandall and Alfred Cornwell as tenants in common. Alfred Cornwell owned a carriage factory and repository on Washington Street. Both of these families remained in the house until 1904 when George M. Smith completed title in both halves from the Crandall and Cornwell heirs. The Cannata family, present owners, acquired the building in 1943. The two halves were rented at various times after the turn of the century.

This two story Greek Revival, like its immediate neighbor to the north, #93-97 Broad Street, has a significant double residence configuration. As a member of a row of contemporary similar structures, 89-91 Broad Street has an added importance, for no where else in the city is there such a concentration of relatively high style Greek Revival architecture. This row retains much of the feeling of a well-to-do 19th century neighborhood.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Roger Sherman

date: 11/77 view: southeast

negative on file: Roll 4, #19A

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; Middletown Tribune: Sou-venir Edition (Middletown: 1896); 1890 Middletown City Directory; 1851 Clark 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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Item number: _____ Date: 1/90

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