

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

39 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: Enoch C. Ferre House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 101 Broad Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Mary Murphy PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence 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: c. 1840
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input 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 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>(patent-hammered)</u>
		<u>foundation</u>
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (transitional)
 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 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 35'x38' (wing: 19'x46')
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Aluminum siding; addition to rear; Italianate
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES: cupola; bay windows north side
 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: One of a row of four contemporaneous Greek Revival residences on the west side of Broad Street, all identically sited. There is some commercial use in the area and a parking lot across the street.

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

Well executed Doric entrance porch with carved detail
Italianate cupola and bay windows (added to north side)

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The house was built as the residence of Enoch C. Ferre, probably soon after 1839. Ferre, together with William S. Camp, was responsible for the development of Broad Street as a fine residential area in the 1840's. Other prominent occupants of the house in the 19th century include: Gaston Hubbard (1861-89), owner of a large lumber and building supply company; John Smith (1868-89), a Scottish immigrant who became a jeweler, a founder of the Middlesex Mutual Assurance Co., and a member of the first Board of Trustees of Wesleyan University; and Francis D. Edgerton (1892-1906), well-known doctor and a founder of the Middlesex County Hospital Society.

Despite its present aluminum siding, this four bay structure with offset doorway retains much of its simple dignity and original imposing quality. It is a key element in the striking row of contemporaneous Greek Revival residences which line the west side of Broad Street.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Roger Sherman
date: 12/77 view: east
negative on file: Roll 4, #28A (Detail Roll #26A)



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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middlesex Probate Records; Middletown City Directories; History of Middlesex County (J.H. Beers Co., 1884); Commemorative Biographical Record of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.H. Beers Co., 1903); 1851 Clark Map; 1859 Walling Map; Connecticut Historical Commission Survey, 1970

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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