

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

59 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: Joseph Elliott House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 138 Broad Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Vincent Milardo, Jr. 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: Stick Style DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1883-84
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> brick foundation
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>flushboarding under eaves</u>		<u>foundation</u>
		<u>west side only</u>
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood frame: <input type="checkbox"/> post and beam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input type="checkbox"/> load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> structural iron or steel
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
- 10. ROOF: type:
 

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gable	<input type="checkbox"/> flat	<input type="checkbox"/> mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> monitor	<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> shed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hip tower	<input type="checkbox"/> round	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

 material:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> roll asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> tin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> slate
<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> built up	<input type="checkbox"/> tile	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 44'x32'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  
Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Access porch on southeast garage on rear
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> barn	<input type="checkbox"/> shed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> garage <u>attached</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> other landscape features or buildings: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> shop	<input type="checkbox"/> garden	
- 15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> open land	<input type="checkbox"/> woodland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> residential	<input type="checkbox"/> scattered buildings visible from site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> high building density
- 16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This Stick Style house faces west from a small lot on the east side of Broad Street. The Broad Street area near Washington Street, an area which now contains some commercial activity, underwent considerable residential development in the 1880's; this house is a fine example of that development as it is one of the few in the area which retains most of its original character.

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

Decorative ironwork on gable ridges  
Entrance door with two bevelled glass panels and carved decoration

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was built in 1883-84 by Joseph T. Elliott. Elliott was a partner in the grocery firm of "Hills and Elliott." In 1887 he became Secretary of the Schuyler Electric Company, in which capacity he served until its absorption by General Electric. He later held several public offices. Elliott occupied this house until 1924 when he moved to Chicago. In 1939 it was acquired by the Milardo family, the present owners.

The blend of picturesque eclecticism incorporated in the design of this house includes the fancy stickwork in the gable ends, delicate ironwork atop the ridges of the steeply pitched gables, and a rising sun motif decorating the peak of the veranda gable over the front entrance. These details emphasize the picturesque feeling established by the asymmetrical plan with tower.

The well maintained condition of this house enables it to display its original character to great advantage in comparison with the neighboring structures in the area. Few buildings in Middletown from this period have retained their picturesque details to the extent of those exhibited by this house.

**PHOTOGRAPH**

photographer: Robert Svec  
date: 12/77 view: west facade  
negative on file: Roll 3, #10A



**COMPILED BY:**

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; N.J. Stack, "Elliott House" Greater Middletown Preservation Trust Report, unpublished 1973; Commemorative Biographical Record of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.H. Beers & Co., 1903); 1874 Beers Atlas; 1884 Sanborn 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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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1/90

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