

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.:		
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QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NE	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: _____ Historic: William Young House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Brooks Road; one mile east of Bear Hill Road
- 4. OWNER(S): Catherine Smigel 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. 1830
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 clapboard facade on west asbestos siding brick
 wood shingle side asphalt siding fieldstone
 board & batten stucco cobblestone
 aluminum siding concrete: type: _____ cut stone: type: granite
 other: _____ foundation
- 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 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 32'x36'
- 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 enclosed porch and rear shed wing added;
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES: See #18
 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: This building faces north towards Brooks Road in Maromas, an outlying rural district of the city. It is sited slightly higher than the sloping roadway. A number of small, widely spaced residences are east, beyond the barn nearby. A shed is located behind the house. Wooded property is across the road; fields border the site, south and west.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was erected by either William Young or his son, William L. Young, probably between 1830 and 1845. William L. Young became the sole heir of the property in 1844. His father had obtained the land in 1805. The site, containing outbuildings and bordered by fields, is reminiscent of the small farms that once characterized this area.

The structure is of the Greek Revival style. Its three-bay facade displays corner pilasters and the entrance is set to the side. Pilasters supporting a simple entablature frame the entrance, and rectangular lights are above the door. An arched opening, which once held a fanlight, is exhibited in the pediment beneath the gable.

The house is representative of a building type popular in the city during the 1830s. However, it is in a rural setting, unlike most of its contemporaries located in the urban section of town. The building has retained many of its original details, and is a good example of Middletown's most common version of the Greek Revival style.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Jesse Alsop, "Young House," Old Houses of Connecticut Series (FERA, 1935)



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known highways vandalism developers other: _____
 renewal private deterioration zoning explanation: _____