

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

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Pilgrim Congregational Church Historic: Staddle Hill School; Bethany Chapel
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 519 Butternut Street
4. OWNER(S): Rev. Herbert Wilson, et al. PUBLIC PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Chapel Historic: School and Chapel
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain religious services no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Gothic Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: School, 1868; Chapel, 1878
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 clapboard asbestos siding brick
 wood shingle asphalt siding some exterior fieldstone
 board & batten stucco walls cobblestone
 aluminum siding concrete: type: _____ cut stone: type: brownstone
 other: vertical board siding facade foundation
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam balloon
 load bearing masonry structural iron or steel
 other: _____
10. ROOF: type:
 gable cross 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: 1 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 50'x27'; wing 26'x27'
12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
 Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
 Alterations: no yes, explain: See #18
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 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 building density medium
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This small, frame Gothic Church is sited on the northeast corner of Butternut and Hendley Streets. It is located in the Staddle Hill district, a partially rural area which has experienced modest post-war residential development.

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

Stickwork belfry

SIGNIFICANCE

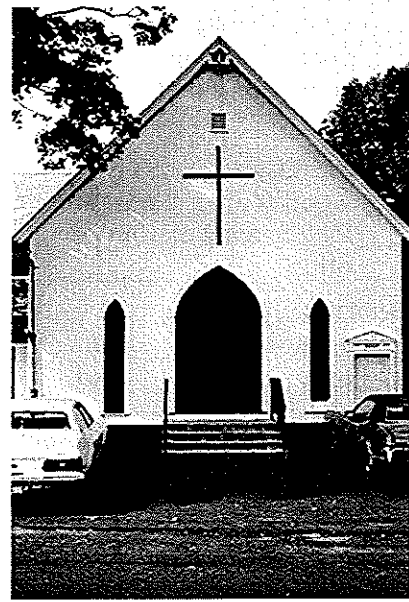
Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This church is a composite of two structures which were joined together in 1878. The Bethany School was built in 1868 and a chapel was added to it in 1878 to form the "Bethany Chapel" of the First Church of Christ Congregational. The building was used as a chapel and school under various sponsors until in 1924 the Middletown School Board used the property to set up the Staddle Hill School. In 1974 the Pilgrim Congregational Church (independent) purchased the property for use as a church. Much was needed in the way of alterations and renovations and this work was performed by students of the Vinal Regional Technical School. The new church was dedicated on May 23, 1976.

It is a simple 1½-story building with gabled roof, with typical Carpenter Gothic form and decoration, also seen on the nearby Mattabesett Grange (319 Butternut Street) and Shiloh Baptist Church (364 Butternut Street).

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Press 5/76; interviews with Rev. Herbert Wilson, 10/78 and 2/79

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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