

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

- Fairchild-Miller-
- BUILDING NAME: Common: Coleman House Historic: Fairchild House
  - TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Middlesex
  - STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 390 Coleman Road
  - OWNER(S): David and Jane Swift PUBLIC  PRIVATE
  - USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
  - ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: xyes no  
Interior accessible: xyes, explain \_\_\_\_\_ with permission no

DESCRIPTION

- STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: before 1777
- MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):  
clapboard      asbestos siding      brick  
wood shingle      asphalt siding      fieldstone  
board & batten      stucco      cobblestone  
aluminum siding      concrete: type: \_\_\_\_\_ cut stone: type: brownstone  
other: \_\_\_\_\_ foundation
- STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:  
 wood frame:  post and beam  balloon  
 load bearing masonry       structural iron or steel  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 39'x29' (wing 17'x18')
- CONDITION: Structural:  excellent       good       fair       deteriorated  
Exterior:  excellent       good       fair       deteriorated
- INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Major interior alterations; exterior renovation/ restoration
- RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 barn       shed       garage       other landscape features or buildings: \_\_\_\_\_  
 carriage house  shop       garden
- SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  
 open land       woodland       residential       scattered buildings visible from site  
 commercial       industrial       rural       high building density
- INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This substantial structure faces west from the east side of Coleman Road. It is set back from the road on a large plot. The house is surrounded by later dwellings set on large plots in this otherwise rural area.

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

**SIGNIFICANCE**

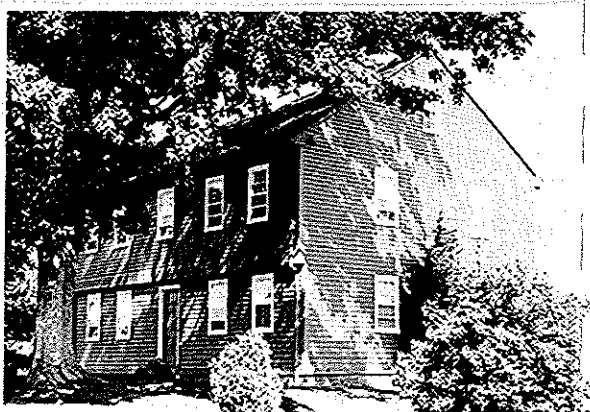
Architect: \_\_\_\_\_ Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Elisha Fairchild erected this structure sometime before 1777. Upon his death in the late 1770s the farm descended to his daughter Lucretia Fairchild Miller, wife of Steven Miller. Steven W. Miller, the son of Lucretia and Steven, received fifty acres and the farmhouse as his share of his father's property. He resided there, engaging in agricultural pursuits, until his death in 1884. Mr. Miller was a mechanic for twelve years at the William Wilcox Manufacturing Company at Zoar, prior to becoming a prosperous farmer. After Steven Miller's death the property was acquired by the Coleman family. The Colemans have been locally known for their extensive farming and dairy products since the turn of the century. In the early 1960s it was purchased by the developers of Sunsest Ridge Incorporated and the property was subdivided into building lots. The building was then vacated and remained so until 1963 when David and Jane Swift, the current owners, purchased it. Although the house was in deteriorated condition when the Swifts acquired it, they successfully renovated it to residential use.

This house is Colonial in style with a center chimney and one overhang on the facade. It was extensively renovated by its current owners, including new sashes, clapboards, entrance way, chimney, and roofing material. (see continuation sheet)

**PHOTOGRAPH**

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negative on file: Roll 45, #17A-18



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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Records; Middletown City Directories; 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas; History of Middlesex County (Chicago: H.F Beers, 1884)

**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

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In use for over 200 years as a farmhouse, the Fairchild-Mill-Coleman House is an important servival in an agricultural district which has undergone moderate development in recent years.