

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	/	/	/
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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: LOOM Building Historic: The Middletown Club Building
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 189 Court Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Loyal Order of Moose, Inc. PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Fraternal Organization Headquarters Historic: Club Headquarters
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ with permission no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Victorian Renaissance Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1888
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete: type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: <u>granite</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		<u>high basement</u>
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam balloon
 load bearing masonry structural iron or steel
 other: _____
- 10. ROOF: type:
 ^{rear} 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 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 30'x22' (addition 25'x60')
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site Rear wing, possible early addition; south wing
Alterations: no yes, explain: on rear added; balustrade on roof removed
- 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 high building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This building is located a short distance from Main Street in an area consisting principally of commercial buildings from various periods. It is one in a row of three closely sited late 19th century buildings on the south side of Court Street. These buildings are stylistically related but of varying height.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The Middletown Club, an exclusive men's social organization, constructed this building in 1888. It was built next to the Masonic Headquarters (183 Court Street) erected the previous year (1887). The Middletown Club building has housed fraternal organizations throughout its existence. Subsequent owners have been the Knights of Columbus (1919-1941), and the Loyal Order of Moose (1943-present).

The building displays classical elements and detail. Its tan brick facade contains pilasters, arches and an assortment of terra cotta motifs. The resulting composition exemplifies the elegant manner of the period in which it was built. The first floor contains a front room with elaborate plaster decoration similar in appearance to the terra cotta detail on the facade.

The building derives additional significance from its placement in a row of three buildings built between 1884 and 1888. As a group, these buildings illustrate the expanding urban development of the streets adjoining Main Street during the late nineteenth century.

PHOTOGRAPH

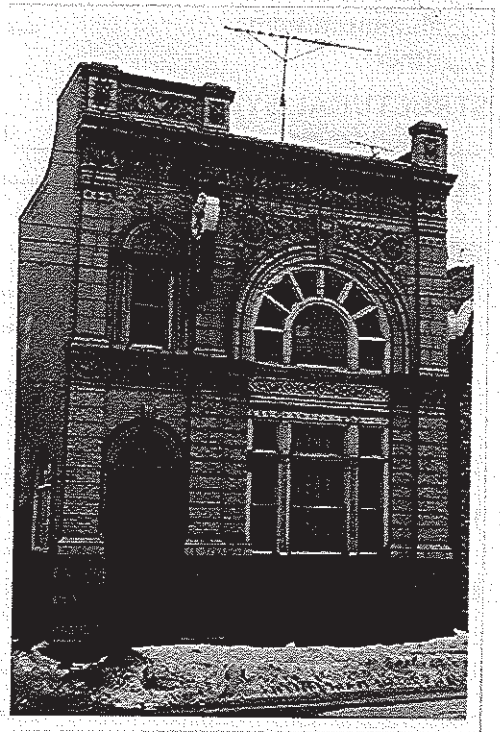
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; "By-Laws, The Middletown Club" 1879

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:



21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known highways vandalism developers other: _____
 renewal private deterioration zoning explanation: The Middlesex Mutual Assurance Company has an option to buy this property. The company is tentatively considering demolition of the building.