

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic: Smith-Stiles House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 59 Crescent Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Middlesex Memorial Hospital PUBLIC  PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Vacant Historic: Residence
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  yes, explain with permission  no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Italianate DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1869 before
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):  
 clapboard  asbestos siding  brick foundation  
 wood shingle  asphalt siding  fieldstone  
 board & batten  stucco  cobblestone  
 aluminum siding  concrete: type: \_\_\_\_\_  cut stone: type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 33'x28'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  
Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: possibly (see #18)  
Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Minor interior alterations
- 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 house faces south from the north side of Crescent Street, a residential area dating from the second half of the 19th century. To the east is a massive row house complex and a larger, high-style Italianate residence is to the west. The modern Middlesex Memorial Hospital occupies most of the south side of the street.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

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

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

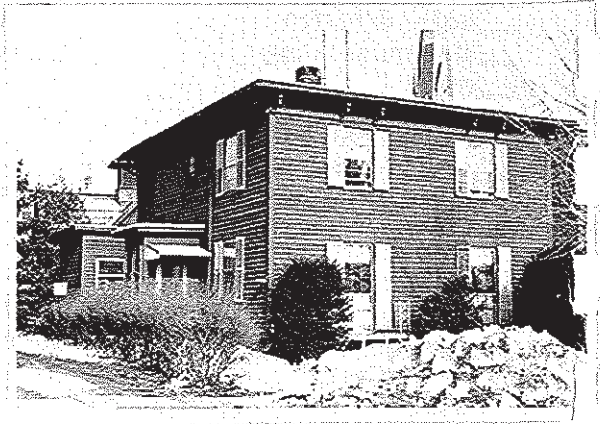
18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This structure was probably erected during the 1869 development of Crescent Street. Early owners, and possibly the builders, were Henry Smith and Norman Stiles, both well-known and respected local merchants. Smith and Stiles built the large Second Empire house at 15 Pleasant Street around 1870.

The brick foundation, together with map evidence, suggests that the house may have been moved to its present site; but substantial documentary evidence to this effect has not yet been found. It was used as a double dwelling for many years as were other houses in the vicinity. In later years this house was occupied by offices from the Middlesex Memorial Hospital. Presently it is vacant.

This sparsely decorated house displays typical Italianate features: flat roof with decorative brackets, cubical form, and symmetrical window arrangement.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis  
date: 2/78 view: southwest  
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; 1874 Beers Atlas; 1877 Bailey Perspective View Map

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known     highways     vandalism     developers     other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 renewal     private     deterioration     zoning     explanation: This building is

vacant. The owner, Middlesex Memorial Hospital, have plans for parking expansion which may include demolition of this structure.