

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: Josiah Boardman House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 953 East Street
4. OWNER(S): Nada Jane Von Mahland PUBLIC X PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
Interior accessible: x yes, explain with permission no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1734
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
X clapboard _____ asbestos siding _____ brick
_____ wood shingle _____ asphalt siding _____ fieldstone
_____ board & batten _____ stucco _____ cobblestone
_____ aluminum siding _____ concrete: type: _____ X cut stone: type: brownstone
_____ other: _____ foundation
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
X wood frame; X post and beam _____ balloon
_____ load bearing masonry _____ structural iron or steel
_____ other: _____
10. ROOF: type:
X gable _____ flat _____ mansard _____ monitor _____ sawtooth
_____ gambrel _____ shed _____ hip _____ round _____ other _____
material:
_____ wood shingle _____ roll asphalt _____ tin _____ slate
X asphalt shingle _____ built up _____ tile _____ other: _____
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 25'x45'
12. CONDITION: Structural: _____ excellent X good _____ fair _____ deteriorated
Exterior: _____ excellent X good _____ fair _____ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: X on original site _____ moved, when: _____
Alterations: no X yes, explain: Two-bay extension added to north
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
_____ barn _____ shed _____ garage X other landscape features or buildings: garage at-
_____ carriage house _____ shop _____ garden tached by breezeway north side
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
X open land _____ woodland X residential X scattered buildings visible from site
_____ commercial _____ industrial X rural _____ high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This well-preserved Colonial house faces east from the west side of East Street. Set close to the street, the house is protected from the presence of traffic by a hedge. This section of East Street displays a variety of residences mixed with small stretches of open land.

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

Doorway with pediment

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____

Builder: _____

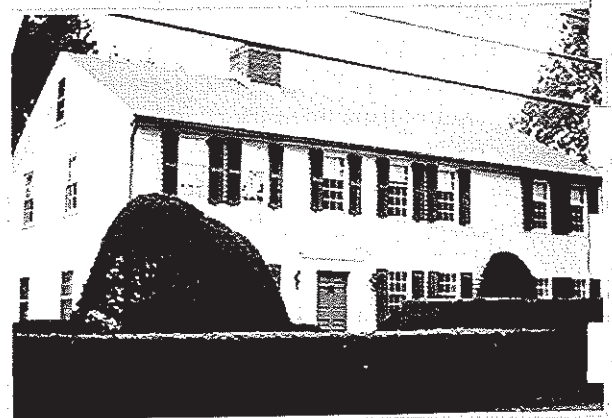
18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was probably built by Josiah Boardman (1705-1781) one of the earliest settlers in Westfield. In 1727 he purchased 100 acres; however, the earliest date ascribed to this house is 1734, which also is the date of Josiah Boardman's marriage to Rachel Cole. The appearance of the structure would support an early-to-mid-eighteenth century origin.

An addition, two bays wide, to the north end of the structure has altered its original five-bay facade. This addition is of probable early date as it is sympathetic in materials and design to the main portion of the house. The house, with its pedimented doorway, presents a long facade close to the street.

As a survivor from the earliest settlement of Westfield, this house has important historical associations. Moreover, its well-preserved condition makes it an important example of an early rural property in Westfield.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Commemorative Biography of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.B. Beers, 1903); 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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