

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: Hart-Jamison House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: South Farms COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 603 East Main Street
- 4. OWNER(S): H.W. Dickerson PUBLIC  PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  yes, explain with owner's permission  no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Federal-Greek DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: probably between 1814-1827
- 8. 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: foundation  cut stone: type: brownstone  
 \_\_\_ other:      west addition      foundation
- 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 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 47'x25'; south wing 20'x25'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural:  excellent      \_\_\_ good      \_\_\_ fair      \_\_\_ deteriorated  
 Exterior:  excellent      \_\_\_ good      \_\_\_ fair      \_\_\_ deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site \_\_\_ moved, when:  
 Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Later addition to west
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 \_\_\_ barn      \_\_\_ shed       garage       other landscape features or buildings: Russell Company  
 \_\_\_ carriage house      \_\_\_ shop      \_\_\_ garden      pond in rear
- 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 east from the west side of East Main Street just east of the Russell Manufacturing Company pond. It is set back slightly from the street, and is framed by several trees. East Main Street in this area displays a mixed residential and industrial character.

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

Modillions under main cornice and projecting lintels front facade  
Fanlight over door  
Full height corner pilasters  
Doorway with fanlight in entablature

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

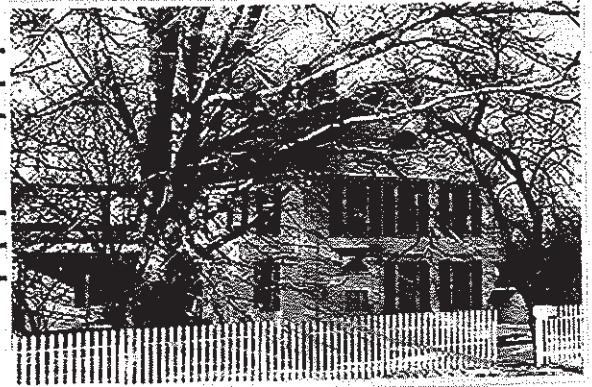
18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: In 1814 James Hart purchased ten rods of land with a dwelling house from Thomas Brown. The late Federal style elements of this house, particularly its gable-to-street configuration, make it seem unlikely that it was constructed before 1814. It was probably built between 1814 and 1827 by James Hart, whose name is etched on a pane of glass in an old sash. In 1846 William Jamieson purchased the property, which was to remain in the Jamieson family until 1940. William Jamieson owned industrial property nearby, and leased it to various businesses.

This gable-to-street house displays a three-bay facade with side hall entrance flanked by pilasters and a fanlight above. Full height corner pilasters carry a pediment across the gable end. A half-round fanlight appears in the pediment.

The elaborate Federal decoration and original condition of this house make it one of the most notable structures in this area, which became industrialized during the mid-to-late nineteenth century.

**PHOTOGRAPH**

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; 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: \_\_\_\_\_