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 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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 HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
 For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Giacco House Historic: E.B. Strong House
 TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 465 High Street
 OWNER(S): A. Giacco PUBLIC PRIVATE
 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
 ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
 Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Late 19th Century Domestic; Queen Anne DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1871-1872

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: _____ cut stone: type: brownstone
 _____ other: _____ foundation
 _____ coursed ashlar

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: _____ post and beam balloon
 _____ load bearing masonry _____ structural iron or steel
 _____ other: _____

10. ROOF: type:
 gable crossed _____ flat _____ mansard _____ monitor _____ sawtooth
 _____ gambrel _____ shed _____ hip _____ round _____ other _____
 material:
 wood shingle _____ roll asphalt _____ tin _____ slate
 asphalt shingle _____ built up _____ tile _____ other: _____

1. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 25'x65'

12. CONDITION: Structural: _____ excellent good _____ fair _____ deteriorated
 Exterior: _____ excellent good _____ fair _____ deteriorated

3. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site _____ moved, when: _____
 Alterations: no yes, explain: _____

4. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 _____ barn _____ shed _____ garage other landscape features or buildings: carriage house
 carriage house _____ shop _____ garden with octagonal window in gable; a bracketed
grape arbor is attached to carriage house

5. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 _____ open land _____ woodland residential _____ scattered buildings visible from site
 _____ commercial _____ industrial _____ rural high building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: The placement of this tall narrow house on a high bank above its corner site emphasizes the verticality of its design. The area is characterized by many houses of similar age. The E.B. Strong House's intricate wooden decorative detail, its prominent site, its bright white paint, and virtually unaltered state make it stand out among its neighbors.

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

Extensive wooden decorative detail
Stained glass window, north side
Elaborate spindle work on porch

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

3. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This highly-decorated late-nineteenth century residence was built for Evelyn B. Strong on land purchased from William Bacon around 1872. It has always been used as a residence. Passing through only four owners in its one hundred and six year history, the house appears much as it did when first built. In part because of its excellent state of preservation, the building was plaqued as a Middletown landmark by the Greater Middletown Preservation Trust in 1974.

The Strong House is an outstanding example of applied wooden decorative detail. Each of the four gable ends is ornamented with scroll-saw work, crossed sticks, and a pendant. All of the window and door lintels are embellished with a sawn floral pattern or a decorative molding. A belt course of shaped shingles and carved wooden emblems separates the first and second stories. The porch design is complex, including elaborately turned posts and balusters. The rich detail also extends to the carriage house with its bracketed grape arbor.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Tax Assessor Records; Middletown Probate Records; Middletown Public Works Department Records; Middletown City Directories; Greater Middletown Preservation Trust Survey Report (Unpublished, 1973)

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:



21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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