

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:	5	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

- BUILDING NAME: Common: _____ Historic: Nehemiah Hubbard House
- TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Laurel Grove Road; west side, just south of Wadsworth St.
- OWNER(S): Peter Flagg PUBLIC PRIVATE
- USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain with owner's permission no

DESCRIPTION

- STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1744
- 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
- STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam ___ balloon
___ load bearing masonry ___ structural iron or steel
___ other: _____
- ROOF: type:
 gable rear flat ___ mansard ___ monitor ___ sawtooth
 gambrel wing shed ___ hip ___ round ___ other _____
material:
 wood shingle roll asphalt ___ tin ___ slate
___ asphalt shingle built up ___ tile ___ other: _____
- NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 40'x20'; wing 35'x15'
- CONDITION: Structural: excellent ___ good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
Exterior: excellent ___ good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
- INTEGRITY: Location: on original site ___ moved, when: _____
Alterations: ___ no yes, explain: kitchen wing; pedimented doorway
- RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
___ barn ___ shed ___ garage ___ other landscape features or buildings: _____
___ carriage house ___ shop ___ garden
- SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
___ open land woodland ___ residential scattered buildings visible from site
___ commercial ___ industrial rural ___ high building density
- INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This Colonial "saltbox" house is sited on a large lot at the rural western edge of Middletown. Screened from the front by bushes, trees, and a stone wall, and on the east by a cedar paling fence, the house is very secluded. A two-story gambrel-roofed wing on the west, a two-car garage on the north, and a large nineteenth century barn south of the house complete the estate.

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

Added pedimented doorway and lights

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was the home of Nehemiah Hubbard, prominent banker and merchant of late eighteenth century Middletown. The land, part of an original 226 acre tract, belonged to the Hubbard family, noted early settlers of the town, for a number of generations. Nehemiah was in the fourth generation of Middletown Hubbards. Although the house was some distance from the commercial section of Middletown, Hubbard used the property as a home and for extensive farming operations. Nehemiah Hubbard was Deputy Quartermaster for Middletown during the Revolutionary War, and was the first-President of the Middletown Bank. The house remained in the Hubbard family through the nineteenth century. Early in the 20th century, it was the home of Thomas McDonough Russell, Sr.

This 1744 center-chimney saltbox retains most of its early features, both interior and exterior. The main fireplace with its beehive oven measures over eight feet wide. Much early hardware remains. The two-story gambrel-roofed "kitchen wing" is added, but is sympathetic in style with the original house. The house underwent restoration in 1929 by the Colonel Wadsworth family. It continues to be used as a residence by members of the Peter Flag family.

PHOTOGRAPH

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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