

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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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: First Robert Hubbard House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Long Hill; Northwest corner of Long Lane
- 4. OWNER(S): Wesleyan University PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Gothic Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1868

8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

- clapboard _____ asbestos siding _____ brick
- wood shingle _____ asphalt siding _____ fieldstone
- gables: board & batten _____ stucco _____ cobblestone
- aluminum siding _____ concrete: type: _____ cut stone: type: brownstone
- other: _____ foundation

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

- wood frame: post and beam balloon
- load bearing masonry _____ structural iron or steel
- other: _____

10. ROOF: type:

- gable with flat _____ mansard _____ monitor _____ sawtooth
- gambrel dormers shed _____ hip _____ round _____ other _____
- material:
- wood shingle roll asphalt _____ tin _____ slate
- asphalt shingle built up _____ tile _____ other: _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 1 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 34'x20'

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

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

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 structure faces south from the northwest intersection of Long Hill Road and Long Lane. It sits on a large tree-shaded plot in a rural area.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Robert Hubbard, a local farmer and business man began his career on a ten acre plot of land deeded to him by his father. Hubbard ran a small business as well as operating the farm and an orchard. He erected this small residence on that plot in 1868. The property remained in the Hubbard family for nearly one hundred years. Wesleyan University acquired the house in the early 1960s and it is currently used for residential purposes.

This structure was built in the Gothic Revival style popular in the mid-1800s. It is 2½ stories with a steeply-pitched, cross-gabled roof and docked-gable dormers. Decorative features include gable trim, finials, pendants and carved moldings over the windows. The exterior is finished with clapboards and vertical board and batten siding in the gables.

This house is an excellent and well-preserved Middletown example of a Gothic cottage in a rural setting.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Commemorative Biography of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.H. Beers, 1905)



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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