

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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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: White Eagle Cafe Historic: Charles Boardman House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 48 Main Street
- 4. OWNER(S): City of Middletown PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Tavern Historic: Residence
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain public use no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1753
- 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
- 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: 37'x28' (rear wing 21'x15')
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: _____ excellent _____ good fair _____ deteriorated
 Exterior: _____ excellent _____ good fair _____ deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site _____ moved, when:
 Alterations: no yes, explain: Extended restaurant front, asphalt siding
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: 1758 barn in
 carriage house shop garden rear (See CSHC form "Charles Chadwick Barn"
50 Main Street)
- 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 center chimney colonial house faces west from Main Street nearly opposite the South Green. It is set close to the street on a block displaying a variety of commercial buildings. Across the street are four structures dating from the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

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

Double overhang
Center stairway with molded stringcourse, turned balusters and newel posts
Panelling southwest chamber with shelves over fireplace

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: Constant Kirtland (frame only)

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Constant Kirtland sold this property in 1753 with "a new dwelling house" to Charles Boardman, who finished and occupied the house. In 1758 it was acquired by Charles Chadwick, who built the barn in the rear (50 Main Street). Deacon Joseph Clark purchased the property in 1762 and operated an apothecary on the premises. The building's combined residential/commercial use dates from Deacon Clark's Apothecary. The Redevelopment Agency acquired the property in 1976 and has designated the house and barn for inclusion in a restoration-adaptive use project developed by John F. Reynolds, III.

This house is characteristic of mid-eighteenth century residential construction in the lower Connecticut Valley with its double overhang, center chimney, and two-room-deep plan. The exterior and front rooms will be restored to their approximate original condition. Many original features remain, notably the clapboards, stairway and some panelling, as well as some 12/12 sash and the four fireplaces.

The house is intended for use as professional offices and, with the three buildings across Main Street already restored by Mr. Reynolds, will be a major contribution to the redevelopment/improvement of the south end of Main Street.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis
date: 6/78 view: west
negative on file: Roll 25A, #31

COMPILED BY:

name: John E. Reynolds date: 6/78
organization: Greater Middletown Preservation Trust
address: 27 Washington St., Middletown, Ct. 06457

19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; Jesse Alsop, "Constant Kirtland House," Old Houses of Connecticut Series (FERA 1935);



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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

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Item number: _____ Date: 1/90

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