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DISTRICT: S NR: ACTUAL POTENTIAL

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
39 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
for Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Liberty Bank for Savings Historic: Middletown Savings Bank
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 315 Main Street
4. OWNER(S): The Liberty Bank For Savings PUBLIC X PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Commercial Bank Historic: same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: X yes no
Interior accessible: X yes, explain bank use no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Academic Classicism DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1928
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
clapboard asbestos siding X brick
wood shingle asphalt siding fieldstone
board & batten stucco cobblestone
aluminum siding X concrete: type: marble entrance;
other: molded veneer of facade granite water table
and south wall

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

10. ROOF: type:
gable X 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: 4 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 56'x102'; wing 32'x18'

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

13. INTEGRITY: Location: X 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
X commercial industrial rural X high building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This massive four-story structure has a pivotal location at the intersection of Main and Court Streets in Middletown's central business district. Adjoining at its north wall is a smaller and earlier three-story structure of brick, also used by the bank. Across the street are commercial structures; the two-story Interview Center complex occupies the corner to the southeast; the Old Post Office is south.

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

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The Middletown Savings Bank erected this structure in 1928. It is the third home of the business, the first being in the adjoining structure to the north and the second further south on Main Street (currently the site of the Connecticut Bank and Trust Company).

This building typifies the classical style popular for institutional buildings in the early 20th century. The facade is divided into three horizontal parts. The tall rusticated base is surmounted by two stories which are divided into three parts by pilasters. The attic story is crowned by an unadorned roof line. This building's imposing facade and large mass provide a substantial anchor for this important Main Street intersection.

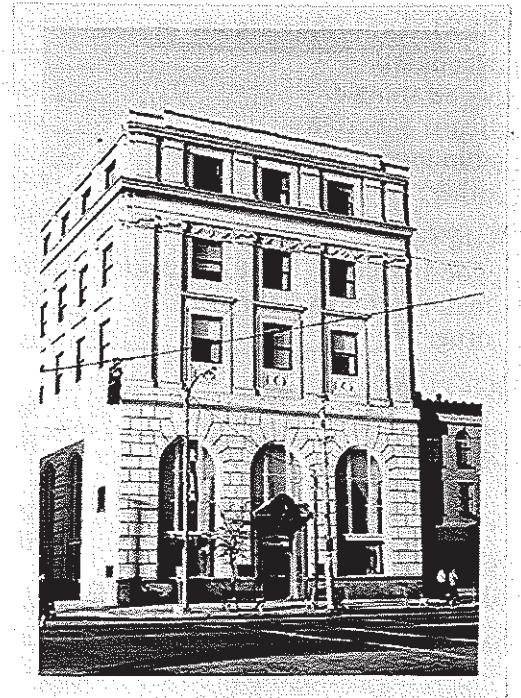
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19. SOURCES: "Old Banking House Block" Greater Middletown Preservation Trust Report (unpublished, 1973)



**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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