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CONNECTICUT  
 HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106  
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 RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM  
 Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION  
 BUILDING NAME: Common: Instant Printing Historic: Scranton Building  
 TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Middlesex  
 STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 615-617 Main Street  
 OWNER(S): Frank and Carol Murtha PUBLIC  PRIVATE  
 USE Present: Printing business, residence Historic: Commercial, residential  
 ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
 Interior accessible:  yes, explain printing business  no

DESCRIPTION  
 STYLE OF BUILDING: Italianate Commercial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1876  
 MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):  
 clapboard  asbestos siding  brick walls & foundation  
 wood shingle  asphalt siding  fieldstone  
 board & batten  stucco  cobblestone  
 aluminum siding  concrete: type: \_\_\_\_\_  cut stone: type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:  
 wood frame:  post and beam  balloon  structural iron or steel  
 load bearing masonry  other: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF STORIES: 3 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 24'x71'  
 CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  
 Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated

INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when:  
 Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Small one-story wing; altered store front

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 three story commercial building is located on the west side of the north end of Main Street. Scaled smaller than its neighbors, and dominated by the massive Arrigoni Building attached to its south wall, this building is distinguished by its color scheme.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

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

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

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This commercial building was built by Edwin Scranton in 1876 as a profitmaking business venture. John McIndue, conductor of a "Confectionary and Ice Cream" business, was the first occupant. William Hennessey operated his "Bottling Works" here from 1886 to 1902, and M.J. Fitzgibbons continued a bottling business from 1904 to 1921. These "Bottling Works" specialized in mineral waters and were wholesale agents for wellknown breweries. Since 1914 this building has housed Scanlon Brothers Printing, although ownership has changed hands.

The facade of this Italianate structure is painted beige and accented by a dark brown second and third story bay which is surmounted by a bold bracketed cornice.

This reminder of Middletown's late 19th century vigorous business activity remains an influential element in the stylistically diverse northern end of Main Street.

PHOTOGRAPH

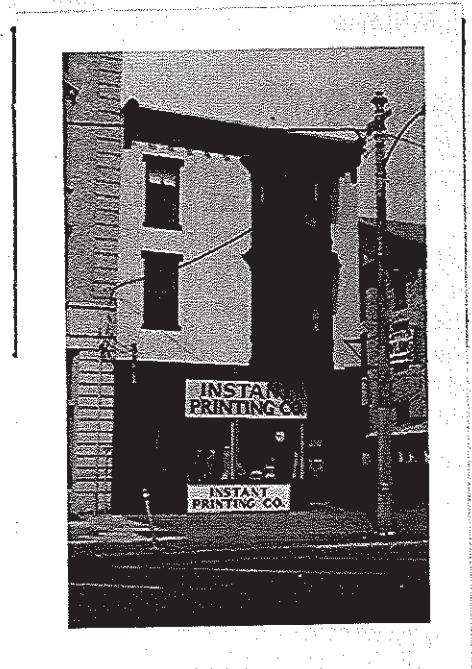
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; 1874 Beers Map; 1877 Bailey Map

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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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1/90

Scranton Building

613-617 Main Street (formerly #615-617)

Middletown, CT 06457

