

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:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Jeremiah Wilcox House Historic: same
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 861 Middle Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Alice P. McInerney PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain with permission no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Saltbox DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1760
- 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: 39'x22'; south wing 25'516'
- 1. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: west wing 45'x20'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 3. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Southwest wing; doorway; cornice extended
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: large shade
 carriage house shop garden tree in corner
- 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 old saltbox faces east from the southwest corner of Middle and Bradley Streets. A large shade tree on the corner towers over the house. Westfield in this area has scattered buildings in open rural surroundings.

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

Later Greek Revival doorway with side lights

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was probably built around 1760 by Jeremiah Wilcox, an early settler in Westfield. The straight line of the rear roof indicates that its saltbox configuration dates from the construction of the house. Several alterations have obscured the probable original appearance of this structure. Principal among these are the extension of the cornice lines to produce overhanging eaves; a late Greek Revival doorway; and the addition of large wings to the south and west.

As a survivor from the earliest days of the settlement of Westfield, this house plays an important role in preserving the ancient historical associations of this still rural area.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: History of Middlesex County (New York: J.B Beers, 1884); 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Clark Map



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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