

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:	8	NR:	ACTUAL
			POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: _____ Historic: Reverend Ebenezer Frothingham Homestead
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 74 and 84 Mill Street
- 4. OWNER(S): 74: William R. Batty; 84: Edward W. Pianka PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residential Historic: 74: Residence & Meeting House; 84: Barn
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1760
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard		<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding		<input type="checkbox"/> brick
<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	84: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt siding		<input type="checkbox"/> fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> board & batten		<input type="checkbox"/> stucco		<input type="checkbox"/> cobblestone
74: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding		<input type="checkbox"/> concrete: type: _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: <u>brownstone foundation</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____				
- 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 84: shed wings 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: 74: 27'x36'; 84: 29'x27'
first story wings 8'x29'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: 84: Converted to residence (See #18); siding
- 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: These buildings face south from the north side of Mill Street. They are the oldest structures in a area which has undergone gradual residential development since the 18th century, primarily after World War II. Near-by is the highway interchange of Route 17 and Route 9.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: These two structures were part of the homestead of Reverend Ebenezer Frothingham. Frothingham probably built his house (#74) and the barn (#84) soon after purchasing the property in 1760. Frothingham was the first minister of the Strict Congregational Church (later the South Congregational Church) which was founded in 1749, and used the residence as a meeting place for the congregation from c. 1760 until 1772. In 1814 Samuel, Frothingham's son, sold the property containing the barn (#84) which is located to the northwest of the residence and set back from the road. It was probably soon after that the barn was converted to a residence by its new owners. Since then both structures have passed through a succession of owners. Daniel Camp, a local businessman owned the two buildings for a number of years in the late 19th century.

Both of these structures are Colonial in style. Although they have undergone extensive alterations they still display hand-hewn, pegged beams and stone foundations.

These structures are important historical remnants of Middletown's social and religious history.

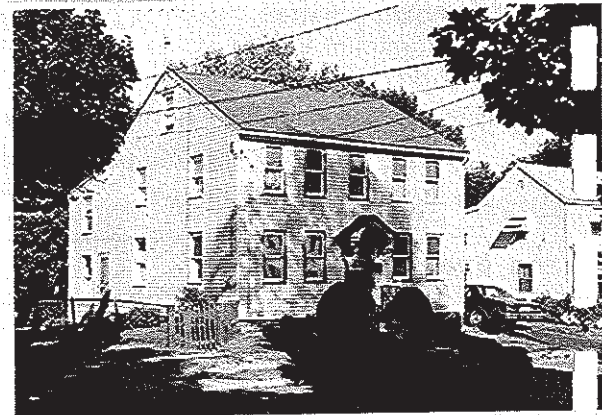
PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Jesse Alsop, "First Services of Strict Congregational Society," Old Houses of Connecticut Series (FERA 1935); Marino Postal Card Collection



74 Mill Street

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

84 Mill Street

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

- none known highways vandalism
- renewal private deterioration

