

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
for Buildings and Structures

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: _____ Historic: Miller-Dunklee House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Newfield COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 717 Newfield Street
4. OWNER(S): Peter Nelson PUBLIC PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Professional Offices Historic: Residence
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain Office use no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Federal DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1810
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; flared lintels
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: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 39'x28'; rear wing 20'x17'
12. CONDITION: Structural: ___ excellent good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
 Exterior: ___ excellent good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site ___ moved, when: _____
 Alterations: ___ no yes, explain: Interior remodelled for offices; small addition to back of kitchen wing.
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 ___ barn ___ shed ___ garage other landscape features or buildings: parking lot in rear; W&B Douglas pump and well
 ___ 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: This finely-scaled Federal house faces east from the west side of Newfield Street near the corner of the access road to Middletown High School. Tall trees shade the house which is set back slightly from the street. Newfield Street in this area displays a mixture of residences and commercial structures.

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

Denticulated cornice
Fanlight over entrance
W&B Douglas Co. pump in yard

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was built around 1810 by Samuel Miller (1782-1856). His son Augustus later occupied and farmed the property until 1895, at which time title passed to his daughter, Mrs. Henry F. Dunklee. Recently the house was saved from probable demolition through its acquisition by Dr. Peter Nelson. Dr. Nelson has restored the exterior while adapting the interior for use as offices.

The symmetrical five-bay arrangement of this well-proportioned brick house is shared by others of its period in Middletown. Of these perhaps the Watkinson House (70 Main Street) and Mansfield House (151 Main Street) are best known. Due to its carefully preserved appearance this house ranks with those mentioned as one of the best examples of its type in Middletown.

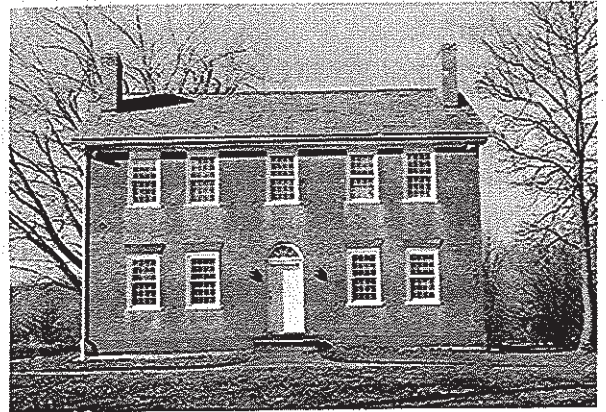
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; Connecticut State Historical Commission Survey 1966, "Miller House"; 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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