

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: Aresco Apartments Historic: William McKinster House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Newfield COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 995 Newfield Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Sebastian Aresco et al. PUBLIC  PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Multiple Residence Historic: Residence
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_  no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Greek Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1830-1834 Between \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):  

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input type="checkbox"/> brick
<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt siding	<input type="checkbox"/> fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> board & batten	<input type="checkbox"/> stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> cobblestone
<input type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding	concrete: type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: <u>brownstone</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>flushboarded pediment</u>		<u>covered with concrete</u>
- 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: 52'x44'; rear section 38'x36'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  
Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Addition in rear; second floor porch in portico
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 barn  shed  garage  other landscape features or buildings: parking  
 carriage house  shop  garden lot in rear
- 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 large Greek Revival mansion faces east from the west side of Newfield Street north of Mile Lane. Newfield Street in this area displays residences and small industrial sites scattered through the remaining open spaces of this former farming community.

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

- Plain entablature with denticulated cornice
- Doric portico
- Panelled ceiling in portico
- Large Greek Revival entrance

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This imposing Greek Revival, temple-form, house was probably built between 1830 and 1834 by William McKinster, who purchased the property while living in Chatham (now Portland). McKinster operated a very large farm in Newfield, and after his death the property was purchased by the Tuttle Brick Company which made use of its extensive clay deposits. The building is now divided into apartments.

The Russell House (350 High Street), the earliest and best example of the Greek Revival in Middletown, was built at the most, only six years before this house. While this house can in no way be said to approach the Russell House in sophistication or elegance, the use of the temple form with full-height portico at such an early date, in a rural area such as the Newfield of 1830, was perhaps of equal significance in establishing the Greek Revival as the dominant style in Middletown until the advent of picturesque architecture.

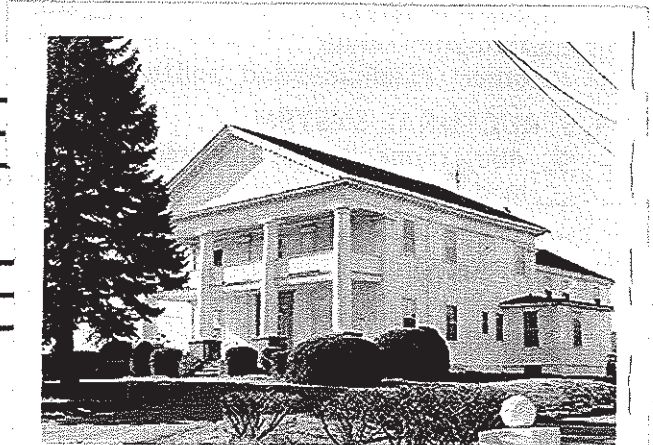
**PHOTOGRAPH**

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; 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: \_\_\_\_\_