

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
9 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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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: _____ Historic: Samuel Crowell House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 984 Randolph Road
- 4. OWNER(S): Duffield and Martha White PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain with owner's permission 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 foundation
 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 shed hip round other _____
material:
 wood shingle roll asphalt tin slate
 asphalt shingle built up tile other: 25'x32'; 20'x23' west wing; 16'x45' west ell
- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: _____
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Wing and ell possibly not original
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: tree line
 carriage house shop garden along road; stone hitching post
- 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 three-bay Federal house faces south from the crest of a hill on the north side of Randolph Road east of Highland Avenue. To the south is a primarily rural area; to the north, modern suburban development. Nearly opposite stands the Grace Lutheran Church. Scattered trees dot the wide lawn which separates this

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

Brownstone hitching post near road
Entrance door with pilasters and entablature

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

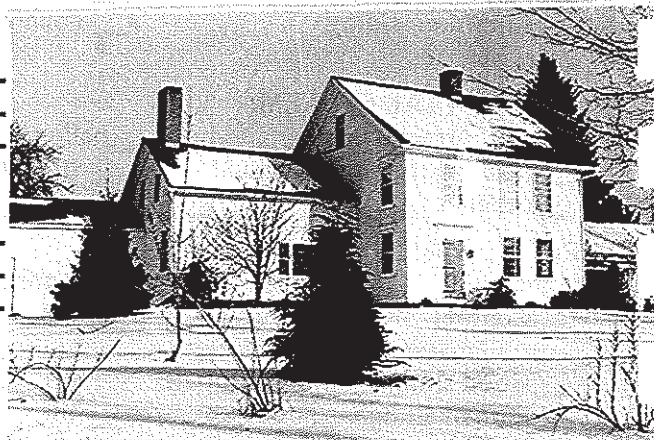
18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was built around 1810 by Samuel Crowell. The Crowell family was long associated with farming in the Long Hill district of Middletown. The property was owned by the Crowell family for over 150 years.

The three-bay, sidehall, ridge-to-street configuration of this house is somewhat Colonial in feeling, despite the use of Federal details such as the delicate window caps. The center and east bays are closer together than the center and west bays; this treatment is similar to that of the end bays on an earlier five-bay, center-chimney Colonial house.

This house is beautifully adapted to its hill site. The two west wings of graduated size follow the slope of the hill away from the house, breaking up what would otherwise be a wide horizontal appearance.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; 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: _____

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house from Randolph Road. The house itself is adapted to its site as the two west wings follow the slope of the hill.