



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

eyebrow windows below eaves  
Oculus window south side

SIGNIFICANCE

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

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

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was built in 1874 by Henry Gilbert and still remains in the Gilbert family. It was built on land inherited from Orrin Gilbert and known as the "Stony Hill" lot. The Gilbert family has been prominent in Newfield and Westfield for over two centuries.

The comparative late date and plain decoration of this Italianate style house reflect its traditional rural setting. The Italianate style was popular in Middletown during the third quarter of the nineteenth century; it was prevalent primarily in the urban areas. The Gilbert house displays the typical features of the style, with wide overhanging eaves. Its original condition and traditional setting make it an important rural example of the style.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; Commemorative Biography of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.H. Beers, 1903)



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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