

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: First Deacon John E. Hubbard House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 1866 Saybrook Road
4. OWNER(S): Paul and Marjorie Schukoske PUBLIC PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain with permission no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial (saltbox) DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1745
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 clapboard asbestos siding brick
 wood shingle asphalt siding fieldstone foundation
 board & batten stucco cobblestone
 aluminum siding concrete: type: _____ cut stone: type: _____
 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: _____
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 28'x37'
12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
 Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
 Alterations: no yes, explain: Small central chimney added; side chimney added
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: outhouse; 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 building is reached by a driveway that runs east from Saybrook Road. Aircraft Road borders the property, south. Although this is a well travelled road, the site is secluded. A large amount of it has been overgrown by bushes and trees. The house faces east towards the abandoned Old Haddam Road. Remnants of the early farm, a barn, shed and outhouse, are nearby.

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

Early interior detail, see #18

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was built by Deacon John Earl Hubbard, probably around 1745. Hubbard purchased a large quantity of land here in the 1740s. He was in the process of erecting a new dwelling, the house at 332 Freeman Road, when he wrote his will in 1781. This building was bequeathed to his wife Anne and son Ephraim. Descendants of the Hubbard family resided here through the nineteenth century.

The 2½-story building is a good example of the common Colonial "saltbox" style. Its gabled roof pitches to the first story at the rear and forms a leanto extension. The facade is two stories high and has three bays. The interior has retained most of its early detail. The ceilings are plastered between the encased summer boards. Opposite the central entrance, an enclosed, triple-run stairway in front of the chimney leads to the second floor. The kitchen has a built-in corner cabinet. The fireplace walls are panelled and wide planks comprise the floors.

The structure reflects an era when a small group of families farmed this area of town, originally called the "Great Lots". The interior has undergone few alterations. Its original condition makes this building a notable representative of Middletown's collection of Colonial architecture.

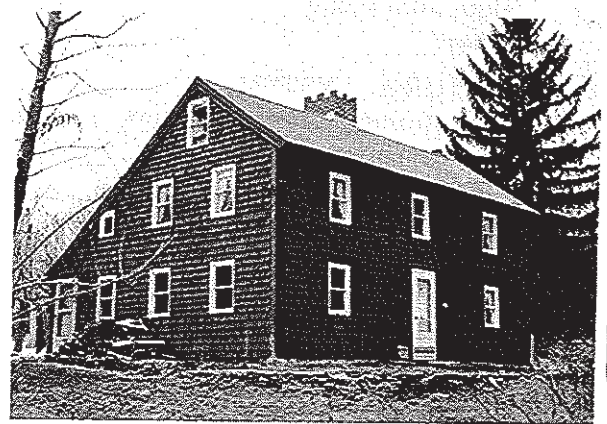
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Records; 1874 Beers Atlas



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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