

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
9 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106  
(203) 566-3005

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
UTM: 18/	/	/	/
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM  
for Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic: Russell Frisbie House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 61 South Main Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Sebastian E. and Anna G. Coronella 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 of owner  no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Italianate DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1851
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):  

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input type="checkbox"/> brick
<input checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete: type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: <u>brownstone</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		<u>foundation</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: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 27'x65'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  
Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Shingle siding
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 barn  shed  garage  other landscape features or buildings: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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: South Main Street has a variety of building styles and uses. This is the southernmost in a row of three Italianate houses along the west side of South Main Street near the head of Crescent Street. It is set back slightly from the street and sits on top of a steep bank. South Main Street in this area is undergoing selective redevelopment.

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

Window caps  
Denticulated cornice  
Porch columns

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: In 1851 Samuel D. Hubbard leased a lot to Russell Frisbie on condition that Frisbie construct a dwelling house within one year, whereupon Hubbard would then deed him the property. Russell Frisbie occupied the house until 1866 when he moved to Cromwell. A mechanic, he was associated with the W.&B. Douglas Pump works.

This asymmetrical Italianate villa features heavy window heads supported on consoles; a denticulated cornice under the unbracketed eaves; and a verandah across the front and north sides. The porch columns have unusual carved capitals.

Manufacturing had replaced shipping as the basis of Middletown's economy by the mid-nineteenth century. Many factories were concentrated in the south end of town. This house, together with its neighbors to the north, reflects the residential development of that area associated with the newly established industries nearby.

**PHOTOGRAPH**

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis  
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; Commemorative Biographical Record of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.H. Beers Co., 1903); 1851 Clark Map

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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