

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
9 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
for Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: _____ Historic: Abel Wilcox House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 206 South Main Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Thomas and Ida Burch 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: Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1783
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input 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 checked="" 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 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 38'x28'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Aluminum siding; porch; north wing added
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: Set back
 carriage house shop garden from street
- 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 displays a variety of building styles and uses. This house faces west to Warwick Street, and marks a change in the makeup of the neighborhood. To the north are residences; to the south is the Wilcox Crittenden Manufacturing plant.

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

Chimney offset to north
Center straight run stairway

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____
18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was built around 1783 for Abel Wilcox. In 1792 it was acquired by Jacob Eggleston, a pewterer, whose shop was across the street. He also owned the adjacent property to the north with a store. This house remained in the Eggleston family until 1859. It has always been in residential use, and now houses several apartments.

Unfortunately, little of the original fabric of this house remains. It is noteworthy for its historical associations with Jacob Eggleston and for its unusual plan. A center stair rises straight up from the hall with the chimney to the north. This stairway appears to be original to the house. Unusual aspects of the plan (for example, no provision for heating the south rooms) suggest that the original configuration of the house differs from its present form.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis
date: 4/78 view: west
negative on file: Roll 18, #26A

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; Middletown City Directories; Jesse Alsop, "Abel Wilcox House," Old Houses of Connecticut Series (FERA 1935); 1825 Barnum Map; 1851 Clark Map; 1874 Beers Atlas; 1877 Bailey Map

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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

