

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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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: _____
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 179 Training Hill Road
- 4. OWNER(S): Berton Coskey PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Colonial; Greek Revival alterations DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1787
- 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: granite
 ___ other: _____ foundation
- 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: 32'x35'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: ___ excellent good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
 Exterior: ___ excellent good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site ___ moved, when: _____
 Alterations: ___ no yes, explain: Shed roofed rear wing added, see #18
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn sheds ___ 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: This building faces east towards Training Hill Road. The site retains its rural character and contrasts with the recent development north, near Reservoir Road. A barn and three sheds are nearby the house. Small fields surround the location, bordered by woodland south and west. An open lot is across the road with Middlesex Community College beyond.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____

Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This is a late Colonial house with Greek Revival alterations. Little is known of its history. During the late nineteenth century, W.M. Scovill resided here. The present owner believes that it was built in the 1780s.

The building displays the characteristic form of the Colonial style. The broad, gabled roof is topped by a center chimney. Its ridge runs parallel to the facade. The facade is five bays wide and has a central entrance. The house also has some features reminiscent of the late Greek Revival period that were probably added in the mid-1800s. Projecting cornices with returns are exhibited on its gable ends. The central entrance is framed by plain pilasters that support a simple entablature.

This clapboarded structure retains its early appearance in an area characterized by contemporary residential and institutional development. Bordered by open land and outbuildings, it serves to illustrate the district's recent agricultural past.

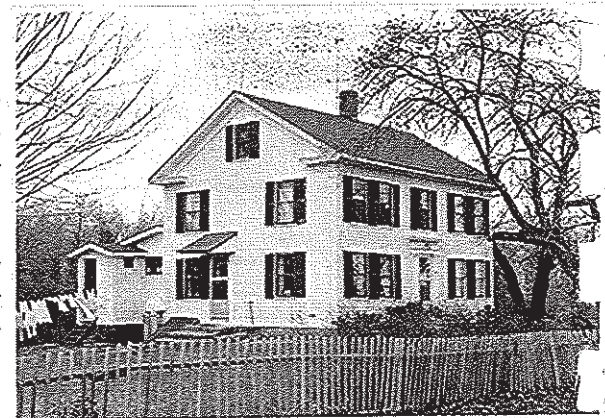
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19. SOURCES: 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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