

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106  
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM  
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic: Aaron Pease House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 116 Washington Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Walter D. Briggs, Trustee PUBLIC  PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  yes, explain with occupants permission  no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Federal-Greek Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1825
- 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: brownstone  
 \_\_\_ 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: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 22'x34'; north wing 21'x17'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: \_\_\_ excellent  good \_\_\_ fair \_\_\_ deteriorated  
 Exterior: \_\_\_ excellent  good \_\_\_ fair \_\_\_ deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site \_\_\_ moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alterations:  no \_\_\_ yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 \_\_\_ barn      \_\_\_ shed      \_\_\_ garage       other landscape features or buildings: fenced yard  
 \_\_\_ 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 house faces south from the north side of Washington Street west of Main Street. Washington Street (Route 66) displays in this area some fine old residences with interspersed commercial buildings. This well-kept structure is tucked away behind large shade trees on Washington Street. A fenced yard opens out in the rear of the property. 216

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

- Leaded fanlight in flushboarded pediment
- Full height corner pilasters
- Denticulated cornice
- Entrance with fanlight and sidelights

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

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

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was built in 1825 for Aaron Pease, who, with his brother Randolph, operated one of Middletown's most prominent grocery businesses. The property was owned by the Selden family from 1864 until 1918, at which time it was acquired by John Fisk, owner of the neighboring (east) historic Starr-Fisk House. It has always remained in residential use.

The three-bay with sidehall gable-to-street configuration of this house was a popular form of construction in Middletown during the period 1820-1860. This house is notable for the fine architectural detail it displays. The leaded gable fanlight and doorway with fanlight and sidelights are of great interest, as are the full height corner pilasters, denticulated cornice, and delicately molded window frames. These features are excellently preserved, and combine to make this house one of the finest examples in Middletown of the three-bay, gable-to-street house type.

**PHOTOGRAPH**

photographer: Robert Svec  
 date: 5/78 view: south  
 negative on file: Roll 20, #7



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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; Middletown City Directories; 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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