

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

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

IDENTIFICATION

- BUILDING NAME: Common: Phillips-Glover House Historic: George Phillips House
- TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Middlesex
- STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 150 Washington Street
- OWNER(S): Masda Realty Corporation & Lerner's Furs Incorporated PUBLIC  PRIVATE
- USE: Present: Residence (multiple) Historic: Residence
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  yes, explain with owner's permission  no

DESCRIPTION

- STYLE OF BUILDING: Colonial-Georgian (Greek Revival alterations) DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Between 1760-1780

- MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):  

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input checked="" 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	trim and addition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> concrete: type: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: <u>brownstone foundation</u>

- STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:  
 wood frame:  post and beam  balloon  
 load bearing masonry  structural iron or steel  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

- NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 34'x49'

- CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  
 Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated

- INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Additions to west and east; dormers removed; entrance porch added

- RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 barn  shed  garage  other landscape features or buildings: \_\_\_\_\_  
 carriage house  shop  garden \_\_\_\_\_

- 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 is located on the slope of the hill of Washington Street (Route 66), a major thoroughfare. It is in a row of domestic buildings of a variety of styles, some of which have been converted to commercial use. The Queen Anne building next door has a prominent one story brick commercial addition in front.

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

This house is distinguished by its large size, wide gambrel roof and early use of brick.

Brownstone lintels scribed to resemble flat brick arches

SIGNIFICANCE

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

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was probably built by George Phillips II (1717-1778) sometime between 1760 and 1780. Phillips was the son of George Phillips I (d. 1747). Both father and son were active in town committees during the Revolutionary War, and George II is reported to have been referred to by the honorary title of "General" thereafter. George Phillips II did not inherit the homestead lot of his father (located farther west on Washington Street - see form for Wetmore-Weeks House), but rather built his house on land that was originally part of the proprietary homestead lot of the Reverend Samuel Stow. A deed for this particular property, however, has not been located.

The house passed into the hands of George Phillips' son, Thompson Phillips, in 1780. Thompson, with his brother, was active in the West Indies trade through George Phillips & Co. (dissolved 1794). He was also the first Treasurer of the City of Middletown, incorporated in 1783 in part to "promote the Commerce of the State." In the next 170 years the house passed through a series of owners; the longest length of ownership being

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PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Records; Middletown City Directories; Albert E. VanDusen, "Middletown and the American Revolution" (Middletown 1950); Alice Richter, "History of the Church of Holy Trinity" (Middletown 1963); Mary Glover Jones, "Our Old Town" (Middletown: 1930); "The Glover House"

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

(see continuation sheet)

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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

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that of Daniel Glover, between 1848 and 1893.

When originally built, this large, brick central hallway house with four end wall chimneys was undoubtedly one of the most imposing mansions in Middletown, a quality it still retains. However, with the exception of the brick belt courses at the first and second floor level and across the gable of the wide gambrel, few original exterior decorative features remain.

The house has undergone a series of remodellings. That of the Greek Revival period includes the addition of a Greek doorway with sidelights and transom, and a Doric one-story entrance porch which does not detract from the house's character. The first floor windows were probably lengthened to full height at this time. (These have now been partially covered on the exterior, but the full length shutters remain on the interior.) A one story porch or addition (now closed in with a second story added) probably dates from this period also. There is a large mid or late 19th century 1½ story brick addition at the northwest corner of the house. Aluminum siding now covers much of the exterior detail, and the original dormers have been removed. The interior has been altered by conversion to apartment use; the original staircase survives, although partially enclosed by panelling.

Despite these changes the Phillips House remains one of the major Georgian mansions surviving in Middletown.

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(FERA, 1935); Connecticut Historical Commission Survey (1966 and 1970)

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