

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**

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic: Noel Ives House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Staddle Hill COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 705 Washington Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Blanche Tobias 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: Federal DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1800
- 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: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 30'x30'; rear wing 35'x13'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: \_\_\_ excellent  good \_\_\_ fair \_\_\_ deteriorated  
 Exterior: \_\_\_ excellent \_\_\_ good  fair \_\_\_ deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site \_\_\_ moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alterations: \_\_\_ no  yes, explain: Dormer added; porch added; fireplaces removed
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 \_\_\_ barn       shed 14'x20' \_\_\_ garage       other landscape features or buildings: coop 8'x10'  
 \_\_\_ 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 north from the south side of Washington Street nearly opposite the entrance to Old Mill Road. It is set back from the street atop a rise. A large tree shades the northwest corner of the property. To the east is a large brick apartment building. This area displays on-going commercial development.

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

Colonial Revival porch  
Prominent fascia board and simple cornice molding

SIGNIFICANCE

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

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: In 1800 Noel Ives of Wallingford purchased this property with a "clothiers shop" on it. This shop had formerly been associated with the property to the west (see GMPT Report #293, Frederick Winthrop House, 717 Washington Street). As part of the former Winthrop property, the "Clothiers Shop" was dependent on the fulling mill on the nearby West River for its supply of cloth. Ives sold the property with a house on it in 1832. It has passed through many different owners to the present day.

This house displays little decoration on its square, hip-roofed form. A large hip dormer and a pedimented Colonial Revival veranda are later additions. This house is significant for its association with early commercial activities in this area.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis  
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negative on file: Roll 56, #25

COMPILED BY:

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; 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: This property

is for sale and has been zoned for commercial development.