

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: Starr-Rand House Historic: Capt. John Wetmore House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 329 Washington Terrace
- 4. OWNER(S): Wesleyan University PUBLIC X PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
Interior accessible: x yes, explain with tenant's permission no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Greek Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: possibly between 1830-1850
- 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 foundation
___ other: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam ___ balloon
___ load bearing masonry ___ structural iron or steel
___ other: _____
- 10. ROOF: type: gable flat ^{east addition} ___ 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: 46'x32'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: ___ excellent good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
Exterior: ___ excellent good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site ___ moved, when: _____
Alterations: ___ no yes, explain: Two story east addition (after 1877); bay window added west side; porch added south side
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
___ barn ___ shed 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 house occupies the southeast corner of Washington Terrace and Mt. Vernon Street. To the north is the heavily shaded Washington Park which screens the buildings on Washington Terrace from the traffic on Rte. 66. East of this house is a colonial hip-roof house and across Mt. Vernon Street is a Shingle Style structure.

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

Anthemion motif window screens
Norfolk latch (iron and pewter) south east door

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: A house was built on this site in 1792 by Capt. John Wetmore. The present structure rests on the foundations of that house, and makes use of its center chimney. Items such as six panel doors and some 12 over 12 sash suggest that materials from the original structure were recycled for use in this house. The interior of the house, however, is primarily Greek Revival in character. The property was in the hands of the Rand-Starr families from 1794 to 1919. It is possible that the existing house was built by Philip Curtis Rand or his widow Lucia sometime between 1825 and 1850.

On the exterior a plain entablature with anthemion motif eyebrow window covers gives the house a Greek Revival stylistic emphasis. The two story wing was added sometime after 1877.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; Alice B. Richter, "Faithful Remnants," genealogies (unpublished, 1968); 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: _____