

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.: \_\_\_\_\_

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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  PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  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: \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>east addition</sup>  flat \_\_\_ mansard \_\_\_ monitor \_\_\_ sawtooth  
 gable  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: \_\_\_\_\_