

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: Mc Donald House Historic: Fowler-Mc Donald House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 343 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 permission of tenant no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Shingle Style DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1905
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input type="checkbox"/> brick
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete: type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: <u>brownstone</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		<u>foundation</u>
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam balloon
 load bearing masonry structural iron or steel
 other: _____
- 10. ROOF: type:
 gable hooded flat mansard monitor sawtooth
 gambrel shed over porch 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: 57'x27'
- 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: brownstone
 carriage house shop garden fireplace west side yard
- 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 overlooks Washington Park to the north from the southwest corner of Washington Terrace and Mt. Vernon Street. Heavily shaded Washington Park serves as a buffer zone between the residences on Washington Terrace and the traffic on Rte. 66. The distinctive Shingle style of this house offers a contrast with the Georgian and Georgian Revival buildings on Washington Terrace.

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

Porch balustrades
Stained glass window in hall

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Frederick E. Fowler, secretary and assistant treasurer of the Arawana Mills, built this distinctive house in 1905 on a lot sub-divided from the extensive property of the Rand family. In 1912 Henry McDonald purchased the property, which then remained in McDonald family hands until acquired by Wesleyan in 1972 for use as a faculty residence.

This house displays the rich texture and varied forms typical of the shingle style. Broad expanses of roof interrupted by projecting gables and alternating pitches emphasize the asymmetrical form of the house. A large entrance porch with a fine balustrade leads to the hall which is lighted by an elaborate stained glass window.

The high quality of the original design, together with the unaltered condition of the house, make this structure one of the most representative of the Shingle Style in Middletown.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis
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negative on file: Roll 14, #19A

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; 1915 Aeroview Map



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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