

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: Middletown Yacht Club Historic: same
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 80 Water Street
4. OWNER(S): City of Middletown PUBLIC PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Vacant Historic: Yacht Club
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
 Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Early Modern (Prairie style influence) DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1906
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: poured cut stone: type: _____
 other: _____ foundation
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam balloon
 load bearing masonry structural iron or steel (interior framing)
 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: 69'x52'
12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
 Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
 Alterations: no yes, explain: Garage doors, south side
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: waterfront
 carriage house shop garden park; metal guardrail near water
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 open land woodland residential buildings visible from site
 commercial industrial rural high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: The Middletown Yacht Club is located on the bank of the Connecticut River to the east of downtown Middletown. To the north is a brick power house and to the west Route 9 passes by. The surrounding area is being converted to a recreational waterfront park.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE This building which housed the Middletown Yacht Club was constructed in 1906 and has housed the Yacht Club through most of its history. It is now vacant and owned by the City of Middletown. Various adapted uses are being considered, including conversion into a theatre as part of a waterfront park.

The Yacht Club is a large, early modern structure with stuccoed walls and a low, hipped, overhanging roof. The front facade which faces the river contains three notable elements. The first floor is a porch with rectangular columns supporting arches. The second floor has large casement windows and a projecting tower comprises the third story. This handsome building is a notable feature of Middletown's waterfront.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis
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19. SOURCES: Middletown City Directories; Marino Postal Card Collection

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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