

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: Sage House Historic: Doud-Sage House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 38 Westfield Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Walter B. Lineberry PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no obscured by trees
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1717
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 clapboard asbestos siding brick
 wood shingle first floor & asphalt siding fieldstone
 board & batten gable stucco cobblestone
 aluminum siding concrete: type: _____ cut stone: type: brownstone
 other: _____ foundation; rubble
- 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: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 34'x26'; rear wing 34'x23'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Addition to rear; shingle siding
- 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 faces south from the north side of Westfield Street near Newfield Street. Across Westfield street is a large residential development of small cape-style houses. This house is obscured from view somewhat by several large trees.

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

Fine moldings below overhang
Three-bay facade

SIGNIFICANCE

Builder: _____

Architect: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This three-bay, center-chimney Colonial house probably was built around 1770 by Daniel Doud, a blacksmith and farmer. In the early 1800s the property was acquired by Barzillai Sage, a master builder who worked on such well-known buildings as the Russell House (350 High Street); Alsop House (301 High Street); St. John's Church (St. John's Square); and Russell Library (formerly Christ Church, 119 Broad Street). Barzillai Sage's impact on the high style architecture of 19th century Middletown is immeasurable; it is interesting that he chose to live in a house constructed in a different era. The property remained in the Sage-Ing-ham family until 1917.

This house in its present well-preserved condition is an important survivor from the early growth of Newfield as a rural farming community.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Jesse Alsop, "Sage House," (FERA 1935);
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: _____