

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
2 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic: Chadwick Stone House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 11-13 Wetmore Place
- 4. OWNER(S): Cornelius V. Jay PUBLIC  PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Double Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  yes, explain with permission  no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Plain Italianate DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Between 1854 and 1866
- 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  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_ walls and foundation

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 27'x27'

- 2. CONDITION: Structural:  excellent       good       fair       deteriorated  
Exterior:  excellent       good       fair       deteriorated

- 3. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Concrete steps in front; aluminum doors

- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 barn       shed       garage       other landscape features or buildings: terrace in back  
 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 small, but distinctive, double dwelling faces east from the west side of Wetmore Place, a short street off Washington Street. It sits on a small plot between two nineteenth century residences. Across the street and to its north is a row of bungalows.

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

**SIGNIFICANCE**

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_ Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This substantial brownstone double dwelling was built between 1854 and 1866, probably by Thomas Chadwick. Henry Fountain, an early occupant, was a prime mover in the Wetmore Place development. Towards the end of the 19th century, George Carlisle Stedman ran a florist shop in the south half of the house while the northern section was occupied by tenants. This structure and its out-buildings were commonly referred to as the "Washington Avenue Gardens" throughout the late 19th century until acquired by John L. Fisk in 1903. In 1946 F. Neal and Harriet Jay acquired the property through the estate of Fisk. Mrs. Jay and her son currently occupy the house and have done considerable restoration to the house's exterior.

This simple, dignified house, with the wide overhanging eaves of Italianate flavor, displays few stylistic features. The use of brownstone in an unpretentious residence is rare in Middletown. The house is also unusual as a remnant of early "builder's development," one of Henry Fountain's first ventures of this type in Middletown.

**PHOTOGRAPH**

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis  
date: 10/78 view: north  
negative on file: Roll 40, #13-13A



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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; "Chadwick-Fountain Stone House," GMPT Report (unpublished, 1973); 1851 Clark Map; 1877 Bailey Map

**20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:**

**21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:**

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

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