STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106 (203) 566-3005

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

For Buildings and Structures

TOWN NO.:		SITE NO.:			
UTM: 18/_	//_	/	-//		
QUAD:		•			
DISTRICT:	s	NR:	ACTUAL		
			POTENTIAL		

IDENTIFICATION							
1. BUILDING NAM	ME: Common:	South Green		Historic:	Union 1	Park	
2. TOWN/CITY:	Middletown	VILLAGE:		(COUNTY:	Middlese	ex
3. STREET & NUM							
4. OWNER(S):	City of Midd	letown				PUBLIC_	PRIVATE
5. USE: Present:	Public Pa	rk	Histor	ic: Publ	ic Common	<u> </u>	
6. ACCESSIBILITY	/ TO PUBLIC: Ex In	cterior visible from terior accessible: <u>×</u>	public road: yes, explain	x yes no open	space		no
DESCRIPTION							
7. STYLE OF BUIL	DING:		D	ATE OF CO	ONSTRUCT	ION: open	space sinc
8. MATERIAL(S) (clapboardwood shingleboard & battealuminum sidxother: statu	en ling	cation when approp asbestos siding asphalt siding stucco concrete: type		fie	eldstone	oe: grani	monument nt c. 1874
9. STRUCTURAL Swood frame: _x load bearing pother:	post and beam	balloon structural iror	or steel				
10. ROOF: type:gablegambrelwood shingleasphalt shingl	shed roll asphalt	mansard hip tin tile	monitor round slate other:		wtooth her	-	
11. NUMBER OF ST	ORIES:	APPROXI	MATE DIMI	ENSIONS: _	375'x2	200 '	
12. CONDITION: Str		x excellent	good good	fai	r ·	deterio	
13. INTEGRITY: Lo		inal site moved, v yes, explain: _ <u>Enc</u>		streets an	d sidewal	ks	
14. RELATED OUTEbarncarriage house	shed	_ANDSCAPE FEA [*] garage garden	TURES: _X_other lan	dscape feat	ures or build	dings: shad	le trees
15. SURROUNDINGopen landcommercial	ENVIRONMEN — woodland — industrial	residential	scattered high buil			site	
16.INTERRELATIO	ain, Church a	nd Pleasant Str	eets in Mi	ddletown'	s south e	-	he broad ounding

looks this picturesque area from a hill to the west of the Green. 308

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

SIGNIFICANCE Architect: Builder:	v en
18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The So space since the early days of Middletown's settlement the North End to this point and then turned southwest the path of the present Route 17. The broad intersec common area. Early Middletown churches were located for militia. After the Civil War, the streets bordering the Gree residential area rivalling nearby High Street. Local	buth Green has been an open common to Originally, Main Street ran from terly continuing to "Zoar," following tion where the road jutted was a here and the area was a meeting place on were developed into a high-style
and/or business interests, built imposing houses in to By the 1870s, the common area was formally known as memorating the soldiers who lost their lives in the was dedicated. This monument not only observes soldies also the ones who died in military camps, of post-war Brass plaques depict the names of Middletown heros, to Mansfield, Robert Hubbard, and Curtis Clark. The mon	the Second Empire and Italianate style Union Park. In 1874 a monument com- wars which Middletown responded to the wars who were killed in action but injuries and since "muster out". The most familiar being General J.K.F.
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19. SOURCES: History of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.B. Beers, 1884); 1825 Barnum Map; 1851 Clark Map; 1877 Bailey Map site visit	
	e i Algus suge gade Mile (Alfo
20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:	A: Pleasant Street
21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:none knownhighways vandalismdeveloprenewalprivate deteriorationzoning	
Department of Transportation project which will cut to The new plans will widen Pleasant Street and Church Sa cul-de-sac with parking.	

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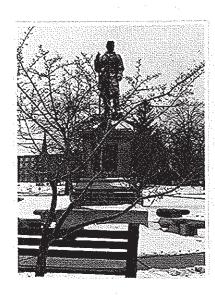
South Green

Middletown, Conn. 06457

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Green, is surrounded by four operable cannons of the Civil War. Another monument was placed in memory of the prominent Middletown composer Henry Clay Work. Work is best remembered for "Marching Through Georgia." He was born in Middletown on October 1, 1832.

The South Green has played a prominent role in Middletown since its founding. An early common, later the center of a high-style residential area, it continues to be the home of religious institutions and the site of numerous public events, as well as a pleasing open space for Middletown citizens.



B: Civil War Monument