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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
for Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ___________________________ Historic: Samuel Galpin House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 1087 Atkins Street
4. OWNER(S): Katrina B. Shepard PUBLIC X PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: X yes no
   Interior accessible: X yes, explain ______ with occupant’s permission ______ no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1744 and 1761
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   X clapboard X asbestos siding X brick foundation, north lean-to
   X wood shingle X asphalt siding ___ fieldstone
   ___ board & batten ___ stucco ___ cobblestone
   ___ aluminum siding ___ concrete: type: ___ cut stone: type: brownstone
   ___ other: ___ foundation

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   X wood frame, X post and beam ___ balloon
   ___ load bearing masonry ___ structural iron or steel
   ___ other: 

10. ROOF: type:
    X gable ___ flat ___ Mansard ___ monitor ___ sawtooth
        ___ gable ___ shed ___ hip ___ round ___ other
        ___ material:
        X wood shingle ___ roll asphalt ___ tin ___ slate
        ___ asphalt shingle ___ built up ___ tile ___ other:

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 28′x36′; north lean-to 12′x25′

12. CONDITION: Structural: X excellent ___ good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
    Exterior: X excellent ___ good ___ fair ___ deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY: Location: X on original site ___ moved, when:
    Alterations: no X yes, explain: North lean-to added; center chimney removed

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    X barn X shed ___ garage ___ other landscape features or buildings: large shade
    ___ 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 Colonial house faces east from the
    west side of Atkins Street north of the intersection of Bradley Street. Although sited close
    to the street, it is obscured from view by large shade trees. Stow’s Hill rises to the north,
    and farmlands spread out to the east and west toward the nearby Berlin line. This section of
    Westfield retains its traditional rural character.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Second floor overhang
Lean-to placed on north gable end (later addition)

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: 
Builder: 

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This center-chimney Colonial house was built probably between 1744 and 1763 for Samuel Galpin. His son, Samuel, Jr., was elected Ensign of the Middletown Train Band (militia) in 1759, and later served as Captain. The Galpin family were early settlers in Berlin, Connecticut, and were represented in the Westfield Society of Middletown by this branch. The property remained in the family until 1872. Since then the house has retained its traditional usage as a farmhouse through a succession of owners.

The center-chimney, two-room-deep plan of this house is typical of mid-eighteenth century construction in the lower Connecticut River valley. The second floor overhang is also typical of this period.

This house is significant primarily because it remains in its traditional environment and usage. As such it demonstrates the enduring character of this rural section of Middletown.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; Colonial Dames Records of Connecticut; 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: