STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ___________________________ Historic: ___________________________
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown 348 Bartholomew Road (A), COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): and two houses north side of Bow Lane (B&C) see cont. shee
4. OWNER(S): See next page (below #21) PUBLIC X PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Residential Historic: same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain x no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Late 18th C.
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   B,C: x wood shingle __ asbestos siding
   board & batten __ asphalt siding
   A: x aluminum siding __ stucco __ concrete: type: __
   __ other:
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
    __ gambrel __ shed __ hip __ round __ other
    material:
    __ wood shingle __ roll asphalt __ tin __ slate
    __ asphalt shingle __ built up __ tile __ other:
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 1 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: Original sections, 25'x28'
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: Porches and ells added; siding
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    __ barn __ shed __ gard C: x garage __ other landscape features or buildings: brownstone
    __ carriage house __ shop __ retaining wall borders front of
    __ open land __ woodland __ residential __ scattered buildings visible from site
    __ commercial __ industrial __ rural __ high building density
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: These three similar buildings are in an outlying city area located a few miles southeast of Middletown's metropolitan district. They are located within 3/4 mile of each other. The area is characterized by small, widely spaced residences surrounded by open lots. It is bordered by Connecticut Valley Hospital buildings, west; Middlesex Community College and a large, recently developed tract of suburban housing are south.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: ___________________________ Builder: ___________________________

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: These three Colonial houses are located in the same vicinity and share distinctive characteristics. Originally, they had an identical appearance, now somewhat hidden by various alterations. Their history is unknown, although they may share a common origin. During the Revolution, David Tryon, a wealthy landowner, settled in this district. His estate contained a large tract of farmland, and it is possible that the buildings were erected by members of the Tryon family.

The 1 ½-story buildings have the same approximate size and display broad, gabled roofs with small center chimneys. Two have roof ridges that run parallel to the road. One has a gable-to-street configuration. The gable end is treated as the facade; however, the original facade was probably on the east side and resembled those of the other two. All three have double overhangs with the lower overhang exhibited on the facade beneath the eaves. This rare feature is also displayed on other 1 ½-story Colonial buildings located west of Route 9 near Randolph Road and East Main Street, an area a short distance away. The repetition of this unusual feature in a limited geographical area is notable; and may indicate that the structures have some early relationship.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Robert Svec
date: 12/78 view: A: sw; B: south; C: south
negative on file: A: Roll 52, #29A; B: Roll 55, #21A;
C: Roll 55, #24-24A

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19. SOURCES: 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas
History of Middlesex County (Chicago: H.F. Beers, 1884)

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

A

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known  __highways  __vandalism  __developers  __other: _______________
__renewal  __private  __deterioration  __zoning  __explanation: _______________

Owners: A: John & Gertrude Dawson
B: Marien Partello
C: State of Connecticut
These three buildings, unified by their similar features and location, reflect the early appearance of this outlying district. They form a distinct group, illustrating a local variation of a common building style once popular in two bordering sections of Middletown.

A: 348 Bartholomew Road
B: Bow Lane; north side, .2 miles west of Bartholomew Road
C: Bow Lane; north side, .1 mile east of Bartholomew Road