STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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TORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ___________________________ Historic: Bywater Farm

2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: ___________________________ COUNTY: Middlesex

3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 178-180 Cross Street

4. OWNER(S): Dorothy Hill and Margaret Jackson PUB: X PRIVATE

5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: X yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain ___________________________ no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Hall Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Late 18th Century

8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   X clapboard X asbestos siding ___ brick
   ___ wood shingle ___ asphalt siding ___ fieldstone
   ___ board & batten ___ stucco ___ cobblestone ___ cut stone: type: X foundation
   ___ aluminum siding ___ concrete: type: ________
   ___ other: ___________________________

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   ___ wood frame; X 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 ___ other: ________
    ___ asphalt shingle ___ built up ___ tile ___ other: ___________________________

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 37' x 41'

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

13. INTEGRITY: Location: Yes, moved, when: ca. 1831
    Alterations: X yes, explain: Front porch and rear lean-to added; second floor par-
    titioned; stairs replaced (1926)
    ___ barn ___ shed ___ garage ___ other landscape features or buildings: brownstone
    ___ carriage house ___ shop ___ garden ___ steps in bank

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    ___ open land ___ woodland X residential ___ scattered buildings visible from site
    ___ commercial ___ industrial ___ rural ___ high building density

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This center-hall Colonial house is
    sited on a bank on the north side of Cross Street in a thickly-settled older residential
    district southwest of Wesleyan University. It is centered on a short block that runs be-
    tween the entrance road to Indian Hill Cemetery (which is behind the house), and Fairview
    (see continuation sheet)
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Many original eight-over-twelve window sashes
Old millstone used for doorstep at west door
Interior: Some original wainscoting, paneling, H&L hinges, wrought iron latches

SIGNIFICANCE
Architect: ___________ Builder: ___________

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This double-chimney, center-hall house sits on a rise of ground overlooking Cross Street. There is a tradition that the house was used originally as an inn, and was later moved to its current site. Stairs eight feet wide filling the center hall, and the large room running across the front of the house, divided only by moveable partitions, would indicate that it had been used for large gatherings. Eighteenth century styling features, chimneys not tied into the framing, and brick used for the chimney base and stack support the idea that the house was built earlier elsewhere, and moved to this site in the nineteenth century.

There has been a house on this site at least since 1831. In that year Matthew Bacon mortgaged the property "with the buildings" in what was then called Baconville (upper Cross Street). The next long-term owners were the Hall family, who held it through the latter half of the nineteenth century. The external integrity of the house is consistent with its probable age. This Colonial house contributes to this section of Cross Street, which also has early-19th century Federal houses to the east.

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

\[ \chi \text{ none known} \quad \text{highways} \quad \text{vandalism} \quad \text{developers} \quad \text{other: } \]
\[ \_ \text{ renewal} \quad \text{private} \quad \text{deterioration} \quad \text{zoning} \quad \text{explanation: } \]
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venue. The house, heavily screened by trees and bushes, faces the extensive Long Lane School grounds on the other side of Cross Street.