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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ____________________________ Historic: Samuel T. Camp House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: __________________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 180 College Street
4. OWNER(S): Frank R. Smith and William H. Darrow 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 permission ______ no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Italianate DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1865-1866
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   - clapboard
   - wood shingle
   - board & batten
   - aluminum siding
   - other: wood trim
   - asbestos siding
   - asphalt siding
   - stucco
   - concrete: type: __________
   - brick
   - fieldstone
   - cobblestone
   - cut stone: type: brownstone
   - foundation

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   - x wood frame
   - post and beam x balloon
   - load bearing masonry
   - structural iron or steel
   - other: __________

10. ROOF: type:
    - gable
    - gambrel
    - shed
    - hip
    - round
    - other
    - material:
      - wood shingle
      - roll asphalt
      - asphalt shingle
      - built up
      - tile
      - other:

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 32' x 50'
12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent x good fair deteriorated
    Exterior: excellent x good to fair x fair deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site moved, when: North and east enclosed porches added and stucco
    Alterations: x yes, explain: __________

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES: applied (probably after 1924)
    - barn
    - shed
    - garage
    - carriage house
    - shop
    - garden
    - other landscape features or buildings: __________

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    - open land
    - woodland
    - residential
    - scattered buildings visible from site
    - commercial
    - industrial
    - rural
    - high building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: Unlike the neighboring structures, this College Street building exhibits a stuccoed exterior and hipped roof. Its distinct appearance in an area of diverse building styles is further emphasized by its corner siting. This is the first in a row of houses ascending to High Street that are on more expansive lots than the closely sited group of residences on lower College Street.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Canvas ceilings
Marble sink in bathroom and marble-topped cabinet in kitchen

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: 
Builder: probably Jeremiah W. Hubbard

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This Italianate building displays a distinctive cupola and a wide cornice supported by brackets with a simple frieze beneath. The windows are accented by projecting wooden lintels and sills.

Jeremiah Hubbard built this structure shortly before Samuel T. Camp purchased it in 1866. Camp, after returning from California where he was "engaged in mining and the grocery business," started a grocery store with B.F. Chaffee on Main Street in 1858. An active city figure, Camp was President of the Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank, Vice President of the Middlesex County National Bank, a trustee of Wesleyan University and a member of the city council. Following his death in 1902, his wife Martha Smith Camp retained the house. Upon her death in 1924, the house was sold to Frank A. Smith. During his ownership, a distinctive peppered stucco was applied over the original exterior siding (probably wood). Since 1866, this house has been occupied by members of the Smith family.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; Commemorative Biographical Record of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.H. Beers Co., 1903); 1874 Beers Atlas; 1877 Daily Perspective Map

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known highway vandalism developers other:  
renovation private deterioration zoning explanation:
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