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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: LOOM Building Historic: The Middletown Club Building
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: ___________________________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 189 Court Street
4. OWNER(S): Loyal Order of Moose, Inc. ___________________________ PUBLIC/Private
5. USE: Present: Fraternal Organization Headquarters Historic: Club Headquarters
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
   Interior accessible: Yes, explain ________ with permission ________ No

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Victorian Renaissance Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1888
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   ____ clapboard ____ asbestos siding ____ brick
   ____ wood shingle ____ asphalt siding ______ fieldstone
   ____ board & batten ____ stucco ____ cobblestone
   ____ aluminum siding ____ concrete: type: ________ cut stone: type: granite
   ____ other: ________ high basement
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   ____ wood frame: ______ post and beam ______ balloon
   ____ load bearing masonry ______ structural iron or steel
   ____ other: ________
10. ROOF: type:
    ____ gable ______ shed ______ mansard ______ monitor ______ sawtooth
    ____ gambrel ______ shed ______ hip ______ round ______ other: ______
    material: _______ wood shingle ______ roll asphalt ______ tin
    ____ asphalt shingle ______ built up ______ tile ______ slate
    ____ other: ________
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 30'x22' (addition 25'x60')
12. CONDITION: Structural: ______ excellent ______ good ______ fair ______ deteriorated
    Exterior: _______ excellent ______ good ______ fair ______ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: X on original site Rear wing, possible early addition; south wing
    Alterations: No Yes, explain: on rear added; balustrade on roof removed
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    ____ barn ____ shed ____ garage ______ other landscape features or buildings: ________
    ____ 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 building is located a short distance from Main Street in an area consisting principally of commercial buildings from various periods. It is one in a row of three closely sited late 19th century buildings on the south side of Court Street. These buildings are stylistically related but of varying height.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE
Architect: 
Builder: 

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The Middletown Club, an exclusive men's social organization, constructed this building in 1888. It was built next to the Masonic Headquarters (183 Court Street) erected the previous year (1887). The Middletown Club building has housed fraternal organizations throughout its existence. Subsequent owners have been the Knights of Columbus (1919-1941), and the Loyal Order of Moose (1943-present).

The building displays classical elements and detail. Its tan brick facade contains pilasters, arches and an assortment of terra cotta motifs. The resulting composition exemplifies the elegant manner of the period in which it was built. The first floor contains a front room with elaborate plaster decoration similar in appearance to the terra cotta detail on the facade.

The building derives additional significance from its placement in a row of three buildings built between 1884 and 1888. As a group, these buildings illustrate the expanding urban development of the streets adjoining Main Street during the late nineteenth century.

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; "By-Laws, The Middletown Club" 1879

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known highways vandalism developers other:
renewal private deterioration zoning explanation: The Middlesex Mutual Assurance Company has an option to buy this property. The company is tentatively considering demolition of the building.