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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
for Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: __________________________ Historic: Phineas Bacon House

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

3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 1292 Country Club Road

4. OWNER(S): Jack and Beverly Budwitz 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: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1754

8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   x clapboard __ asbestos siding __ brick
   __ wood shingle __ asphalt siding __ fieldstone
   __ board & batten __ stucco __ cobblestone
   __ aluminum siding __ concrete: type: __________________
   __ other: _______________________________
   __ cut stone: type: brownstone
   __ 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
    __ gambrel __ 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: 36'x30'; north wing 43'x15'

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: New sash; doorway; bay window, north side

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    x barn __ shed __ garage __ other landscape features or buildings: __________________
    __ carriage house __ shop __ garden

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

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This house faces south from the north side of Country Club Road near Bell Street. It sits atop a bank and is clearly visible from Interstate 91. The surrounding country is still open as befits the traditional rural character of Westfield Parish.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

1½' jog or overhang on northeast wing
Double overhang on sides and front.
Old hardware on barn

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: 
Builder:

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This center-chimney Colonial farm house was built c. 1754 by Phineas Bacon on land owned by his father Benjamin. The property descended in the Bacon family until 1942 and has always been farmed. The Bacon family was prominent in Westfield for over two centuries.

The center-chimney, two-room-deep plan of this house is typical of mid-eighteenth century Connecticut house construction. A 1½-story north wing, probably of early date, features an overhang which juts out 1½ feet on the rear.

As with much of the section of Westfield located west of Interstate 91, this property retains its original rural character; it is one of several isolated farmhouses with dependencies in this historic area.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; Middletown City Directories; Commemorative Biographical Record of Middlesex County (J.H. Beers, 1905); 1859 Walling Map; 1877 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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