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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
or Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: _______________ Historic: Jedediah Wilcox House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 1456 Country Club Road
4. OWNER(S): Carl A. Anderson et al. PUBLIC __ 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 owner's permission _no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Federal DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1809-1815
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   _X_ clapboard _X_ asbestos siding _brick
   _X_ wood shingle _X_ asphalt siding _fieldstone
   _X_ board & batten _X_ stucco _cobblestone
   _X_ aluminum siding _concrete: type: brownstone
   _other: ashlar foundation

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   _X_ wood frame: _X_ post and beam _X_ balloon
   _load bearing masonry _X_ structural iron or steel
   _other:

10. ROOF: type:
    _X_ gable _X_ flat _X_ mansard _X_ monitor _X_ sawtooth
     _gambrel _X_ shed _X_ hip _X_ round _X_ other
     _material: _X_ wood shingle _X_ roll asphalt _X_ tin _X_ slate
     _asphalt shingle _X_ built up _X_ tile _X_ other: 36'x30'; west wing 36'x21';

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: east wing 32'x21'
12. CONDITION: Structural: __ excellent _X_ good __ fair __ deteriorated
    Exterior: __ excellent _X_ good __ fair __ deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY: Location: _X_ on original site _moved, when: _
    Alterations: _no _X_ yes, explain: West two-story wing added; east wing with porch

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES: added
    _X_ barn _X_ shed _X_ garage
    _X_ carriage house _X_ shop _X_ garden
    _X_ other landscape features or buildings: old hitching post; brownstone steps at edge of street

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

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This Federal center-hall house faces
    south from the northwest corner of Country Club Road and Atkins Street. The house is set
    sideways on a hill as Country Club Road rises steeply to the west. Tall maples shade the
    front yard and open land spreads out in the north and west, maintaining the traditional rural
    character of this section of Westfield.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Fanlight in each gable peak
Elaborately detailed doorway with leaded fanlight in broken pediment

SIGNIFICANCE

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was probably built between 1809 and 1815 by Jedediah Wilcox. The Wilcox family was prominent in the Westfield area for over two centuries.

The entrance of this center-hall house is certainly the most elaborately decorated example of a Federal doorway in Middletown. Finely carved pilasters support a broken pediment over a fanlight divided by elaborate leadwork.

Few Federal style center-hall houses remain in Middletown; this particular example is rarer still due to its wood frame construction as opposed to the much more prevalent use of brick.

Jedediah Wilcox was the son of one of the first settlers in Westfield. This fine Federal house reflects the gains and stability achieved in the short span of two generations.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas.

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known  highways  vandalism  developers  other:________________________

  renewal   private  deterioration  zoning  explanation:________________________