STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: __________________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 19 Cherry Street
4. OWNER(S): Rosina Fortuna ________________ PUBLIC X PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
Interior accessible: __________ explain __________ x no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Greek Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1830-1831
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: __________ x cut stone: type: brownstone
   __ other: ____________________________ foundation cemented over
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   __ wood frame: ______________________ x balloon
   __ load bearing masonry ______________ structural iron or steel
   __ other: ____________________________
10. ROOF: type:
     x gable ____________ flat ____________ mansard ____________ monitor ____________ sawtooth
     __ gambrel ____________ shed ____________ hip ____________ round ____________ other ____________
     material:______________________
     __ wood shingle ____________ roll asphalt ____________ tin ____________ slate
     x asphalt shingle ____________ built up ____________ tile ____________ other ____________
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 41' x 22'
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: ____________________
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    __ barn ____________ x shed ____________ garage ____________ other landscape features or buildings:
    __ carriage house __________________ shop ____________ x garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    __ open land ____________ x woodland ____________ residential ____________ scattered buildings visible from site
    __ commercial ____________ x industrial ____________ rural ____________ high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This house is located at the edge of the Middletown North End residential district. It faces a parking lot, Acheson Drive, and the Connecticut River to the east. There is also a parking lot and a new 2½ story commercial building to the south. The setback of the house, the enclosing hedges and vine-covered fences on either side, and the gardens to side and rear, shelter the house from the surrounding open space.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE
Architect: ___________ Builder: ___________

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The land on which this house was built was purchased by Isaac Warner, a resident of Ferry Street, in 1830. The house was built on the lot and sold one year later to a John Wyse, who owned it until 1861. Late 19th century owners Nicholas Tucker (owner of a second hand furniture store) and Horace Leonard (a "mariner" who lived in the house next door) apparently used the house as a rental property. The house has been in the Fortuna family, the present owners, for over 50 years.

The Warner-Wyse House is a good example of the early form of the popular three-bay house with gable to the street. Although the gable end is treated with a cornice return rather than a pediment, the house displays the influence of the Greek Revival style in the entrance doorway framed with pilasters and over-lights. The protective landscaping enhances both the house and the street.

PHOTOGRAPH
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; 1851 Clark Map; 1877 Bailey Map

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:
   none known  x  highways   vandalism   developers   other:________________________
   renewal  private   deterioration   zoning   explanation: The proposed extension of DeKoven Drive (State Department of Transportation) which will enlarge Cherry Street, will come much closer to this house than the present street.
Warner-Wyse House
317 Dekoven Drive (formerly 19 Cherry Street)
Middletown, CT 06457