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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ____________________________ Historic: Hart-Jamison House

2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: South Farms COUNTY: Middlesex

3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 603 East Main Street

4. OWNER(S): H.W. Dickerson

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-Greek

8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   x clapboard
   __ wood shingle
   __ board & batten
   __ aluminum siding
   __ other:
   __ asbestos siding
   __ asphalt siding
   __ stucco
   __ concrete: type: foundation west addition
   x brick
   __ fieldstone
   __ cobblestone
   __ 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
    __ gambrel
    __ shed
    __ mansard
    __ monitor
    __ sawtooth
    __ hip
    __ round
    __ other
    __ material:
    __ wood shingle
    __ roll asphalt
    x asphalt shingle: built up
    __ tin
    __ slate
    __ tile
    __ other:

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½
    APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 47' x 25'; south wing 20' x 25'

12. CONDITION: Structural:
    x excellent
    __ good
    __ fair
    x deteriorated
    Exterior:
    x excellent
    __ good
    __ fair
    __ deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site: moved, when:
    Alterations: __ no x yes, explain: Later addition to west

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    __ barn
    __ shed
    x garage
    __ carriage house
    __ shop
    __ garden
    __ other landscape features or buildings: Russell Company pond in rear

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

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This house faces east from the west side of East Main Street just east of the Russell Manufacturing Company pond. It is set back slightly from the street, and is framed by several trees. East Main Street in this area displays a mixed residential and industrial character.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

- Modillions under main cornice and projecting lintels front facade
- Fanlight over door
- Full height corner pilasters
- Doorway with fanlight in entablature

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: In 1814 James Hart purchased ten rods of land with a dwelling house from Thomas Brown. The late Federal style elements of this house, particularly its gable-to-street configuration, make it seem unlikely that it was constructed before 1814. It was probably built between 1814 and 1827 by James Hart, whose name is etched on a pane of glass in an old sash. In 1846 William Jamieson purchased the property, which was to remain in the Jamieson family until 1940. William Jamieson owned industrial property nearby, and leased it to various businesses.

This gable-to-street house displays a three-bay facade with side hall entrance flanked by pilasters and a fanlight above. Full height corner pilasters carry a pediment across the gable end. A half-round fanlight appears in the pediment.

The elaborate Federal decoration and original condition of this house make it one of the most notable structures in this area, which became industrialized during the mid-to-late nineteenth century.

19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; 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: