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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

DENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ___________________________________________________________________ Historic: Josiah Boardman House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown __________ VILLAGE: Westfield __________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 953 East Street
4. OWNER(S): Nada Jane Von Mahland ___________________________________________________________________ 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 permission __________ no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: __Center-Chimney Colonial __ DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: __c. 1734__
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: __ brownstone
   __ other: __ 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:
    __ wood shingle __ roll asphalt __ tin __ slate
    x asphalt shingle __ built up __ tile __ other:
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: __2 1/2 __ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: __25' x 45'__
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: __ Two-bay extension added to north
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    __ barn _ shed__ garage x other landscape features or buildings: __garage attached by breezeway north side
    __ carriage house __ shop __ garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    x open land __ woodland __ residential __ scattered buildings visible from site
    __ commercial __ industrial __ rural __ high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This well-preserved Colonial house faces east from the west side of East Street. Set close to the street, the house is protected from the presence of traffic by a hedge. This section of East Street displays a variety of residences mixed with small stretches of open land.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):
Doorway with pediment

SIGNIFICANCE
Architect: Builder:

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was probably built by Josiah Boardman (1705-1781) one of the earliest settlers in Westfield. In 1727 he purchased 100 acres; however, the earliest date ascribed to this house is 1734, which also is the date of Josiah Boardman's marriage to Rachel Cole. The appearance of the structure would support an early-to-mid-eighteenth century origin.

An addition, two bays wide, to the north end of the structure has altered its original five-bay facade. This addition is of probable early date as it is sympathetic in materials and design to the main portion of the house. The house, with its pedimented doorway, presents a long facade close to the street.

As a survivor from the earliest settlement of Westfield, this house has important historical associations. Moreover, its well-preserved condition makes it an important example of an early rural property in Westfield.

PHOTOGRAPH
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19. SOURCES: Commemorative Biography of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.B. Beers, 1903); 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: