STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ________________________________ Historic: Isaac Warner House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: __________________________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 33 Ferry Street
4. OWNER(S): Salvatore Damato PUBLIC x PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Residential (apartments) Historic: Residential
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: ca. 1817
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate): _x_ clapboard _x_ brick _x_ asbestos siding
   _x_ wood shingle _x_ fieldstone _x_ asphalt siding
   _x_ board & batten _x_ cobblestone _x_ stucco
   _x_ aluminum siding _x_ cut stone: type: brownstone
   _x_ other: sills and lintels, porch platform
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   _x_ wood frame: _x_ post and beam _x_ balloon
   _x_ load bearing masonry _x_ structural iron or steel
   _x_ other:
10. ROOF: type:
    _x_ gable _x_ flat
    _x_ gambrel _x_ mansard
    _x_ shed _x_ monitor
    _x_ hip _x_ sawtooth
    _x_ round _x_ other
    material:
    _x_ wood shingle _x_ roll asphalt _x_ slate
    _x_ asphalt shingle _x_ built up _x_ tile
    _x_ other:
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 29′ x 27′ (wings 22′ x 33′, 26′ x 15′)
12. CONDITION: Structural: _x_ excellent _x_ good _x_ fair _x_ deteriorated
    Exterior: _x_ excellent _x_ good _x_ fair _x_ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: _x_ on original site moved, when: Alterations: _no x yes, explain: Entrance porch widened; front entrance moved; wings added in rear; front facade openings changed.
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES: _x_ barn _x_ shed _x_ other landscape features or buildings: small yard
    _x_ carriage house _x_ garage _x_ in rear; driveway on east side of property.
    _x_ shop _x_ garden
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: The distinctive features of this small scale, high density neighborhood are its 2 to 3 story buildings on high foundations placed close to the street on small lots. Many have large front porches and/or storefront additions. The Isaac Warner House, which dates from the early development of the street, is typical in these respects.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE
Architect: Builder:

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The house was built for Isaac Warner, probably soon after he bought the property in 1817. By the mid-eighteenth century Ferry Street had been developed as a residential neighborhood by persons associated with Middletown's riverport activities. The Warner House was built during a period of economic recovery in Middletown's port trade following the war of 1812. It is one of the few brick examples of a three-bay house with ridge to the street in Middletown. The house displays Federal decoration such as flat arch fanlights in the gable ends, cornice with mutules, and a fanlight arch over the original entrance opening. The Italianate doorway and door are later. The house is an important reminder of the early development which formed the neighborhood's character. Its later use as an apartment building reflects the role of the area in the nineteenth century as the home of Irish and Italian immigrant groups.

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; 1825 Barnum Map; 1859 Walling Map; 1851 Clark Map; 1877 Bailey Map.

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:
   none known ______ highways ______ vandalism ______ developers ______
   renewal ______ private ______ deterioration ______ zoning ______
   x other: Building for sale
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