

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ____________________________ Historic: John Hubbard House
   TOWN/CITY: Middletown  VILLAGE: ____________________________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 332 Freeman Road
5. USE: Present: Residence  Historic: same
   ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes  no
   Interior accessible: yes, explain: ____________________________ x no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center- Chimney Colonial  DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1781
9. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   — clapboard  — asbestos siding  — brick  — cut stone: type: granite
   — wood shingle  — asphalt siding  — fieldstone
   — board & batten  — stucco  — cobblestone
   — aluminum siding  — concrete: type:  — foundation
   — other: ____________________________
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   x wood frame; x post and beam  balloon
   — load bearing masonry  — structural iron or steel
   — other: ____________________________
1. ROOF: type:
   x gable  — flat  — mansard  — monitor  — sawtooth
   — gambrel  — shed  — hip  — round  — other
   material: ____________________________
   — wood shingle  — roll asphalt  — tin  — slate  — other: ____________________________
   x asphalt shingle  — built up  — tile  — other: ____________________________
1. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2  APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 27'x37'
12. CONDITION: Structural: ____________________________
   Exterior: ____________________________
   x good  — fair  — deteriorated
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3. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site  moved, when: ____________________________
   Alterations: no  x yes, explain: Siding: interior alterations
4. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
   — barn  — shed  — garage  x other landscape features or buildings: low wood
   — carriage house  — shop  — garden
5. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
   x open land  — woodland  x residential  — scattered buildings visible from site
   — commercial  — industrial  x rural  — high building density
6. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This building faces Freeman Road near the Haddam boundary. From Saybrook Road, the road ascends a small rise before reaching the house. Two later residences are a short distance east and west. A barn is north 10th Aircraft Road beyond. The front of the house, screened by a large tree, overlooks a sloping field across the road.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: Builder:

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: When Deacon John Earl Hubbard wrote his will in 1781, he granted this house, then partially built, to his eldest son John. Hubbard's earlier home, located at 1866 Saybrook Road, stands a short distance away. The house remained occupied for many years by the Hubbard family and their descendants. Luther A. Freeman, husband of John E. Hubbard's great-granddaughter, resided here during the late 1800s. Before moving to the house, he had owned the largest sawmill in the country. His son, Edgar Freeman, built the house next door to the west in 1870. He and his father jointly farmed their property, that contained over three hundred acres by 1900.

This Colonial house is a distinctive feature of the area. The five-bay facade has a notable central entrance. Five small, rectangular lights are above the door that displays decorative strap hinges. The broad, gabled roof is crowned by a large center chimney. The sides of the building exhibit double overhangs.

The structure, despite its aluminum sided walls, has retained much of its original character. Sited near fields bordered by stone walls, it is reminiscent of an era when a small group of families farmed this outlying area of town.

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Records; Commemorative Biographical Record of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.H. Beers, 1903); 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: