IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Hubbard Street Fire House Historic: same
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: ___________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 1 Hubbard Street
4. OWNER(S): John & Melissa Shilke PUBLIC X PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: Firehouse
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
   Interior accessible: yes, explain ____________________________ x no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Victorian Institutional DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1876
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   _x_ clapboard _x_ asbestos siding _x_ brick
   _x_ wood shingle _x_ asphalt siding _x_ fieldstone
   _x_ board & batten _x_ stucco _x_ cobblestone
   _x_ aluminum siding _x_ concrete: type: ___________
   _x_ cut stone: type: brownstone lintels & arches
   _x_ other:
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   _x_ wood frame: post and beam _x_ balloon
   _x_ load bearing masonry _x_ structural iron or steel
   _x_ other:
10. ROOF: type:
   _x_ gable _x_ shed _x_ monitor _x_ sawtooth
   _x_ gambrel _x_ mansard _x_ round _x_ other hose drying tower
   _x_ material:
   _x_ wood shingle _x_ roll asphalt _x_ tin _x_ slate
   _x_ asphalt shingle _x_ built up _x_ tile _x_ other:
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 1½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 23'x35'
12. CONDITION: Structural: _x_ excellent _x_ fair _x_ deteriorated
    Exterior: _x_ excellent _x_ good _x_ fair _x_ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site moved, when:
    Alterations: _x_ yes, explain: Dome removed from hose drying tower, entranceway altered; interior renovated for adaptive use.
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    _x_ barn _x_ shed _x_ other landscape features or buildings: house attached
    _x_ carriage house _x_ garage _x_ to rear
    _x_ shop _x_ garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    _x_ open land _x_ woodland _x_ residential _x_ scattered buildings visible from site
    _x_ woodland _x_ commercial _x_ industrial _x_ high building density
    _x_ residential _x_ rural
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This substantial structure sits on a corner site, facing east. This older neighborhood consists of nineteenth century closely sited residences. A church and a parochial school are nearby.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Molded brownstone "3" over entranceway

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect:  
Builder:  

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The City of Middletown erected this fire station in 1876, the era of horse drawn fire coaches. It served the community for nearly one hundred years. In 1975 it was purchased by a local couple and adapted for domestic use.

The fire house's exterior looks much as it did when originally constructed. Only minor changes have altered its appearance; the dome has been removed from the drying tower and a supportive beam inserted over the double entranceway (originally arched). Otherwise this building retains its simple decorative features: brick corbelling under the eaves of the pitched roof and brownstone hooded moldings over the windows. It bears a similarity to another early Middletown fire house, Hose Company #2, 107 College Street (between 1853 and 1864).

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; 1874 Beers Atlas; 1877 Daily Perspective View Map

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known  highways  vandalism  developers  other:  
renewal  private  deterioration  zoning  explanation:  

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Middletown, CT 06457