STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ___________________________ Historic: First Robert Hubbard House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: ___________________________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Long Hill; Northwest corner of Long Lane
4. OWNER(S): Wesleyan University ___________________________ PUBLIC x PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
   Interior accessible: yes, explain ___________________________ x no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Gothic Revival
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   x clapboard ___________________________
   gable: x wood shingle ___________________________
   —board & batten ___________________________
   —aluminum siding ___________________________
   —other: ___________________________
   —asbestos siding ___________________________
   —asphalt siding ___________________________
   —stucco ___________________________
   —concrete: type: ___________________________
   __ brick ___________________________
   __ fieldstone ___________________________
   __ cobblestone ___________________________
   __ cut stone: type: brownstone_________________________
   __ foundation ___________________________

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   x wood frame: post and beam ___________________________
   —load bearing masonry ___________________________
   —structural iron or steel ___________________________
   —other: ___________________________

10. ROOF: type: x gable-flat ___________________________
     __ gambrel ___________________________
     __dormers ___________________________
     __shed ___________________________
     __ mansard ___________________________
     __monitor ___________________________
     __sawtooth ___________________________
     __ round ___________________________
     __ other ___________________________
     __ material: ___________________________
     __wood shingle ___________________________
     __roll asphalt ___________________________
     __asphalt shingle built up ___________________________
     __ tile ___________________________
     __ slate ___________________________
     __ other: ___________________________

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 1½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 34'x20'
12. CONDITION: Structural: x excellent ___________________________
    Exterior: x excellent ___________________________
    x good ___________________________
    x fair ___________________________
    x deteriorated ___________________________
13. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site ___________________________
    moved, when: ___________________________
    Alterations: x no yes, explain: ___________________________
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
   __ barn ___________________________
   __ shed ___________________________
   __ garage ___________________________
   __ other landscape features or buildings: ___________________________
   __ carriage house ___________________________
   __ shop ___________________________
   __ garden ___________________________
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
   __ open land ___________________________
   __ woodland ___________________________
   x residential ___________________________
   x scattered buildings visible from site ___________________________
   __ commercial ___________________________
   __ industrial ___________________________
   __ rural ___________________________
   __ high building density ___________________________
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This structure faces south from the northwest intersection of Long Hill Road and Long Lane. It sits on a large tree-shaded plot in a rural area.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE
Architect: _______ Builder: _______

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Robert Hubbard, a local farmer and business man began his career on a ten acre plot of land deeded to him by his father. Hubbard ran a small business as well as operating the farm and an orchard. He erected this small residence on that plot in 1868. The property remained in the Hubbard family for nearly one hundred years. Wesleyan University acquired the house in the early 1960s and it is currently used for residential purposes.

This structure was built in the Gothic Revival style popular in the mid-1800s. It is 2½ stories with a steeply-pitched, cross-gabled roof and docked-gable dormers. Decorative features include gable trim, finials, pendants and carved moldings over the windows. The exterior is finished with clapboards and vertical board and batten siding in the gables.

This house is an excellent and well-preserved Middletown example of a Gothic cottage in a rural setting.

PHOTOGRAPH
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Commemorative Biography of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.H. Beers, 1905)

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:
- none known
- highways
- vandalism
- developers
- renewal
- private
- deterioration
- zoning
- other: ____________________
- explanation: ____________________