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S. ORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
Building and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Bacon Brothers
Historic: Hubbard-Holland Building
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: ___
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 359 Main Street
4. OWNER(S): Bacon Brothers, Incorporated
Historic: Commercial and residential
5. USE: Present: Commercial
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
Interior accessible: x yes, explain first floor store; upper no
stories with permission

DESCRIPTION
6. STYtLE OF BUILDING: Early 20th Century Plain Commercial
7. DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c.1873, remodelled early 20th century
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   ____ clapboard __asbestos siding
   ____ wood shingle __asphalt siding
   ____ board & batten x stucco front
   ____ aluminum siding __concrete: type: _______
   ____ other:
   ____ load bearing masonry __structural iron or steel
   ____ other:
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   ____ wood frame; x post and beam _balloon
   ____ other:
10. ROOF: type:
    ____ gable __x flat __mansion
    ____ gambrel __shed __hip __monitor
    ____ sawtooth
    ____ other:
    ____ material:
    ____ wood shingle __roll asphalt __tin
    ____ asphalt shingle ? built up __tile __other:
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 3
    APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 40' x 150'
12. CONDITION: Structural: x excellent __good __fair __deteriorated
    Exterior: __excellent __good __fair __deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site __moved, when:
    Alterations: __no x yes, explain: Major remodelling early 20th century (See #18)
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    ____ barn __shed x garage
    ____ carriage house ___shop __garden
    x other landscape features or buildings: Small concrete block machine shop facing on Broad Street
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    ____ open land __woodland __residential
    __ commercial __industrial __ rural
    x scattered buildings visible from site
    x high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This three story structure sits on the west side of Main Street in Middletown's central business district. Affixed to its north wall is the later, five story, Hartford National Bank. Directly to the south is a plain four story commercial building.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE
Architect: Builder:
18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This building was constructed in 1873 for Charles C. Hubbard, a local hardware and cutlery merchant. The building, designed for commercial use, also had elegant living quarters on the second and third floors. Hubbard resided there until 1876.

During the late 1800's and early 1900's this building housed a variety of businesses; among them Noxon and Whitney, hardware dealers, and W. Ayres, dealers in teas, coffees and spices. The Alling Rubber Company owned and occupied the building from 1919 until its sale to Bacon Brothers in 1927. Bacon Brothers, dealers in hardware and appliances, have occupied this site since then. It is one of the oldest family-operated businesses in Middletown.

The configuration of this structure has changed considerably since its erection. It originally consisted of two sections: a three story, three-bay store with living quarters to the north; and a one story store to the south. Sometime in the early 1900's the one story section was raised, and a new stuccoed facade integrated the two sections. Although the first floor has been modernized, the upper stories retain many of their original features;

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; Marino Postal Card Collection, GMPT

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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no oval windows on the south side with elaborate carved brackets, staircase, moldings, etc., marble fireplaces, and early lighting fixtures. These apartments, which reflect the refined urban living style of the late 19th century, are presently vacant and used for storage.
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