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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

Identification

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Stueck Building
   Historic: Stueck's Block
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown
   VILLAGE: 
   COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 460-470 Main Street
4. OWNER(S): RHEM, Inc.
   Historic: same
5. USE: Present: Commercial
   Historic: 
   Interior accessible: yes, explain: commercial use
   Exterior visible from public road: yes, no
   ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Public

Description

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Late 19th Century Commercial
   DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1893
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   - clapboard
   - wood shingle
   - board & batten
   - aluminum siding
   - other:
   - asbestos siding
   - asphalt siding
   - stucco
   - concrete: type:
   - brick
   - fieldstone
   - cobblestone
   - cut stone: type: limestone
   - lintels & sills:
   - granite foundation front & side:
   - brownstone foundation rear
   - load bearing masonry
   - structural iron or steel (interior framing)
   - other:
9. ROOF: type:
   - gable
   - gambrel
   - shed
   - mansard
   - hip
   - monitor
   - round
   - sawtooth
   - other:
   - material:
   - wood shingle
   - roll asphalt
   - tile
   - slate
   - other:
10. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
    - wood frame:
    - post and beam
    - balloon
    - load bearing masonry
    - structural iron or steel (interior framing)
    - other:
11. APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 63'x120'
12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent
    Exterior: excellent
13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site
    moved, when: 
    Alterations: no
    yes, explain: 
    Storefronts modernized

Related Outbuildings or Landscape Features

- barn
- shed
- carriage house
- shop
- garage
- garden
- other landscape features or buildings:

Surrounding Environment

- open land
- woodland
- residential
- commercial
- industrial
- rural
- high building density
- scattered buildings visible from site

Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings:
The Stueck Building occupies the northeast corner site at the intersection of Main and Washington Streets. Its four story height is consistent with the commercial buildings to the north. This massive brick building counter balances similarly-sized structures on two of the other three corners.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE
Architect: 
Builder: Horace Butler

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Jacob W. Stueck first appears on the Middletown scene as a driver for Hoffert's Bakery (at the southeast corner of Main and Washington Streets opposite the present Stueck building) in 1878. A scant two years later he was the proprietor of the same bakery. He relocated his bakery and dining rooms across the street in a commercial block that he built in 1893. The building is still used commercially with three stores on the ground floor, offices and apartments on the upper floor.

This otherwise plain brick structure is distinguished by a decorative frieze and cornice molding at the roof line. Limestone belt courses delineate the upper window courses against the red brick walls. The building solidifies the corner with its imposing mass and bulk. It makes a fitting anchor for this busy city corner.

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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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