STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ____________________________ Historic: Lawton & Wall Block
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: ______________________ COUNTY: Middlesex.
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 562-576 Main Street (east side)
4. OWNER(S): See next page (below #21) PUBLIC x PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Commercial Historic: same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
   Interior accessible: x yes, explain commercial use: no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Italianate Commercial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 562-564, 1867;
   568-576, 1870-1874
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   x clapboard __ asbestos siding __ brick
   __ wood shingle __ asphalt siding __ fieldstone
   __ board & batten __ stucco __ cobblestone
   __ aluminum siding __ concrete: type: __ cut stone: type: brownstone
   __ other: __ foundation
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   x wood frame: __ post and beam __ balloon
   __ load bearing masonry __ structural iron or steel
   __ other:
10. ROOF: type:
    x gable __ flat __ mansard __ monitor __ sawtooth
    __ gambrel __ shed __ hip __ round __ other
    material:
    __ wood shingle __ roll asphalt __ tin __ slate
    __ asphalt shingle __ built up __ tile __ other:
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 3 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 20'x55' (each section)
12. CONDITION: Structural: __ excellent __ good __ fair __ deteriorated
    Exterior: __ excellent __ good __ fair __ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site __ moved, when:
    Alterations: __ no x yes, explain: Storefront alterations; brick painted
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    __ barn __ shed __ garage x other landscape features or buildings: passway in
    __ carriage house __ shop __ garden __ rear
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    __ open land __ woodland __ residential __ scattered buildings visible from site
    x commercial __ industrial __ rural __ high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This row of five connected buildings
    faces west from the northeast corner of Main and Ferry Streets. It presents a long common
    facade stretching north from Ferry Street. Main Street in this area displays the heavy com-
    mercial development associated with Middletown's central business district.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):
Bracketed cornice, #560-576
Metal cornice over first floor storefront, #574-576

SIGNIFICANCE

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This block is a composite of five brick structures. The south section was built as a free standing building in 1867 by George N. Ward. The remaining four buildings to the north were all built between 1870 and 1874 and possibly all at the same time. Numbers 560-572 share identical facades including an unbroken common cornice. Number 574-576 has identical details (brackets, cornice molding), however, the roofline is higher than its adjoining neighboring structures.
These buildings were constructed by merchants for their own use to house retail establishments. They remain in commercial use and are an important connection to Main Street's earlier days as Middletown's commercial center.

PHOTOGRAPH
photographer: Elizabeth Loomis
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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:
X none known highway vandalism developers other:
renewal private deterioration zoning explanation:

OWNERS: 562-564 Main Street, J. & C. Salafia
566-568 Main Street, William T. & Mark C. Corvo
574-576 Main Street, Edward O. Marchinkoski
Lawton & Wall Block
560-576 Main Street, east side (formerly #562-576)
Middletown, CT 06457