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TOWN NO.: SITE NO.: 
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DISTRICT: 5 NR: ACTUAL POTENTIAL

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RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
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ATION
ANG NAME: Common: Instant Printing Historic: Scranton Building
WN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: 
ETY & NUMBER (and/or location): 615-617 Main Street COUNTY: Middlesex

E Present: Printing business, residence Historic: Commercial, residential
SSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
Interior accessible: x yes, explain printing business no

TION
YLE OF BUILDING: Italianate Commercial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1876
ERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
Clapboard
wood shingle
board & batten
iluminum siding
other:

UCTURAL SYSTEM:
wood frame: post and beam balloon
load bearing masonry structural: iron or steel
other:

OFF: type:
- gable - shed - mansard - monitor - sawtooth
- gambrel - roll asphalt - tin - slate - other:
material:
wood shingle - built up asphalt shingle

MBER OF STORIES: 3 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 24'x71'

ONDITION: Structural:
- excellent - good - fair - deteriorated
Exterior:
- excellent - good - fair - deteriorated

TEGRITY: Location: x on original site moved, when:
Alterations: no x yes, explain: Small one-story wing: altered store front

RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
- barn - shed - garage - other landscape features or buildings:
- carriage house - shop - garden

URROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
- open land - woodland - residential X high building density
- commercial - industrial - rural

ERELATIONSHIPS OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This three story commercial build-
ing is located on the west side of the north end of Main Street. Scaled smaller than its
neighbors and dominated by the massive Arrigoni Building attached to its south wall, this
building is distinguished by its color scheme.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE

HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This commercial building was built by Edwin Scranton in 1876 as a profitmaking business venture. John McIndue, conductor of a "Confectionary and Ice Cream" business, was the first occupant. William Hennessey operated his "Bottling Works" here from 1886 to 1902, and M.J. Fitzgibbons continued a bottling business from 1904 to 1921. These "Bottling Works" specialized in mineral waters and were wholesale agents for wellknown breweries. Since 1914 this building has housed Scanlon Brothers Printing, although ownership has changed hands.

The facade of this Italianate structure is painted beige and accented by a dark brown second and third story bay which is surmounted by a bold bracketed cornice.

This reminder of Middletown's late 19th century vigorous business activity remains an influential element in the stylistically diverse northern end of Main Street.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; 1874 Beers Map; 1877 Bailey Map

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known highways vandalism developers other: 
renewal private deterioration zoning explanation: 
Scranton Building
613-617 Main Street (formerly #615-617)
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