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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Jeremiah Wilcox House Historic: same
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 861 Middle Street
4. OWNER(S): Alice P. McInerney PUBLIC x PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
   Interior accessible: x yes, explain ________ with permission ________ no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Saltbox DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1760
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: ________ x_cut stone: type: brownstone
   ________________________________________________ foundation
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   x_wood frame: x_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: ________
        x_wood shingle __roll asphalt __tin __slate
        __asphalt shingle __built up __tile __other: 39'x22'; south wing 25'5'16';
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: west wing 45'x20'
12. CONDITION: Structural: x_excellent __good __fair __deteriorated
    __excellent __good __fair __deteriorated
    Exterior: __excellent x_good __fair __deteriorated
3. INTEGRITY: Location: x_on original site moved, when:
   Alterations: __no x=yes, explain: Southwest wing; doorway; cornice extended
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
   __barn __shed __garage x_other landscape features or buildings: large shade
   __carriage house __shop __garden tree in corner
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
   __open land __woodland __residential ________ x_scattered buildings visible from site
   __commercial __industrial __rural __high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This old saltbox faces east from the
    southwest corner of Middle and Bradley Streets. A large shade tree on the corner towers
    over the house. Westfield in this area has scattered buildings in open rural surroundings.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Later Greek Revival doorway with side lights

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _______ Builder: _______

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was probably built around 1760 by Jeremiah Wilcox, an early settler in Westfield. The straight line of the rear roof indicates that its saltbox configuration dates from the construction of the house.

Several alterations have obscured the probable original appearance of this structure. Principal among these are the extension of the cornice lines to produce overhanging eaves; a late Greek Revival doorway; and the addition of large wings to the south and west.

As a survivor from the earliest days of the settlement of Westfield, this house plays an important role in preserving the ancient historical associations of this still rural area.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: History of Middlesex County (New York: J.B. Beers, 1884); 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Clark Map

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known ______ highways ______ vandalism ______ developers ______ other:

____ renewal ______ private ______ deterioration ______ zoning ______ explanation: