STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ____________________________ Historic: ____________________________
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 1184 and 1221 Middle Street
4. OWNER(S): 1184: Edward and Jennie Ducki; 1221: Catherine Leonard PUBLIC x PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
   Interior accessible: yes, explain ____________________________ x no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Greek Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1859
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   _clapboard_ _x_asbestos siding
   _wood shingle_ _asphalt siding
   _board & batten_ _stucco
   _aluminum siding_ _concrete: type: ______
   _other: ____________________________
   _brick_ _fieldstone
   _cobbledstone_ _cut stone: type: probably brownstone
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
    _gambrel_ _shed
    _hip_ _round
    _monitor_ _sawtooth
    _other: ____________________________
    _material: ____________________________
    _wood shingle_ _roll asphalt
    _asphalt shingle_ _built up
    _x_concrete: type: ______
    _tin_ _slate
    _tile_ _other: ____________________________
    1184: 21'x49';
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: _2½_ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 1221: 28'x22' rear wing 12'34'
12. CONDITION: Structural: _excellent_ _x_good_ _fair_ _deteriorated
    Exterior: _excellent_ _x_good_ _fair_ _deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: _x_on original site_ moved, when:
    Alterations: _no_ _x_yes, explain: 1221: Rear wing added
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    1184: _x_barn_ _shed_ _x_garage_ _other landscape features or buildings: ____________________________
    _carriage house_ _shop_ _garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    _x_open land_ _woodland_ _x_residential_ _x_scattered buildings visible from site
    _commercial_ _industrial_ _rural_ _high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: These two vernacular Greek Revival houses are located on either side of Middle Street just south of the Berlin line. 1184 faces west from atop a bank close to the street, and 1221 is set back slightly on a plot bordered by Division and Middle Streets. This section of Westfield has open rural surroundings.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

#1184: Window in gable pediment
Greek Revival doorway with pilaster and entablature

#1221: Greek Revival doorway; no pediment in gable

SIGNIFICANCE

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: During the mid-19th century Westfield was a growing farming community. These two small vernacular Greek Revival houses reflect that period. They were both built before 1859, probably by members of the Bowers family. Each displays the gable-to-street configuration typical of the vernacular Greek Revival in Middletown, although 1221 differs slightly with a cross-gabled wing to the south. Other common features are the Greek entrances with simple pilasters and entablature. 1184 displays a pedimented gable, while 1221 utilizes prominent main cornice returns to suggest a pediment.

Together these houses reflect the continued growth of Westfield as a farming community during a period when industry was spurring development in other areas of Middletown.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: 1184: B.A. Cleary; 1221: J.E. Reynolds
date: 1184:3/79; 1221:12/7 View: 1184: west; 1221: east
negative on file: 1184: Roll 61, #15A; 1221: Roll 51, #33

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19. SOURCES: 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known __highways ___vandalism ___developers
___renewal ___private ___deterioration ___zoning