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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: __________________________ Historic: Brainerd House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: ________________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Mount Road; south side, just east of Millbrook Road
4. OWNER(S): Elsie B. Salonia ________________ 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: Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1725
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   X clapboard __ asbestos siding
   — wood shingle __ asphalt siding
   — board & batten __ stucco
   — aluminum siding __ concrete: type: __________
   — other: __________
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:
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 1 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 37'x27' (19'x23' wing)
12. CONDITION: Structural: X excellent __ good __ fair __ deteriorated
    Exterior: X excellent __ good __ fair __ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: X on original site __ moved, when:
    Alterations: no X yes, explain: Kitchen ell added; interior restored
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    X barn __ shed __ garage __ other landscape features or buildings: slate walkway
    — carriage house __ shop __ garden __________
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    — open land __ woodland __ residential __ scattered buildings visible from site
    — commercial __ industrial __ X rural __ high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This house faces north from the south side of Mount Road, a short dirt road off of Millbrook Road. It sits comfortably in the slope of a hill and is surrounded by large maple trees. Rolling fields and pastures range to the south of the premises.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE
Norris Prentiss
Architect: (Restoration Architect) Builder:

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This structure was erected around 1725 for Caleb and Elizabeth Brainerd, (probably by their son, Obadiah Brainerd), and remained in the Brainerd family until 1789. The house may have been constructed on the site of an earlier tavern, owned by Daniel Harris, an original settler of Middletown. The Paddock family owned the property for the next forty-three years. In 1832 Jehosophat Spencer acquired the property and it remained in his family for forty-three years. Warren S. Williams gained full title to the property in 1875. Williams attempted to raise horses on the property, but was unsuccessful in converting traditional farming land to this use. He was responsible for extensive landscaping of the grounds. Patrick and Catherine Flanagan and their descendants occupied the homestead and farmed the land from 1894 to 1963. This house is currently owned by Elsie B. Salonia.

This house is a good example of a central chimney, one and one-half story house of the 18th century. The house underwent a careful restoration during the ownership of the Salonia family, and is now in excellent condition. The exterior displays many original features of high quality including doors, wide floor boards, and fielded panelling.

PHOTOGRAPH
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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: ____________________________