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: White Eagle Cafe Historic: Charles Boardman House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 48 Main Street
4. OWNER(S): City of Middletown Historic: Residence
5. USE: Present: Tavern Historic: Residence
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
Interior accessible: x yes, explain

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center chimney Colonial
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   x clapboard x wood shingle x asbestos siding x brick
   __ board & batten __ asphalt siding __ fieldstone
   __ aluminum siding __ stucco __ cobblestone
   __ other: __ concrete: type: __ 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 x mansard __ monitor x sawtooth
    __ gambrel __ shed __ hip __ round: __ other:
    material:
    x wood shingle __ roll asphalt __ tin __ slate
    __ asphalt shingle __ built up __ tile __ other:
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 37'x28' (rear wing 21'x15')
12. CONDITION: Structural: x excellent __ good x fair __ detriorated
    Exterior: x excellent __ good x fair __ detriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site __ moved, when:
    Alterations: no x yes, explain: Extended restaurant front, asphalt siding
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    x barn __ shed __ garage __ other landscape features or buildings: 1758 barn in
    __ carriage house __ shop __ garden (See CSIC Form "Charles Chadwick Barn"
    __ 50 Main Street)
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    x open land __ woodland __ residential __ scattered buildings visible from site
    __ commercial __ industrial __ rural __ high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This center chimney colonial house
    faces west from Main Street nearly opposite the South Green. It is set close to the street
    on a block displaying a variety of commercial buildings. Across the street are four
    structures dating from the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Double overhang
Center stairway with molded stringcourse, turned balusters and newel posts
Panelling southwest chamber with shelves over fireplace

SIGNIFICANCE

Builder: Constant Kirtland (frame only)

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Constant Kirtland sold this property in 1752 with "a new dwelling house" to Charles Boardman, who finished and occupied the house. In 1758 it was acquired by Charles Chadwick, who built the barn in the rear (50 Main Street). Deacon Joseph Clark purchased the property in 1762 and operated an apothecary on the premises. The building's combined residential/commercial use dates from Deacon Clark's Apothecary. The Redevelopment Agency acquired the property in 1976 and has designated the house and barn for inclusion in a restoration-adaptive use project developed by John F. Reynolds, III.

This house is characteristic of mid-eighteenth century residential construction in the lower Connecticut Valley with its double overhang, center chimney, and two-room-deep plan. The exterior and front rooms will be restored to their approximate original condition. Many original features remain, notably the clapboards, stairway and some paneling, as well as some 12/12 sash and the four fireplaces.

The house is intended for use as professional offices and, with the three buildings across Main Street already restored by Mr. Reynolds, will be a major contribution to the redevelopment/improvement of the south end of Main Street.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis
date: 6/78 view: west
negative on file: Roll 25A, #31

COMPILED BY:

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; Jesse Alsop, "Constant Kirtland House," Old Houses of Connecticut Series (FERA 1935);

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known ______ highways ______ vandalism ______ developers ______ other: _______________________
____ renewal ______ private ______ deterioration ______ zoning ______ explanation: _______________________

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