STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

for Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ___________________________ Historic: Charles Chadwick Barn

2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____________ COUNTY: Middlesex

3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 50 Main Street

4. OWNER(S): ___________________________ X PUBLIC __PRIVATE

5. USE: Present: Vacant Historic: Barn; later apartments

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes ___ no Interior accessible: x yes, explain with permission of Redevelopment Agency

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: 18th century barn DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1758

8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   x clapboard
   wood shingle east and north asphaltsiding
   board & batten
   aluminum siding
   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
    gambrel
    shed
    flat
    mansard
    hip
    monitor
    round
    sawtooth
    other

11. MATERIAL:
    wood shingle
    roll asphalt
    tin
    slate
    asphalt shingle
    built up
    tile
    other:

12. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 36' x 24'

13. CONDITION: Structural: x excellent __good
    Exterior: x excellent __good
    fair __deteriorated
    x fair __deteriorated

14. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site moved, when:
    Alterations: no x yes, explain: Interior converted to residential use; exterior stuccoed and shingled

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    x barn
    shed
    garage
    x other landscape features or buildings: Charles Boardman House (1753) to west
    carriage house
    shop
    garden

16. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    x open land
    woodland
    residential
    scattered buildings visible from site
    commercial
    industrial
    rural
    x high building density

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This barn is set in the rear of the Charles Boardman House (1753) property on the east side of Main Street. It is screened from Main Street by a shaded passway along the south line of the State Armory property. The small yard surrounding this barn is enclosed by buildings and fences.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Granite flagstone in basement
Old sash in gable peaks
Old floorboards (some 28" wide) in attic

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Charles Chadwick purchased the Charles Boardman house in 1758. In 1762 he sold the property with outbuildings to Joseph Clark. Construction details such as pegged post and beam framing, wide floorboards and rubble foundation support the period 1758-62 as a likely date for this building. It was used as a barn until the 1920's, when it was converted into two apartment units. The Redevelopment Agency acquired the property in 1976, and it was subsequently designated for restoration/adaptive use as part of a project developed by John F. Reynolds, III.

This barn is a unique survival of the 18th century on Main Street, when home lots were large and had many assorted outbuildings. Its restoration will make an important contribution to the restoration/improvement of the south end of Main Street.

19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; 1851 Clark 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: _______________________

PHOTOGRAPH
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