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: ________________________ COUNTY: Middlesex

3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 214 and 223 Millbrook Road

4. OWNER(S): 214: Louis H. Harris, 223: Constance Grasso et al. ________________________
   PUBLIC X PRIVATE

5. USE: Present: Residential Historic: __________________ same

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: X yes no
   Interior accessible: X yes, explain with owner’s permission no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Italianate ________________________ DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1874

8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   ___ clapboard ___ asbestos siding ___ brick
   ___ wood shingle ___ asphalt siding ___ fieldstone
   ___ board & batten ___ stucco ___ cobblestone
   X aluminum siding ___ concrete: type: 214: brownstone
   ___ other: foundation; 223: stuccoed brownstone foundation

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   X wood frame; _ post and beam _ balloon
   ___ load bearing masonry ___ structural iron or steel
   ___ other:

10. ROOF: type:
    ___ gable ___ flat ___ mansard ___ monitor ___ sawtooth
        ___ gambrel ___ shed X hip ___ round ___ other
        material:
    ___ wood shingle ___ roll asphalt ___ tin ___ slate ___ other:
    X asphalt shingle ___ built up ___ tile ___ 214: 29’x29’, wing 22’x25’;
    ___ other:

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 223: 28’x25’, wing 23’x30’

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: 223: two-story extension on south; both: wrought

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    ___ barn 214: X shed 223: X garage ___ other landscape features or buildings:
    ___ carriage house ___ shop ___ garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    ___ open land ___ woodland X residential ___ scattered buildings visible from site
    ___ commercial ___ industrial ___ rural ___ high building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: These two Italianate structures face
    each other from corner sites on the north end of Millbrook Road. Both exhibit cared-for
    lawns and shrubbery. They sit on large plots at the edge of an area of modern ranch-houses.
SIGNIFICANCE

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: These houses were erected in the 1870s residential development of Johnson's Lane. (Prior to this development Millbrook Road, as it is currently called, was extensively farmed). Sources indicate the houses are on land which was once part of a large plot owned by H.C. Johnson. Early occupants included Henry Johnson and possibly Wellington Johnson, farmers.

Both of these structures display typical Italianate features: cubical form, flat roof, wide over hanging eaves, and symmetrical window placement.

They are representative of the late 19th century farming character of an area which continued in agricultural use until the 1940s.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Roger Sherman

date: 9/78

view: 214: SW; 223: SE

negative on file: 214: Roll 38, #13; 223: Roll 38, #14

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known  ____highways     _ vandalism   _developers

____renewal    ____private     ____deterioration  ____zoning