STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
9 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
(203) 566-3005

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
for Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ________________ Historic: Miller-Dunklee House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Newfield COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 717 Newfield Street
4. OWNER(S): Peter Nelson ____________ PUBLIC X PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Professional Offices Historic: Residene
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
   Interior accessible: x yes, explain Office use no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Federal ____________ DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1810
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   : clapboard : asbestos siding x brick
   : wood shingle : asphalt siding
   : board & batten : stucco
   : aluminum siding : concrete: type:
   : other: 
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   : wood frame: x load bearing masonry balloon structural iron or steel
   : other: 
10. ROOF: type:
    : gable : flat : mansard : monitor : sawtooth
    : gambrel : shed : hip : round : other
    : material: wood shingle roll asphalt 
    : asphalt shingle built up : tin : x slate 
    : other: 
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 ____________ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 39'x28'; rear wing 20'x17'
12. CONDITION: Structural: x excellent 
    : Exterior: x excellent 
13. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site moved, when:
    Alterations: _ no x yes, explain: Interior remodelled for offices; small addition to back of kitchen wing
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES: barn
    : shed : garage x other landscape features or buildings: parking lot
    : carriage house shop 
    : garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    : open land : woodland: x residential scattered buildings visible from site
    : commercial: industrial: rural x high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This finely-scaled Federal house faces east from the west side of Newfield Street near the corner of the access road to Mid-
dletown High School. Tall trees shade the house which is set back slightly from the street. Newfield Street in this area displays a mixture of residences and commercial structures.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):
Denticulated cornice
Fanlight over entrance
W&B Douglas Co. pump in yard

SIGNIFICANCE

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was built around 1810 by Samuel Miller (1782-1856). His son Augustus later occupied and farmed the property until 1895, at which time title passed to his daughter, Mrs. Henry F. Dunklee. Recently the house was saved from probable demolition through its acquisition by Dr. Peter Nelson. Dr. Nelson has restored the exterior while adapting the interior for use as offices.

The symmetrical five-bay arrangement of this well-proportioned brick house is shared by others of its period in Middletown. Of these perhaps the Watkinson House (70 Main Street) and Mansfield House (151 Main Street) are best known. Due to its carefully preserved appearance this house ranks with those mentioned as one of the best examples of its type in Middletown.

PHOTOGRAPH
photographer: Elizabeth Loomis
date: 11/78
view: east
negative on file: Roll 50, #3

COMPiled BY:
name: John E. Reynolds
date: 9/78
organization: Greater Middletown Preservation Trust
address: 27 Washington St., Middletown, Ct. 06457

19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; Connecticut State Historical Commission Survey 1966, "Miller House"; 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:
X none known ______highways ______vandalism ______developers ______other: ______explanation: ______
____renewal ______private ______deterioration ______zoning ______