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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Bacon-Snow House Historic: Capt. Theophilus Cande House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Newfield COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 473 Newfield Street PUBLIC x PRIVATE
4. OWNER(S): Norman and Annie Bessett Historic: same
5. USE: Present: Residence 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: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1754 and 1781 possibly between
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate): x clapboard asbestos siding brick x fieldstone foundation x wood shingle asphalt siding cobblestone x board & batten stucco x cut stone: type: brownstone ashlar foundation between fieldstone and sill 

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 sawtooth
    gambrel shed other
    material:
    wood shingle roll asphalt x slate
    asphalt shingle built up tile other

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 24’x33’
12. CONDITION: Structural:
    excellent x good fair deteriorated
    Exterior:
    excellent x good fair deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site moved, when: Alterations: no x yes, explain: Rear wing added c. 1826; second floor added to wing c. 1899

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

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

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This center-chimney Colonial house faces east from the northwest corner of Newfield and Congdon Streets. It is set back from Newfield Street behind a lawn shaded by large trees. Newfield Street in this area displays several early houses interspersed between late nineteenth and early twentieth century residential construction.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):
   Greek entrance with sidelights and high entablature
   Triple-run center staircase with carved newel posts and panelled dado
   Barrel-arch chimney foundation (brick arch in fieldstone base)

SIGNIFICANCE
   Architect: ____________________________ Builder: _________________________

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was probably built by Theophilus Cande between 1754 and 1781. It may have been constructed as early as 1743 by John Elton, Jr. who owned the land previous to Cande. The sophistication of the interior appointments and the fact that Cande was a wealthy sea captain make it more likely that he was responsible for the construction of this house.

   The center-chimney, two-room deep plan of this house was typical of eighteenth-century domestic architecture. However, the house lacks the characteristic overhang of this period. In 1826 a wing was added to the rear of the house, and in 1899 a second floor was added to this wing.

   During the nineteenth century this house was occupied by the Bacon family which has been prominent in Newfield for well over two centuries. In the 1930s the property was acquired by the late Governor Wilbert Snow, a well-known poet and professor at Wesleyan University, and a prominent local figure.

   This house reflects the emergence of Newfield as a wealthy farming community in a relatively short time following its settlement at the end of the seventeenth century.

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:
   [ ] none known    [ ] highways    [ ] vandalism    [ ] developers    [ ] other: __________________________
   [ ] renewal    [ ] private    [ ] deterioration    [ ] zoning    [ ] explanation: __________________________