STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
for Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ____________________________ Historic: Edward Rockwell House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: ____________________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 227 Pine Street
4. OWNER(S): Wesleyan University __________________________ PUBLIC X PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: X yes no
   Interior accessible: X yes, explain with tenant's permission no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: First Period Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1740
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   X clapboard underneath x asbestos siding
   wood shingle asphalt siding
   board & batten stucco
   aluminum siding concrete: type: 
   __ 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 __ flat __ mansard __ monitor __ 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: 29'x36'

12. CONDITION: Structural: X excellent good x fair deteriorated
    Exterior: X excellent good x fair deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site X moved, when: c. 1873, from Washington Street
    Alterations: no X yes, explain: Chimneys, roof, siding, windows; porches added

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    X barn shed garage
    __ 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 house with its obvious Colonial lines stands apart from its late nineteenth century neighbors. It faces east on Pine Street on a small plot close to the street in a thickly settled residential area west of Wesleyan University.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Double overhang
Brick foundation
6/12 sash in attic
Small double chimneys

SIGNIFICANCE

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was probably built by Edward Rockwell in the early to middle eighteenth century. Strong local tradition places the house originally on Washington Street near the Jeremiah Wetmore property. It was moved to Pine Street around 1873 by Henry Fountain. He had been active in the early 1870s laying out building lots in the Pine and Cross Street, and Fountain Avenue area.

There have been many alterations to this building. The foundation now is brick; the original sash has been changed to 2 over 2 glazing; asbestos siding covers the original clapboards; two slim chimney stacks flank the former opening for the center chimney; and the rake of the roof shows a steeper rise than the original probably had. On the interior, the southeast room contains a fireplace covered with wallpaper, under which the low base molding can be discerned. The triple-run staircase in the front hallway is largely intact. Evidence of raising the height of the ridge shows in the attic where the adzehewn front rafters are pieced out with circular-sawed lumber for one-third of the length near the top.

PHOTOGRAPH

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Middletown Tax Records; Beers Atlas, 1874

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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other: _______________________

explanation: ________________________