STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: __________________________ Historic: Camp-Wilcox House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: ______________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 11 Pearl Street
4. OWNER(S): Julia Giardina ____________________ PUBLIC X PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Residence __________ Historic: Residence (rental)
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: X yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____________________________________________ no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Victorian Bracketed cottage DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1874
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   - clapboard
   - wood shingle
   - board & batten
   - aluminum siding
   - other: wooden lintels and brackets
   - asbestos siding
   - asphalt siding
   - stucco
   - concrete
     - type: __________________________
   - brick
   - fieldstone
   - cobblestone
   - cut stone
     - type: __________________________
     - foundation
     - and sills
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   - X wood frame, post and beam
   - load bearing masonry
   - structural iron or steel
   - other:
10. ROOF: type:
    - X gable
    - gambrel
    - shed
    - material: __________________________
    - wood shingle
    - roll asphalt
    - X asphalt shingle
    - built up
    - tile
    - other:
    - mansard
    - monitor
    - sawtooth
    - hip
    - round
    - other
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 33' x 40'
12. CONDITION: Structural: ___________ excellent ___________ X good
    Exterior: ___________ excellent ___________ good ___________ fair ___________ X fair
    ___________ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: X on original site moved, when:
    Alterations: no X yes, explain: One story frame addition in rear; exterior stair-
    way south
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    - barn
    - shed
    - X garage
    - carriage house
    - shop
    - garden
    - other landscape features or buildings:
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 structure is a member of a modest
    residential district characterized by a variety of mid-nineteenth century houses. Its
    distinctive style and atypical roofline make this residence a notable Pearl Street feature.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: Builder:

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This brick structure was built for Samuel T. Camp. Camp, a successful grocer and banking executive resided in the adjacent house at 180 College Street. The first tenant was Caleb T. Winchester, a professor of English Literature at Wesleyan University. During his lifetime Winchester was considered one of this country's most notable English literary critics. Winchester lived at this residence from 1875 until 1890 when he moved to his newly completed house on High Street (#284). After the death of its owner, Samuel T. Camp, the house was obtained and occupied by Edgar J. Wilcox in 1906. Wilcox was President of the Connecticut Business College, a small Middletown institution. Members of the Wilcox family retained the house until 1943 when it was sold to Julia Giardina, the present owner. This Victorian Bracketed cottage displays a symmetrical three-bay facade. Picturesque details include a round-arched doorway and windows beneath a steeply pitched front gable. Brownstone sills and projecting wooden lintels accent the windows; a small wooden portico supported by columns encloses the main entrance. An almost identical house exists at 154 Church Street (1874). These two buildings probably were constructed by the same builder.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; "284 High Street," GMPT Report (unpublished, 1973); 1874 Beers Atlas; 1877 Bailey Perspective Map

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known _ highways ___ vandalism ___ developers ___ other: 
___ renewal ___ private ___ deterioration ___ zoning ___ explanation: 

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