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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
or Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ________________ Historic: Samuel Crowell House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: ________________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 984 Randolph Road
4. OWNER(S): Duffield and Martha White ________________ 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 owner's permission no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Federal DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1810
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   X clapboard __ 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:
    __ wood shingle __ roll asphalt __ tin __ slate
    X asphalt shingle __ built up __ tile __ other:
                      25'x32'; 20'x23' west wing;
                      16'x45' west ell

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 16'x45' west ell

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

13. INTEGRITY: Location: X on original site __ moved, when:
    Alterations: __ no X yes, explain: Wing and ell possibly not original

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    __ barn __ shed __ garage X other landscape features or buildings: tree line
    __ carriage house __ shop __ garden __ along road; stone hitching post

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

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This three-bay Federal house faces south from the crest of a hill on the north side of Randolph Road east of Highland Avenue. To the south is a primarily rural area; to the north, modern suburban development. Nearly opposite stands the Grace Lutheran Church. Scattered trees dot the wide lawn which separates this

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17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):
Brownstone hitching post near road
Entrance door with pilasters and entablature

SIGNIFICANCE

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was built around 1810 by Samuel Crowell. The Crowell family was long associated with farming in the Long Hill district of Middletown. The property was owned by the Crowell family for over 150 years.

The three-bay, sidehall, ridge-to-street configuration of this house is somewhat Colonial in feeling, despite the use of Federal details such as the delicate window caps. The center and east bays are closer together than the center and west bays; this treatment is similar to that of the end bays on an earlier five-bay, center-chimney Colonial house.

This house is beautifully adapted to its hill site. The two west wings of graduated size follow the slope of the hill away from the house, breaking up what would otherwise be a wide horizontal appearance.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known    highways
renewal    private
vandalism    deterioration    zoning
developers    other: ____________________

explanation: __________________________________________________________
house from Randolph Road. The house itself is adapted to its site as the two west wings follow the slope of the hill.