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STORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: East Long Hill COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 1015 Randolph Road
4. OWNER(S): Jeanette Parrett ____________________________ PUBLIC ___ PRIVATE ______
5. USE: Present: Residential Historic: same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes noInterior accessible: yes, explain with owner's permission no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Italianate DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1854
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: 
   - brick 
   - fieldstone 
   - cobblestone 
   - cut stone: type: brownstone foundation
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   - [x] wood frame: post and beam 
   - balloon
   - load bearing masonry 
   - structural iron or steel 
   - other: 
10. ROOF: type:
    - gable 
    - gambrel
    - shed
    - [x] hip
    - round
    - other
    - material:
      - wood shingle 
      - roll asphalt
      - [x] tin
      - slate
      - tile
      - other:
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 33'x36'; rear wings, 28'x42'
12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent X good fair deteriorated
    Exterior: excellent X good fair deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: [x] on original site moved, when:
    Alterations: [x] no yes, explain:
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    - [x] barn
    - shed
    - carriage house 
    - garage
    - shop
    - garden
    - [x] other landscape features or buildings: extensive landscaped grounds
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    - open land
    - woodland
    - residential X
    - commercial
    - industrial
    - rural
    - scattered buildings visible from site
    - [X] high building density: low
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: The East Long Hill district is in an area known generally as Farm Hill, where early development occurred gradually and was tied to agricultural pursuits. Post World War II suburban developments have displaced the farms, leaving this house as a reminder of Farm Hill's former rural character. Situated near the northeast corner of Randolph Road and Arbutus Street, this house with its open surroundings contrasts with the closed ranks of the nearby suburbs.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):
Bracketed porches (north and west sides)

SIGNIFICANCE
Architect: ________ Builder: ________

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This Italianate villa was built around 1854 for William and Lucy (Roberts) Stroud. The Robertses were prominent farmers in the area, and William Stroud built on property bequeathed to his wife. William Stroud operated a foundry business in Middletown, having purchased the firm of R.&D. Johnson. In 1885 the heirs of William and Lucy Stroud sold the property to Lewis and Clara Crowell, owners of adjoining land. The Crowell family had long been farming in the area, and the property remained in family hands until 1968.

The cubical Italianate villa style of this house became popular in Middletown during the 1850s. Its appearance in this house in the rural Farm Hill district constituted a considerable advance in architectural fashion from the existing Colonial and Federal/Greek Revival farmhouses. Today, however, this house is significant for preserving a mid-nineteenth century style in an area which has seen extensive residential development since World War II.

PHOTOGRAPH
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Records; Commemorative Biographical Record of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.H. Beers, 1905);
1859 Walling Map

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:
   __X__ none known   ____ highways   ____ vandalism   ____ developers   ____ other: ________________
   ____ renewal   ____ private   ____ deterioration   ____ zoning   ____ explanation: ________________