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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ________________ Historic: John Loveland House ________________
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown ________ VILLAGE: ________________ COUNTY: Middlesex ________________
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 133 South Main Street ________________
4. OWNER(S): Naomi A. Woodmore ________________ 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 permission no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Federal ________________ DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1802-1825 ________________ between
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   ____ clapboard ________________ asbestos siding ________________ brick
   ____ wood shingle ________________ asphalt siding ________________ fieldstone
   ____ board & batten ________________ stucco ________________ cobblestone
   X aluminum siding ________________ concrete: type: ________________ cut stone: type: brownstone
   ____ other: ________________ Foundation

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   X wood frame: X post and beam __ balloon ________________ structural iron or steel ________________
   ____ load bearing masonry ________________ other: ________________
   ____ other: ________________

10. ROOF: type:
    X gable ________________ flat ________________ mansard ________________ monitor ________________ sawtooth
    _ gambrel ________________ shed ________________ hip ________________ round ________________ other ________________
    _ material: ________________ roll asphalt ________________ tin ________________ slate ________________ other: ________________
    _ wood shingle ________________ asphalt shingle __ built up ________________ tile ________________ other: ________________

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ ________________ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 28' x 52' ________________

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: Entrance porch added; pilasters removed ________________

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    ____ barn ________________ shed ________________ garage (rear) ________________ other landscape features or buildings: ________________
    ____ carriage house __ shop ________________ garden ________________

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

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This house faces east from the southwest corner of South Main and Loveland Streets. South Main Street in this area was first developed in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. This house is one of several surviving examples from that period, offering an historical contrast to the later residential and commercial development of South Main Street.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Leaded fanlight over door
Modillioned cornice
Quarter round fanlights in gables

SIGNIFICANCE

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Loveland Street to the north of this house was laid out in 1751. The Loveland family occupied the corner for over a century. This Federal style house was probably built between 1802 and 1825 by John Loveland, grandson of Capt. John Loveland, who acquired the property in 1751. It remained in the Loveland family until 1876 and from that time has passed through several owners, always remaining in residential use.

The three-bay, side hall, ridge-to-street configuration of this house was a prevalent form of house construction in Middletown during the early nineteenth century. Federal details such as the leaded fanlight over the door and a modillioned cornice remain; however, full height fluted corner pilasters were removed sometime after 1935.

This house makes an important contribution to the evolutionary character of South Main Street in this area, which has changed from the farming carried on in the Lovelands' era, to a mixture of commercial and residential uses.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; Middletown Probate Court Records; Jesse Alsop, "Capt. John Loveland Farm," Old Houses of Connecticut Series (FERA, 1934); 1825 Barnum Map; 1851 Clark Map; 1874 Beers Atlas; 1877 Bailey Map

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known __highways ___vandalism ___developers ___other: ________________________
__renewal ___private ___deterioration ___zoning ___explanation: _________________________