**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**
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**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM**
or Buildings and Structures

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**IDENTIFICATION**

1. **BUILDING NAME**: Common: ___________________________  
   Historic: Isaac Coe House

2. **TOWN/CITY**: Middletown  
   **VILLAGE**: ___________________________  
   **COUNTY**: Middlesex

3. **STREET & NUMBER** (and/or location): 168 South Main Street

4. **OWNER(S)**: Stanley Augustyn et al  
   **PUBLIC X PRIVATE**: ________

5. **USE**: Present: Residence (double)  
   Historic: Residence

6. **ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC**: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
   Interior accessible: x yes, explain with permission no

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**DESCRIPTION**

7. **STYLE OF BUILDING**: Italianate  
   **DATE OF CONSTRUCTION**: 1855

8. **MATERIAL(S)** (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   - x clapboard
   - wood shingle
   - board & batten
   - aluminum siding
   - other: ___________________________

   - asbestos siding
   - asphalt siding
   - stucco
   - concrete: type: poured foundation, south addition
   - 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  
    - x flat
    - gambrel  
    - shed
    - mansard  
    - hip
    - monitor  
    - round
    - sawtooth  
    - other

    material:  
    - wood shingle  
    - roll asphalt  
    - x tin  
    - slate  
    - asphalt shingle built up  
    - tile  
    - other: ___________________________

11. **NUMBER OF STORIES**: 2  
    **APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS**: 34' x 27'

12. **CONDITION**: Structural:  
    - x excellent
    - good
    - fair
    - deteriorated

    Exterior:  
    - x excellent
    - good
    - fair
    - deteriorated

13. **INTEGRITY**: Location: x on original site moved, when:  
    Alterations: no x yes, explain: South addition ca. 1963

14. **RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES**:
    - barn
    - shed
    - carriage house
    - shop
    - garage
    - other landscape features or buildings: ___________________________

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

16. **INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS**: This Italianate house faces west from the northeast corner of South Main Street and Cottage Street. It is set back from the street in line with the neighboring structures. Although South Main Street displays a variety of building styles and uses, this section of the street is strictly residential in character.
Marble fireplaces, first floor.

SIGNIFICANCE

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: In 1855 Isaac Coe built this house on a lot he purchased from James North. Coe sold it in 1864 to James H. Taylor, a merchant tailor who occupied the premises until he sold it in 1904 to Fabio Bogani, also a tailor. The property has since passed through several owners, remaining in residential use. It is now a two family residence.

This house retains all of its original fabric, including its tin roof. It is a good example of the simple Italianate house, with central block, shallow wings, and wide overhang.

This was the most popular architectural style on South Main Street during the mid-nineteenth century. Residential development in this area was associated with the rise of industry in the south end of Middletown.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; H.F. Donlan, Middletown Tribune: Souvenir Edition (E.F. Bigelow, 1896); 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: