STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

for Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ________________________________ Historic: ________________________________
   First Deacon
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: ________________________________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 1866 Saybrook Road
4. OWNER(S): Paul and Marjorie Schukoske PUBLIC or PRIVATE
   Historic: same
5. USE: Present: Residence Interior accessible: yes, explain: with permission
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1745
   Colonial (saltbox)
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   __ clapboard __ asbestos siding __ brick
   __ wood shingle __ asphalt siding __ fieldstone foundation
   __ board & batten __ stucco __ cobblestone
   __ aluminum siding __ concrete: type: __ cut stone: type:
   __ other: __________________________
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   __ wood frame: __ post and beam __ balloon
   __ load bearing masonry __ structural iron or steel
   __ other: __________________________
10. ROOF: type:
    __ gable __ flat __ mansard __ monitor __ sawtooth
    __ gambrel __ shed __ hip __ round __ other: __________________________
    __ material: __________________________
    __ wood shingle __ roll asphalt __ tin __ slate
    __ asphalt shingle built up __ tile __ other: __________________________
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 28' x 37'
12. CONDITION:
    Structural: excellent __ good __ fair __ deteriorated
    Exterior: excellent __ good __ fair __ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: __ on original site __ moved, when:
    Alterations: __ no __ yes, explain: Small central chimney added; side chimney added
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    __ barn __ shed __ garage __ other landscape features or buildings: outhouse
    __ carriage house __ shop __ garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    __ open land __ woodland __ residential: __ scattered buildings visible from site
    __ commercial __ industrial __ rural __ high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This building is reached by a driveway
    that runs east from Saybrook Road. Aircraft Road borders the property, south. Although this
    is a well travelled road, the site is secluded. A large amount of it has been overgrown by
    bushes and trees. The house faces east towards the abandoned Old Haddam Road. Remnants of the
    early farm, a barn, shed and outhouse, are nearby.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Early interior detail, see #18

SIGNIFICANCE

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was built by Deacon John Earl Hubbard, probably around 1745. Hubbard purchased a large quantity of land here in the 1740s. He was in the process of erecting a new dwelling, the house at 332 Freeman Road, when he wrote his will in 1781. This building was bequeathed to his wife Anne and son Ephraim. Descendants of the Hubbard family resided here through the nineteenth century.

The 2½-story building is a good example of the common Colonial "saltbox" style. Its gabled roof pitches to the first story at the rear and forms a lean-to extension. The facade is two stories high and has three bays. The interior has retained most of its early detail. The ceilings are plastered between the encased summer boards. Opposite the central entrance, an enclosed, triple-run stairway in front of the chimney leads to the second floor. The kitchen has a built-in corner cabinet. The fireplace walls are panelled and wide planks comprise the floors.

The structure reflects an era when a small group of families farmed this area of town, originally called the "Great Lots". The interior has undergone few alterations. Its original condition makes this building a notable representative of Middletown's collection of Colonial architecture.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Records; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known highways vandalism developers other:

renewal private deterioration zoning explanation: ________________