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STORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
for Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ________________ Historic: Joseph Clark Homestead
   2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex
   3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 35 Smith Street
   4. OWNER(S): Douglas P. and Donna M. Raineault ____________ 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: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1773
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   x clapboard __ asbestos siding __ brick
   wood shingle __ asphalt siding __ fieldstone
   board & batten __ stucco __ cobblestone
   aluminum siding __ concrete: type: __ cut stone: type: brownstone
   other: foundation

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:
    x wood shingle __ roll asphalt __ tin __ slate
    asphalt shingle __ built up __ tile __ other:

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 27' x 34'
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: Later entrance porch; rear porch

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    __ barn __ shed x garage __ other landscape features or buildings:
    __ carriage house __ shop __ garden

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

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This house faces east from the west
    side of Smith Street near the intersection of Miner Street. Recent housing developments
    have transformed this once rural area into a small, relatively dense, suburban area. Smith
    Street marks the western boundary of this development.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):
Much original fabric and decoration remains

SIGNIFICANCE
Architect:  
Builder:  

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Joseph Clark purchased property in Westfield in 1773 and probably built this house shortly thereafter. His son Joel inherited the property in 1827 and occupied it until his death in 1882. Since then the house has had many owners, each of whom has preserved the house in its traditional usage.
This house exhibits the double overhang, center-chimney plan, and five-bay front typical of Connecticut Valley residential construction in the late 18th century. Although the surrounding property is no longer farmed, this house in its well-preserved condition serves to contrast the style of an earlier period with the recent residential development nearby.
The current owners are undertaking an extensive restoration, returning the house to its original appearance.

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; History of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.B Beers, 1884); 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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

explanation:  

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