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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ____________________________ Historic: ____________________________
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown __ VILLAGE: ____________________________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 179 Training Hill Road
4. OWNER(S): ___________ Berton Coskey ___________ PUBLIC x PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Residence __ Historic: Same __
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes __ no
Interior accessible: __ yes, explain ____________________________ x no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Colonial; Greek Revival alterations __ DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1787
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: __ granite
   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:
    wood shingle __ roll asphalt __ tin __ slate
    asphalt shingle __ built up __ tile __ other:
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ __ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 32' x 35'
12. CONDITION: Structural: __ excellent __ good __ fair __ deteriorated
    Exterior: __ excellent __ good __ fair __ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site __ moved, when:
    Alterations: no __ yes, explain: Shed roofed rear wing added, see #18
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    x barn __ x sheds __ garage __ other landscape features or buildings:
    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 faces east towards
    Training Hill Road. The site retains its rural character and contrasts with the recent
development north, near Reservoir Road. A barn and three sheds are nearby the house. Small
fields surround the location, bordered by woodland south and west. An open lot is across
the road with Middlesex Community College beyond.
SIGNIFICANCE

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This is a late Colonial house with Greek Revival alterations. Little is known of its history. During the late nineteenth century, W.M. Scovill resided here. The present owner believes that it was built in the 1780s. The building displays the characteristic form of the Colonial style. The broad, gabled roof is topped by a center chimney. Its ridge runs parallel to the facade. The facade is five bays wide and has a central entrance. The house also has some features reminiscent of the late Greek Revival period that were probably added in the mid-1800s. Projecting cornices with returns are exhibited on its gable ends. The central entrance is framed by plain pilasters that support a simple entablature.

This clapboarded structure retains its early appearance in an area characterized by contemporary residential and institutional development. Bordered by open land and outbuildings, it serves to illustrate the district's recent agricultural past.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

\[ \text{x: none known} \quad \text{highways} \quad \text{vandalism} \quad \text{developers} \quad \text{other:} \]
\[ \text{renewal} \quad \text{private} \quad \text{deterioration} \quad \text{zoning} \quad \text{explanation:} \]