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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Lone Tree Farm Historic: Elisha Dyer Hubbard Mansion
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 290 Westfield Street
4. OWNER(S): Barbara W. Fields __ 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: Academic Eclecticism DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1903-1908
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   _clapboard _asbestos siding _brick
   _wood shingle _asphalt siding _fieldstone
   _board & batten _x_stucco _cobblestone
   _aluminum siding _concrete: type: x_cut stone: type: brownstone
   _other: entrance stoop
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   _wood frame: _post and beam _balloon
   _load bearing masonry _structural iron or steel
   _other: 
10. ROOF: type:
    _gable _x_flat _mansard _monitor _sawtooth
    _gambrel _shed _x_hip around _round _other:
    material: _x_roll asphalt _tin around _slate
    _wood shingle _asphalt shingle _built up _tile skylight _other:
    _56' x 49'; west wing 38' x 27';
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: _2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: south wing 34' x 43'
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: _See #18
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    _barn _x_shed _garage _x_other landscape features or buildings: summerhouse;
    _carriage house _shop _garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    _x_open land _woodland _residential _scattered buildings visible from site
    _commercial _industrial _rural _high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This large stucco mansion faces east
    from atop a ridge running north-south in the Westfield section of Middletown. A long drive
    from Westfield Street gives access to the property. The broad expanse of the grounds
    combines with the massive scale of the house to make the appearance of this mansion one of
    the most imposing sights in Middletown, on an equal scale to the Cenacle and Highlawn. (See
    GMP Survey Reports #8 272a and 297.)
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Entrance porch with brownstone stoop
Elaborate cast iron balcony railings
Relief decoration in balustrade
Palladian window first floor

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect:   Builder:

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This large mansion was built between 1903 and 1908 by Elisha Dyer Hubbard. By the end of the nineteenth century, the Hubbards had become one of Middletown's most prominent and wealthy families. Elijah Kent Hubbard, the father of Elisha, had widespread business interests and left his son a considerable fortune. Elisha Dyer Hubbard married Muriel McCormick, heiress to the McCormick reaper fortune.

Lone Tree Farm was assembled from several tracts of farmland in Westfield before Hubbard began to build this mansion. It is an interesting building which displays a random arrangement of architectural elements. This eclectic combination reflects the on-going nature of the building's construction which took place over several years and consisted of three joined sections constructed separately. The asymmetrical main facade features variously sized window openings; a delicate iron work balcony over the small entrance porch; and a modified Palladian window the height of the first floor. A stuccoed parapet at the edges of the low roof is decorated by recessed panels with decorative forms in relief.

This is a most unusual house architecturally due to the irregular use of academic elements, and is also significant for its association with the Hubbard family.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Commemorative Biography of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.H. Beers, 1905)

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known ______ highways ______ vandalism ______ developers ______ other:

________ renewal ______ private ______ deterioration ______ zoning ______ explanation: