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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
for Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 329 Washington Terrace
4. OWNER(S): Wesleyan University 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 tenant's permission no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Greek Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: possibly between 1830-1850
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   x clapboard asbestos siding 
   ___ wood shingle asphalt siding 
   ___ board & batten stucco 
   ___ aluminum siding concrete: type: ___ brick ___ fieldstone 
   ___ cut stone: type: brownstone foundation ___ other: ___ structural iron or steel
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   x wood frame: x post and beam balloon load bearing masonry ___ structural iron or steel ___ other: ___ other:
10. ROOF: type: 
     x gable east addition 
     ___ shed ___ mansard monitor ___ sawtooth
     ___ gambrel ___ hip round ___ other ___ other:
     material:
     ___ wood shingle roll asphalt ___ tin slate ___ asphalt shingle built up ___ tile ___ other:
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 46'x32'
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: Two story east addition (after 1877); bay window
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES: 
     added west side; porch added south side barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: ___ carriage house ___ shop ___ garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: 
     ___ open land woodlands x residential ___ scattered buildings visible from site 
     ___ commercial ___ industrial ___ rural ___ high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This house occupies the southeast corner of Washington Terrace and Mt. Vernon Street. To the north is the heavily shaded Washington Park which screens the buildings on Washington Terrace from the traffic on Rte. 66. East of this house is a colonial hip-roof house and across Mt. Vernon Street is a Shingle Style structure.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

   Anthemion motif window screens
   Norfolk latch (iron and pewter) south east door

SIGNIFICANCE

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: A house was built on this site in 1792 by Capt. John Wetmore. The present structure rests on the foundations of that house, and makes use of its center chimney. Items such as six panel doors and some 12 over 12 sash suggest that materials from the original structure were recycled for use in this house. The interior of the house, however, is primarily Greek Revival in character. The property was in the hands of the Rand-Starr families from 1794 to 1919. It is possible that the existing house was built by Philip Curtis Rand or his widow Lucia sometime between 1825 and 1830.

   On the exterior a plain entablature with anthemion motif eyebrow window covers gives the house a Greek Revival stylistic emphasis. The two story wing was added sometime after 1877.

PHOTOGRAPH

   photographer: Elizabeth Loomis
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   negative on file: Roll 14, #17

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; Alice B. Richter, "Faithful Remnants," genealogies (unpublished, 1968); 1851 Clark Map; 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:

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