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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ___________________________ Historic: Noel Ives House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Staddle Hill COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 705 Washington Street
4. OWNER(S): Blanche Tobias PUBLIC XPRIVATE
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: Federal DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1800
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: brownstone
— other: foundation

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
X wood frame: X post and beam X balloon
— load bearing masonry structural iron or steel X cut stone: type: brownstone
— other: foundation

10. ROOF: type:
— gable X flat X mansard X monitor sawtooth
— gambrel X shed X hip round other
— material: wood shingle roll asphalt X slate
— asphalt shingle built up tile other

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 30'x30'; rear wing 35'x13'
12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent fair deteriorated
X good X fair ____________
Exterior: excellent ____________
13. INTEGRITY: Location: X on original site moved, when:
Alterations: no X yes, explain: Dormer added; porch added; fireplaces removed

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
— barn X shed 14'x20' garage X other landscape features or buildings: coop 8'x10'
— carriage house shop garden

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

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This house faces north from the south side of Washington Street nearly opposite the entrance to Old Mill Road. It is set back from the street atop a rise. A large tree shades the northwest corner of the property. To the east is a large brick apartment building. This area displays on-going commercial development.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):
Colonial Revival porch
Prominent fascia board and simple cornice molding

SIGNIFICANCE
Architect: ___________________________ Builder: ___________________________

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: In 1800 Noel Ives of Wallingford purchased this property with a "clothiers shop" on it. This shop had formerly been associated with the property to the west (see GMPT Report #293, Frederick Winthrop House, 717 Washington Street). As part of the former Winthrop property, the "Clothiers Shop" was dependent on the fulling mill on the nearby West River for its supply of cloth. Ives sold the property with a house on it in 1832. It has passed through many different owners to the present day.

This house displays little decoration on its square, hip-roofed form. A large hip dormer and a pedimented Colonial Revival veranda are later additions. This house is significant for its association with early commercial activities in this area.

PHOTOGRAPH
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:
_____ none known  _____ highways  _____ vandalism  X developers  _____ other: 
_____ renewal  _____ private  _____ deterioration  _____ zoning  X explanation: This property

is for sale and has been zoned for commercial development.