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ISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
for Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: __________________________
   Historic: Jones-Wells House

2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _______________
   COUNTY: Middlesex

3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 1060 Washington Street Extension

4. OWNER(S): Thomas and Jude Wrin

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: Victorian Domestic
   DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1881

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:

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   __x wood frame: __ post and beam __x balloon
   __ load bearing masonry __ structural iron or steel
   __ other:

10. ROOF: type:
    __x gable __ flat __ mansard __ monitor __ sawtooth
    __ gambrel __ shed __ hip __ round __ other
    __ wood shingle __ roll asphalt __ tin __ slate
    __x asphalt shingle __built up __ tile __ other

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 37'x25'

12. CONDITION: Structural: __ excellent __x good
    Exterior: __ excellent __x good

13. INTEGRITY: Location: X on original site moved, when:
    Alterations: no X yes, explain: Chimney on west exterior wall

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

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

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This house is well-sited; set back
    from the street on a hill and well-screened by maple trees. It is a short distance from
    Washington Street (Route 66), a busy thoroughfare with strip development which leads west
    out of Middletown.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This three-bay house was built on a section of the Wetmore family property in the Staddle Hill District of Middletown. The Wetmores have owned property here since the 18th century and Seth Wetmore built the family homestead next door. The land on which this house was built descended to Chauncey Wetmore's daughter, Harriet Wetmore Jones, in 1885. The house was probably built soon thereafter. There have only been three major owners of the property since then—Philip Wells, Bessie Camp, and the present owners Thomas and Jude Wrin.

1060 Washington Street Extension is in good original condition. Its single three-bay verticality is made more interesting by the exterior design features of an east side two-story bay window, a front porch, and an arched window in the gable. A chimney has been added to the outside of the west wall.

The interior of the house has undergone much alteration. However, some features survive, such as a well-carved mahogany banister and the remains of stencilled window panes in the front room.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known  ____highways  ____vandalism  ____developers  ____other: ______________________

____renewal  ____private  ____deterioration  ____zoning  ____explanation: ______________________