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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Highlawn Historic: same
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Staddle Hill COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Washington St. Ext.; north side, near Middlefield Town Line
4. OWNER(S): John R. Camp
5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes _ no
   Interior accessible: _ yes, explain _ no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Colonial Revival
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   _ clapboard _ asbestos siding
   _ wood shingle _ asphalt siding
   _ board & batten _ stucco
   _ aluminum siding _ concrete: type: __________
   _ other: __________
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   _ wood frame: _ post and beam _ balloon
   _ load bearing masonry _ structural iron or steel
   _ other: __________
10. ROOF: _ gable _ shed _ mansard
    _ gambrel _ flat _ hip
    _ monitor _ round _ other: __________
    _ material: __________
    _ wood shingle _ roll asphalt
    _ asphalt shingle _ built up _ tin
    _ other: __________
    _ slate: __________
    38'x67'; south and north
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½
12. CONDITION: Structural: _ excellent _ good _ fair _ deteriorated
    Exterior: _ excellent _ good _ fair _ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: _ on original site _ moved, when:
    Alterations: _ no _ yes, explain: Garage attached on north side
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    _ barn _ shed _ garage _ other landscape features or buildings: broad lawn;
    _ 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 large mansion perhaps enjoys the
    most beautiful site in Middletown. Situated high on Staddle Hill, it can be seen for miles to
    the east. A broad lawn sweeps down from the front and provides a sufficient scope so that
    the large building does not appear out of scale with its surrounding.

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1916'
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: wings 14'x45'
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17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Large Colonial Revival entrance doorway with broken pediment
Porte Cochere over rear entrance
Flared brownstone lintels
Panelled exterior shutters

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: LeRoy P. Ward
Builder: 

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This fine mansion was erected in 1916 over the ruins of the original Highlawn, built in 1908 and destroyed by fire. It is said that this disaster dictated the use of brick for the present structure. The building remains in the Camp family, builders of the original structure.

LeRoy P. Ward, a local architect, designed this building in the Colonial Revival style. The large central block of the main structure is flanked by wings with rounded bays at the front. The building’s classical symmetry is only slightly marred by a small attached garage on the north side which is sympathetic to the original in design and materials. Lavish use of Georgian details such as the large entrance with broken scroll pediment accent the overall symmetry of the center-hall plan.

Together with the T. MacDonough Russell House at 340 High Street, this house displays all the dignity and sophistication of the Colonial Revival when executed on a grand scale, and is a rare example in Middletown of a large estate surviving relatively intact from the early 20th century.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: John E. Reynolds
date: 1/79 view: east
negative on file: Roll 58, #14

COMPILED BY:

name: John E. Reynolds date: 9/78
organization: Greater Middletown Preservation Trust
address: 27 Washington St., Middletown, Ct. 06457

19. SOURCES: Interview with present owner, John C. Camp, 1978

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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