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

ENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: ____________________________ Historic: Chadwick Stone House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: ____________________________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 11-13 Wetmore Place
4. OWNER(S): Cornelius V. Jay PUBLIC _PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Double Residence Historic: same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
Interior accessible: x yes, explain with permission no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Plain Italianate DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1854 and 1866
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   __ __clapboard __ asbestoid siding __ brick
   __ xwood shingle __ asphalt siding __ fieldstone
   __ __board & batten __ stucco __ cobblestone
   __ __aluminum siding __ concrete: type: brownstone
   __ other: walls and foundation
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   x __load bearing masonry __ structural iron or steel
   __ other:
0. ROOF: type:
   __ gable __ xflat __ mansard __ monitor __ sawtooth
   __ gambrel __ shed __ hip __ round __ other
   __ material:
   __ wood shingle __ roll asphalt __ tin __ slate
   x __ ashpalt shingle __ built up __ tile __ other:
1. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 27'x27'
2. CONDITION: Structural: __ excellent __ x good __ fair __ deteriorated
   Exterior: __ excellent __ x good __ fair __ deteriorated
3. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site moved, when:
   Alterations: no x yes, explain: Concrete steps in front; aluminum doors
4. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
   __ barn __ shed __ garage __ x other landscape features or buildings: terrace in
   __ carriage house __ shop __ garden
5. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
   open land __ woodland __ x residential __ scattered buildings visible from site
   __ commercial __ industrial __ rural __ x high building density
6. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This small, but distinctive, double
   dwelling faces east from the west side of Wetmore Place, a short street off Washington
   Street. It sits on a small plot between two nineteenth century residences. Across the
   street and to its north is a row of bungalows.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect:  Builder:  

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This substantial brownstone double dwelling was built between 1854 and 1866, probably by Thomas Chadwick. Henry Fountain, an early occupant, was a prime mover in the Wetmore Place development. Towards the end of the 19th century, George Carlisle Steedman ran a florist shop in the south half of the house while the northern section was occupied by tenants. This structure and its outbuildings were commonly referred to as the "Washington Avenue Gardens" throughout the late 19th century until acquired by John L. Fisk in 1903. In 1946 F. Neal and Harriet Jay acquired the property through the estate of Fisk. Mrs. Jay and her son currently occupy the house and have done considerable restoration to the house's exterior.

This simple, dignified house, with the wide overhanging eaves of Italianate flavor, displays few stylistic features. The use of brownstone in an unpretentious residence is rare in Middletown. The house is also unusual as a remnant of early "builder's development," one of Henry Fountain's first ventures of this type in Middletown.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; "Chadwick-Fountain Stone House," GMPT Report (unpublished, 1973); 1851 Clark Map; 1877 Bailey Map

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

- [x] none known  
- highways  
- vandalism  
- developers  
- renewal  
- private  
- deterioration  
- zoning  
- other:  
- explanation:  

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