STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
or Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Sage House Historic: Doud-Sage House
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: PUBLIC X PRIVATE
   COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 38 Westfield Street
4. OWNER(S): Walter B. Lineberry
   USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
   ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: X yes no obscured by trees
   Interior accessible: yes, explain

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial
   DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1717
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   X clapboard         __ asbestos siding
   X wood shingle  floor & __ asphalt siding
   __ board & batten & __ stucco
   __ aluminum siding  __ concrete: type:
   __ other:
   brick
   fieldstone
   cobblestone
   X cut stone: type: brownstone
   foundation; rubble
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   X wood frame; X post and beam balloon
   __ load bearing masonry __ structural iron or steel
   __ other:
10. ROOF: type:
    X gable    __ flat    __ mansard    __ monitor    __ sawtooth
    __ gambrel __ shed __ hip __ round __ other
    material:
    X wood shingle __ roll asphalt __ tin __ slate
    __ asphalt shingle __ built up __ tile __ other:
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2
    APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 34'x26'; rear wing 34'x23'
12. CONDITION: Structural: X excellent    __ good    ____ fair    __ deteriorated
    Exterior: X excellent __ good __ fair __ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: X on original site moved, when:
    Alterations: X yes, explain: Addition to rear; shingle siding
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    __ barn __ shed X garage __ other landscape features or buildings:
    __ carriage house __ shop __ garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    __ open land __ woodland X residential __ scattered buildings visible from site
    X commercial __ industrial __ rural __ high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This house faces south from the north
    side of Westfield Street near Newfield Street. Across Westfield street is a large residential
    development of small cape-style houses. This house is obscured from view somewhat by several
    large trees.

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17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Fine moldings below overhang
Three-bay facade

SIGNIFICANCE

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This three-bay, center-chimney Colonial house probably was built around 1770 by Daniel Doud, a blacksmith and farmer. In the early 1800s the property was acquired by Barzillai Sage, a master builder who worked on such well-known buildings as the Russell House (350 High Street); Alsop House (301 High Street); St. John's Church (St. John's Square); and Russell Library (formerly Christ Church, 119 Broad Street). Barzillai Sage's impact on the high style architecture of 19th century Middletown is immeasurable; it is interesting that he chose to live in a house constructed in a different era. The property remained in the Sage-Ingham family until 1917.

This house in its present well-preserved condition is an important survivor from the early growth of Newfield as a rural farming community.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Jesse Alsop, "Sage House," (FERA 1935);
1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known __highways __vandalism __developers __other:
__renewal __private __deterioration __zoning __explanation: