

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
UTM: 18/	/	/	/
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic: Sage-Russell-Niles House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 240-242 Court Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Sebastian and Mary Fazzino PUBLIC  PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence-Apartments Historic: Double Residence
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_  no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Colonial-Federal DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1825-1835
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):  

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding second and	<input type="checkbox"/> brick
<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt siding third stor-	<input type="checkbox"/> fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> board & batten	<input type="checkbox"/> stucco ies	<input type="checkbox"/> cobblestone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding first	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete: type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: <u>brownstone</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		foundation (concrete covered)

- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:  
 wood frame:  post and beam  balloon  
 load bearing masonry  structural iron or steel  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 39'x33' (wing 26'x24')

- 12. CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  
Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated

- 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Asbestos and aluminum siding

- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 barn  shed  garage stuccoed  other landscape features or buildings: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 house is located in a residential neighborhood of primarily 19th century houses exhibiting a variety of styles, scale, and siting. It occupies a corner site with two similarly scaled, closely sited houses immediately to the east. On opposite corners are large buildings: the Romanesque Revival Middletown High School (1896) and the Queen Anne J. Peters Pelton House (1883-84).

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

**SIGNIFICANCE**

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_ Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This double house has the form of a center chimney Colonial and retains some Federal detail such as the double window over the entrance. It may have been built for Isaac Sage and Israel Russell between 1825 and 1835 (when a house first appeared on the site). Because of its somewhat earlier features, however, it is possible that the house was moved to this location from another site at that time.

Early occupants included William Niles (owner 1835-37), founder of The Sentinel, an early Middletown newspaper; and Edwin Hunt (owner 1837-38), at one time owner of The Middletown Gazette. In the 19th century the house was owned by the Elliot family, with one generation occupying each half. In 1897 the east half, and in 1904 the west half, was sold to the Carrier family. William O. Carrier was a partner of Carrier and Hubbard, a carriage, livery, and stable business.

Presently the house contributes to the evolutionary character of the neighborhood which developed over a 100 year period.

**PHOTOGRAPH**

photographer: Wayne Svec  
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; History of Middlesex County (J.B. Beers Co., 1884); The Middletown Tribune: Souvenir Edition (Middletown: 1896); 1825 Barnum Map; 1851 Clark Map; 1877 Bailey Map

**20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:**

**21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:**

none known     highways     vandalism     developers     other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 renewal     private     deterioration     zoning     explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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CONTINUATION SHEET  
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