

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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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: Aaron Plum House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Westfield COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 571 East Street
- 4. OWNER(S): _____ PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain with owner's permission no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Hall Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1765

- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 clapboard ___ asbestos siding ___ brick
___ wood shingle ___ asphalt siding ___ fieldstone
___ board & batten ___ stucco ___ cobblestone
___ aluminum siding ___ concrete: type: _____ cut stone: type: brownstone
___ other: _____ foundation ashlar

- 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: 37'x30'; southwest wing,

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 28'x23'

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

- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site ___ moved, when:
Alterations: ___ no yes, explain: Projecting eaves (cornice); wing added

- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
___ barn shed garage wing other landscape features or buildings: sheds in rear;
___ carriage house ___ shop ___ garden granite hitching post in front

- 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 Colonial house faces east from the west side of East Street south of Miner Street. It is set back from the road and is shaded in front by large trees. East Street in this area displays several contemporary houses mixed with more recent construction and spaces of open land.

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

Granite hitching post in front yard
Double overhang
Center hall

SIGNIFICANCE

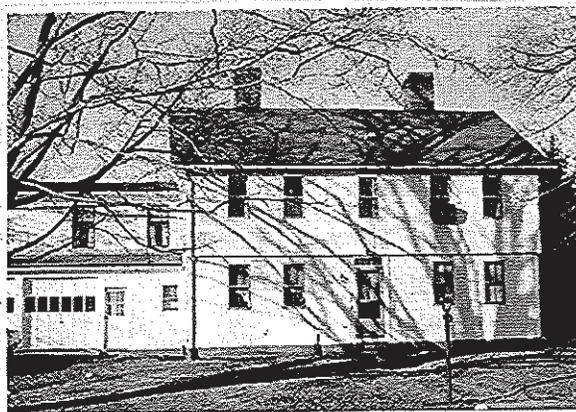
Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Aaron Plum had already commenced building this house when his father Samuel deeded him the land in 1765 for "natural love and affection". It was certainly an exceptional house for its day, with two large chimneys heating the rooms flanking the center hall. However, the house retained the use of the traditional double overhang. The house remained in the Plum-Coe family until 1881. Since then it has gone through a series of owners while retaining its original residential usage.

This section of Westfield near the village center displays much of its original rural character. The Aaron Plum House makes a significant contribution to this traditional feeling through its long history and nearly original appearance.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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