

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
UTM: 18/	/	/	/
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM  
for Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic: Warner House

2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Middlesex

3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 1 George Street

4. OWNER(S): Chester Fudge 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: Spanish Colonial Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1932

8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input type="checkbox"/> brick
<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt siding	<input type="checkbox"/> fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> board & batten	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> cobblestone
<input type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> concrete: type: <u>poured</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	<u>foundation</u>	

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

wood frame:  post and beam  balloon

load bearing masonry  structural iron or steel

other: \_\_\_\_\_

10. ROOF: type:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gable	<input type="checkbox"/> flat	<input type="checkbox"/> mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> monitor	<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> shed	<input type="checkbox"/> hip	<input type="checkbox"/> round	<input type="checkbox"/> other _____

material:

<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> roll asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> tin	<input type="checkbox"/> slate
<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> built up	<input type="checkbox"/> tile	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>terra cotta</u>

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 40'x20'; angled wings 20'x20'

12. CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated

Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_

Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Radio antenna tower

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

<input type="checkbox"/> barn	<input type="checkbox"/> shed	<input type="checkbox"/> garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other landscape features or buildings: <u>gatehouse-same style and details; greenhouse at south end of of property</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> shop	<input type="checkbox"/> garden	

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

<input type="checkbox"/> open land	<input type="checkbox"/> woodland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> residential	<input type="checkbox"/> scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building density medium

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: Sited on a plateau on the uplands east of Middletown, this Spanish Colonial Revival enclave contrasts with surrounding residential and business architecture on nearby Route 66. There are four buildings on the property, which is located on the east side of George Street overlooking former farm meadows, some of which have been converted to shopping center use.

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

- Fieldstone walls around property
- Arched portals
- Terra cotta half-round tiles on roof and chimney caps
- Heavy timber posts and beams from demolished buildings (interior)

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Starting in 1930, Howard Warner constructed this reproduction of a Colonial-era Spanish Mission on land west of Middletown. He found the model for his home in New Mexico. Using measured drawings of the model, and incorporating reused materials from former factory buildings in the area, the project was completed in 1932. The current owner, Chester Fudge, a Middlefield engineering company president, has maintained the property's integrity. He added a greenhouse from the former MacNeil's Plantland when that Cromwell firm closed in the early 1970s.

The main building has a 2½-story main block with matching wings that angle toward the roadway. The house is set below road level with terraced gardens and a fountain leading to the facade. A front porch in loggia-style is pierced with round-arched openings. Behind the house the land slopes down toward the Coginchaug River in the Middlefield Street-Boston Road area. A large garage to the north of the main building and a commodious guest house are finished in the same Spanish Colonial Revival style. Inside, the same high quality of period reproduction prevails. There are terra cotta floor tiles, stuccoed walls, exposed beams, and large hooded fireplaces. Just off the main entrance, a hand-carved

(see continuation sheet)

**PHOTOGRAPH**

photographer: Roger Sherman  
date: 9/78 view: east  
negative on file: Roll 42, #14-14A



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19. SOURCES: Consultation with owner, September 30, 1978; Elmer D. Keith, Connecticut: Its Roads, Lore, and Legends (FERA, 1938)

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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

