

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

39 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: Hubbard Street Fire House Historic: same
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 1 Hubbard Street
- 4. OWNER(S): John & Melissa Shilke PUBLIC  PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: Firehouse
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_  no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Victorian Institutional DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1876
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> brick
<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt siding	<input type="checkbox"/> fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> board & batten	<input type="checkbox"/> stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> cobblestone
<input type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete: type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: <u>brownstone</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		<u>lintels &amp; arches</u>
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> wood frame: <input type="checkbox"/> post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> structural iron or steel
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other <u>hose drying tower</u>

 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 type="checkbox"/> other: _____
- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 1 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 23'x35'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  
Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when:  
Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Dome removed from hose drying tower, entranceway altered; interior renovated for adaptive use.
- 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>house attached to rear</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"/> high building density
- 16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This substantial structure sits on a corner site, facing east. This older neighborhood consists of nineteenth century closely sited residences. A church and a parochial school are nearby.

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

Molded brownstone "3" over entranceway

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The City of Middletown erected this fire station in 1876, the era of horse drawn fire coaches. It served the community for nearly one hundred years. In 1975 it was purchased by a local couple and adapted for domestic use.

The fire house's exterior looks much as it did when originally constructed. Only minor changes have altered its appearance; the dome has been removed from the drying tower and a supportive beam inserted over the double entranceway (originally arched). Otherwise this building retains its simple decorative features: brick corbelling under the eaves of the pitched roof and brownstone hooded moldings over the windows. It bears a similarity to another early Middletown fire house, Hose Company #2, 107 College Street (between 1853 and 1864).

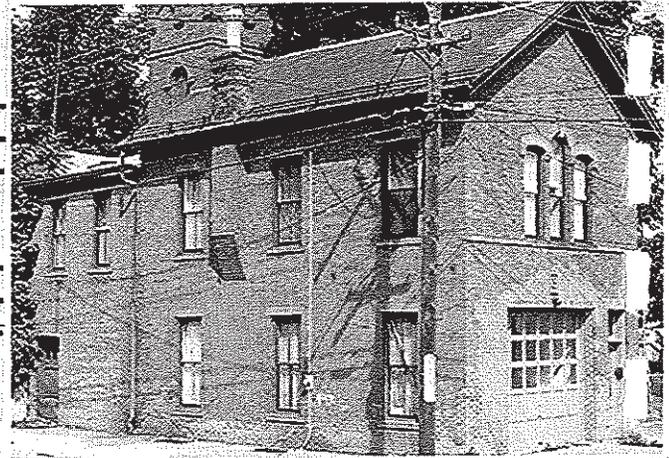
**PHOTOGRAPH**

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis  
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; 1874 Beers Atlas; 1877 Baily Perspective View 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

Item number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1/90

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3 Hubbard Street (previously #1)  
Middletown, CT 06457

