

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
of Buildings and Structures

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
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QUAD:			
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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: _____ Historic: Hall-Stevens House
TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 57 Highland Avenue
OWNER(S): James and Mary Chubbuck PUBLIC PRIVATE
3. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ with permission _____ no

DESCRIPTION

STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1698 Probably

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: poured _____ cut stone: type: _____
 other: Foundation: brick; foundation in wing _____
brownstone; fieldstone; wood

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: 28'x28', wing 29'x17'

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

13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site _____ moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Minor interior changes; storm windows; wood shingles;
entranceway added

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
_____ barn _____ shed garage _____ 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 small, one and one half story dwelling, on a large plot, is built into the slope of the hill. On the west side of Highland Avenue, it faces the rear of a large shopping complex which is located across the street to the east. To the north is a much later residence. Behind the house and to the south is dense woodland.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

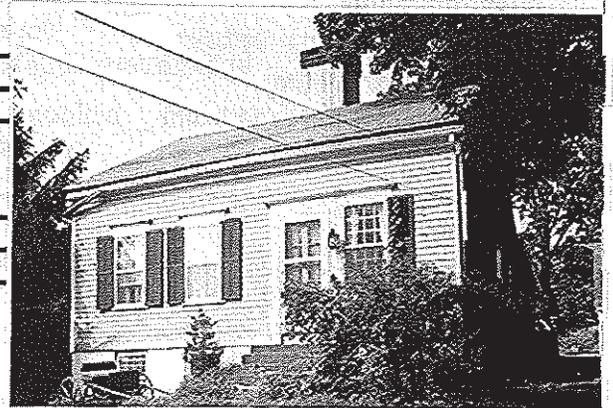
18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: John Hall purchased the property on which this house sits in 1674. As early as 1698, a house appears in the deed references. Because of its configuration and materials, this structure is probably the house which the early deeds refer to. The house remained in the Hall family until the early 20th century.

The interior displays hand-hewn beams, a center chimney behind the ridge of the roof, fireplaces, wide floor boards, and an unusual staircase. The staircase, located behind the chimney, has three series of runs, with the third series of steps running in the same direction as the first. The exterior is clapboarded. The owner, currently applying wood shingles, reported that he found horse hair used as insulation behind the original clapboards. The Federal entranceway is an early alteration.

When Hall built here in the late 1600s, Highland Avenue was known as "the highway which runs on the west side of Pamecha Pond, toward Zoar." By the late 18th century, and throughout the 19th century, factories and mills were erected all along Pamecha Creek, and residences were built along the highway. This house is a unique survivor from the early days of settlement in this area.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Jesse Alsop, "Stevens House," Old Houses of Connecticut Series (FERA, 1936); Historic American Buildings Survey, 1966; 1851 Clark Map; 1874 Beers Atlas; 1877 Bailey Perspective View Map

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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