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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: _____ Historic: Karl Harrington House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 163 High Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Wesleyan University PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Nursery School Historic: Residence
- 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: Italianate DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1875
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input checked="" 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 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>foundation</u>
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam balloon
 load bearing masonry structural iron or steel
 other: _____
- 10. ROOF: type:
 gable flat w/cupola mansard monitor sawtooth
 gambrel shed hip round other _____
 material:
 wood shingle roll asphalt tin slate
 asphalt shingle built up tile other: _____
- 1. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 30'x30'
- 2. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
 Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 3. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: 1920s, when Church Street was relocated
 Alterations: no yes, explain: Asbestos siding
- 4. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: fenced-in
 carriage house shop garden rear yard
- 5. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 open land woodland residential scattered buildings visible from site
 commercial industrial rural high building density
- 6. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This Italianate building faces east on High Street near the busy intersection of Church Street. The area is primarily residential, contiguous to Wesleyan University.

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

Original chimney south of belvedere
Carved staircase

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Built as a residence in the late nineteenth century, this Italianate house was the home of the Rev. J.L. Dudley. For a number of years it was the home of Professor Calvin Harrington of Wesleyan. Later it was the home of his son, noted Wesleyan historian Karl P. Harrington. Strong local tradition and corroborating data from an 1879 map shows the original location of the house further west on the south side of Church Street, at the corner of Wesleyan Place (now closed). In the early 1920s the street was realigned to meet the lower portion of Church Street at High Street. The Harrington House was moved down to High Street at this time.

The house is distinguished by its symmetrical appearance, bracketed cornice, and carved interior staircase. After Karl Harrington's death in 1948, the house was purchased by Wesleyan University. It has served as faculty housing, departmental offices, and most recently as a day nursery.

PHOTOGRAPH

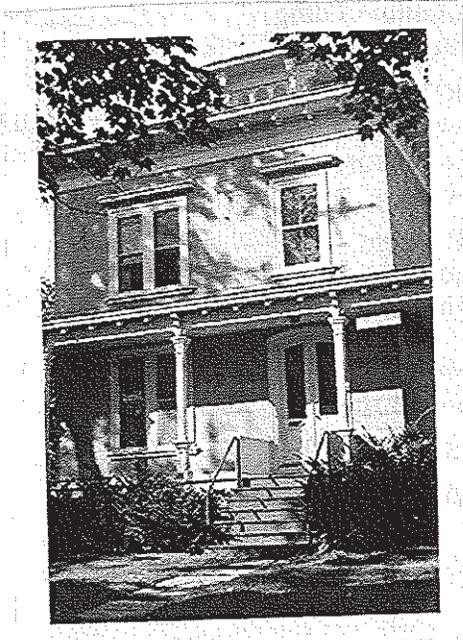
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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:



21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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