



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

Side by side windows (12 over 6 sash) in gable ends  
Federal detail and later Victorian porch and bay windows

SIGNIFICANCE

Builder: probably Israel Bailey

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

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: In 1825 Israel Bailey purchased a four acre tract of land along the south side of the proposed William Street extension to High Street. The street was laid out that year and Bailey, a carpenter by trade, developed this tract one house lot at a time. Sometime between 1825 and 1838 (probably by 1827) Israel Bailey built this house which he occupied until his death in 1875. His daughter Julia and her husband Charles Hulse owned the house until 1900, and after a succession of other owners it was acquired in 1915 by Wesleyan for use as campus housing.

This house is of a three-bay, ridge to street configuration typical of small Middletown houses of the Federal period. Its exterior decorative elements, however, are primarily Greek Revival; with the doorway with side and over lights, full height corner pilasters, simple entablature, and pedimented gable ends most representative of this style. These features are possibly early additions to the house, for an unusual framing system in the attic suggests that the roof was raised to incorporate the added height of the entablature between the second floor windows and the eaves. More commonly in this house type the eaves of the roof rest flush with the tops of the second floor windows. Brackets

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Records; Middletown City Directories; Photos in "East Hall", "Phi Nu Theta", and "Eclectic Society" files in Wesleyan Archives; 1825 Barnum Map; 1851 Clark Map; 1874 Beers Atlas; 1877 Bailey 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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Israel Bailey House  
214 High Street, Middletown, Ct. 06457

on the front entablature, a bracketed entrance porch, and a two story Victorian bay window were added sometime after 1877, giving a somewhat Victorian look to the house.

This house, together with 208 High Street to the south and three surviving houses to the east on William Street, were developed by Israel Bailey. Bailey's skill as a builder is shown by the high quality of this house's decoration and the intricate attic framing system. These features make this house an outstanding example of the three-bay, sidehall house in Middletown.