

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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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: _____ Historic: Lawton & Wall Block
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex.
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 562-576 Main Street (east side)
- 4. OWNER(S): See next page (below #21) PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Commercial Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain commercial use no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Italianate Commercial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 562-564, 1867;
568-576, 1870-1874
- 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>foundation</u>
- 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: 3 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 20'x55' (each section)
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Storefront alterations; brick painted
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: passway in rear
 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 row of five connected buildings faces west from the northeast corner of Main and Ferry Streets. It presents a long common facade stretching north from Ferry Street. Main Street in this area displays the heavy commercial development associated with Middletown's central business district.

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

Bracketed cornice, #560-576

Metal cornice over first floor storefront, #574-576

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This block is a composite of five brick structures. The south section was built as a free standing building in 1867 by George N. Ward. The remaining four buildings to the north were all built between 1870 and 1874 and possibly all at the same time. Numbers 560-572 share identical facades including an unbroken common cornice. Number 574-576 has identical details (brackets, cornice molding), however, the roofline is higher than its adjoining neighboring structures.

These buildings were constructed by merchants for their own use to house retail establishments. They remain in commercial use and are an important connection to Main Street's earlier days as Middletown's commercial center.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis
date: 10/78 view: east
negative on file: Roll 46, #3-3A



COMPILED BY:

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; 1874 Beers Atlas; Early photograph, J. Russell Ward Photograph Collection.

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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

OWNERS: 562-564 Main Street, J. & C. Salafia
566-568 Main Street, William T. & Mark C. Corvo
574-576 Main Street, Edward O. Marchinkoski

