

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
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DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: North End Package; Fireside Cafe Historic: Applequest Block
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 698 Main Street
4. OWNER(S): Frank and Ellen G. Cornelio PUBLIC PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Commercial; Residential 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: Late Victorian Commercial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1898
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: _____ cut stone: type: granite
 ___ other: _____ sills and piers
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 ___ wood frame: ___ post and beam ___ balloon
 load bearing masonry structural iron or steel (interior framing)
 ___ 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: 68'x42'
12. CONDITION: Structural: ___ excellent good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
 Exterior: ___ excellent good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site ___ moved, when: _____
 Alterations: ___ no yes, explain: Storefronts altered
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: The Appelquest Block is located on the north end of Main Street, in an area dominated by late-19th and early-20th century commercial buildings of two and three stories. It is joined to the Kabatznick building on the south. An alley on the northern side of the Appelquest Block separates it from the Old North End Meeting House, a frame building now covered with asphalt siding.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Gideon H. Appelquest built this commercial structure in 1898. Appelquest immigrated from Sweden in 1876 and subsequently settled in Middletown where he worked as a photographer for most of his life. Although Appelquest conducted his photography business in another Main Street building, he resided at 698 Main Street until his death in 1902.

The Appelquest Block is an architecturally distinctive building on Middletown's Main Street. It is a three-story brick building with a projecting pavillion. The pavillion contains terra cotta decoration, two sets of narrow, arched windows, and a narrow entrance-way. Unusual rusticated piers of brick and granite are used on the first floor; however, the storefronts have been altered. The windows are bordered with white brick arches and white granite sills. Horizontal lines (i.e. cornice and belt courses) and vertical lines (i.e. corner pilasters) define the building's architectural elements. The Appelquest Building, built by a small entrepreneur, is a distinctive, freestanding, commercial building, in near original form, which has seen continued commercial use since its construction.

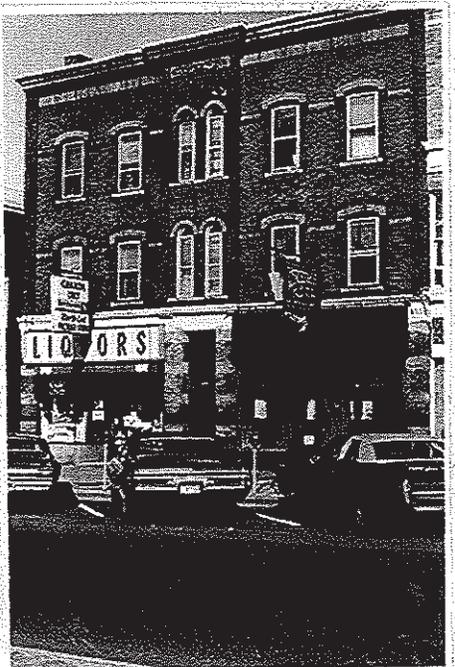
PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Biographical Record of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.B. Beers, 1903)



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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

