

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.:		
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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: _____ Historic: Brainerd House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Mount Road; south side, just east of Millbrook Road
- 4. OWNER(S): Elsie B. Salonia PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ with permission no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1725
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 clapboard asbestos siding brick
 wood shingle asphalt siding fieldstone foundation
 board & batten stucco cobblestone
 aluminum siding concrete: type: _____ cut stone: type: _____
 other: _____
- 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: 1½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 37'x27' (19'x23'wing)
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Kitchen ell added; interior restored
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: slate walkway
 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 house faces north from the south side of Mount Road, a short dirt road off of Millbrook Road. It sits comfortably in the slope of a hill and is surrounded by large maple trees. Rolling fields and pastures range to the south of the premises.

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

SIGNIFICANCE Norris Prentiss

Architect: (Restoration Architect)

Builder:

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This structure was erected around 1725 for Caleb and Elizabeth Brainerd, (probably by their son, Obadiah Brainerd), and remained in the Brainerd family until 1789. The house may have been constructed on the site of an earlier tavern, owned by Daniel Harris, an original settler of Middletown. The Paddock family owned the property for the next forty-three years. In 1832 Jehospat Spencer acquired the property and it remained in his family for forty-three years. Warren S. Williams gained full title to the property in 1875. Williams attempted to raise horses on the property, but was unsuccessful in converting traditional farming land to this use. He was responsible for extensive landscaping of the grounds. Patrick and Catherine Flanagan and their descendants occupied the homestead and farmed the land from 1894 to 1963. The house is currently owned by Elsie B. Salonia.

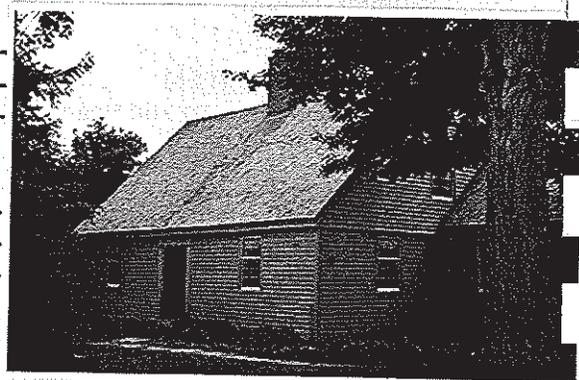
This house is a good example of a central chimney, one and one-half story house of the 18th century. The house underwent a careful restoration during the ownership of the Salonia family, and is now in excellent condition. The exterior displays many original features of high quality including doors, wide floor boards, and fielded panelling.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Roger Sherman

date: 3/12 view: northwest

negative on file: Roll 27, #36A



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19. SOURCES: J. Kuhnlein and E. Reynolds, "Obadiah Brainerd House," (GMPT Report, unpublished, 1973)

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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