

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

9 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
(203) 566-3005

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: Charles Chadwick Barn
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 50 Main Street
- 4. OWNER(S): City of Middletown PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Vacant Historic: Barn; later apartments
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain with permission of Redevelopment Agency no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: 18th century barn DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: probably c. 1758
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input type="checkbox"/> brick
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood shingle <u>east and north sides</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt siding	<input type="checkbox"/> fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> board & batten	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> stucco <u>west and south sides</u>	<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: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> rubble foundation; granite paving stones basement floor
- 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: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 36'x24'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Interior converted to residential use; exterior stuccoed and shingled
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: Charles Boardman House (1753) to west
 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 barn is set in the rear of the Charles Boardman House (1753) property on the east side of Main Street. It is screened from Main Street by a shaded passway along the south line of the State Armory property. The small yard surrounding this barn is enclosed by buildings and fences.

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

Granite flagstone in basement
Old sash in gable peaks
Old floorboards (some 28" wide) in attic

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Charles Chadwick purchased the Charles Boardman house in 1758. In 1762 he sold the property with outbuildings to Joseph Clark. Construction details such as pegged post and beam framing, wide floorboards and rubble foundation support the period 1758-62 as a likely date for this building. It was used as a barn until the 1920's, when it was converted into two apartment units. The Redevelopment Agency acquired the property in 1976, and it was subsequently designated for restoration/adaptive use as part of a project developed by John F. Reynolds, III.

This barn is a unique survival of the 18th century on Main Street, when home lots were large and had many assorted outbuildings. Its restoration will make an important contribution to the restoration/improvement of the south end of Main Street.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis
date: 10/78 view: southwest
negative on file: Roll 40, #15

COMPILED BY:

name: John E. Reynolds date: 7/78
organization: Greater Middletown Preservation Trust
address: 27 Washington St., Middletown, Ct. 06457

19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; 1851 Clark Map; 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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Item number: _____ Date: 1/90

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