

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: Timothy Gilbert House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 1252 Newfield Street
- 4. OWNER(S): John S. Grassi et al. 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: Federal DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ER 1815 in foundation
- 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>ashlar foundation; sills & lintels</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: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 53'x27'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Later two-story rear wing; enclosed porch on front
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: pump in front yard
 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 brick, Federal-period house faces west from the east side of Newfield Street near the Cromwell line. It is set back from the street on a slight rise, and is shaded by several large trees in front. This area of Newfield is a mixture of scattered residences and small industries in an open, rural setting.

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

Old hand pump in front yard
"ER. 1815" carved in cornerstone

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____

Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was built in 1815 by Timothy Gilbert (1790-1878) on land purchased by his ancestors directly from the Indians. The Gilbert family for many years was prominent in the Newfield area of Middletown. The use of brick and the three-bay, ridge-to-street configuration of this house is known elsewhere only in the downtown area of Middletown. This distinction led this house "for many years to be regarded as one of the best in the rural settlements" (Biographical Records of Middlesex County, 1903). Timothy Gilbert was a farmer and also manufactured brick from clay found on this property.

A large rear wing and an enclosed front porch across the width of the house have altered the original appearance of the house; however, as the only brick house of its type outside the urban center of Middletown, it is a unique survival.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Roseanne Fitzgerald
date: 10/78 view: west
negative on file: Roll 48. #27A



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19. SOURCES: Biographical Record of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.H. Beers, 1903); 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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