



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

- Greek entrance with sidelights and high entablature
- Triple-run center staircase with carved newel posts and panelled dado
- Barrel-arch chimney foundation (brick arch in fieldstone base)

**SIGNIFICANCE**

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_ Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was probably built by Theophilus Cande between 1754 and 1781. It may have been constructed as early as 1743 by John Elton, Jr. who owned the land previous to Cande. The sophistication of the interior appointments and the fact that Cande was a wealthy sea captain make it more likely that he was responsible for the construction of this house.

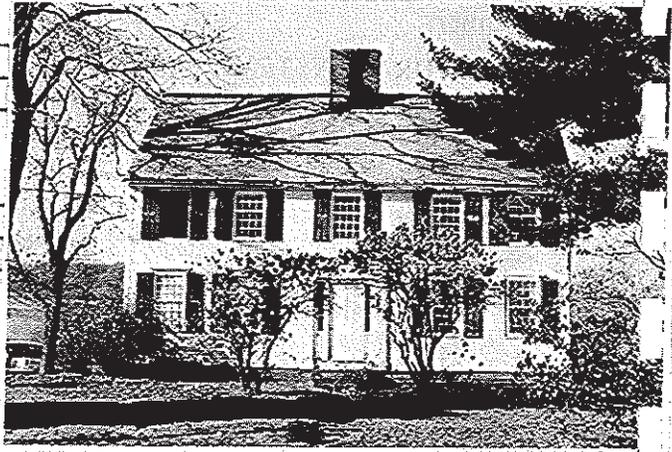
The center-chimney, two-room deep plan of this house was typical of eighteenth-century domestic architecture. However, the house lacks the characteristic overhang of this period. In 1826 a wing was added to the rear of the house, and in 1899 a second floor was added to this wing.

During the nineteenth century this house was occupied by the Bacon family which has been prominent in Newfield for well over two centuries. In the 1930s the property was acquired by the late Governor Wilbert Snow, a well-known poet and professor at Wesleyan University, and a prominent local figure.

This house reflects the emergence of Newfield as a wealthy farming community in a relatively short time following its settlement at the end of the seventeenth century.

**PHOTOGRAPH**

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Court Records; 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: \_\_\_\_\_