

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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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: Charles Brewer House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 28 Pearl Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Guilio and Helen Giuffrida PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residential (apartments) Historic: Apartments
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ with permission no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Plain gable-ended mid-19th c. domestic DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1839-51

- 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete: type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: <u>brownstone</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		<u>foundation</u>

- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

<input type="checkbox"/> wood frame: <input type="checkbox"/> post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> structural iron or steel
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

- 10. ROOF: type:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gable	<input type="checkbox"/> flat	<input type="checkbox"/> mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> monitor	<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> shed	<input type="checkbox"/> hip	<input type="checkbox"/> round	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

 material:

<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> roll asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> tin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> slate
<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> built up	<input type="checkbox"/> tile	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 25'x25' (addition 14'x16')

- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated

- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Rear wing (early) and front porch added; new foundation rear wing

- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

<input type="checkbox"/> barn	<input type="checkbox"/> shed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> garage	<input type="checkbox"/> other landscape features or buildings: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> shop	<input type="checkbox"/> garden	

- 15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

<input type="checkbox"/> open land	<input type="checkbox"/> woodland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> residential	<input type="checkbox"/> scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> high building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This brick house is an integral part of a modestly scaled mid-19th century residential district of 2 and 2½ story structures upon medium sized lots with similar setbacks. The neighborhood is a mixture of simple structures of the Greek Revival period with gable ends to the street and later buildings introduced in the 1860's and 1870's. Directly opposite this house is the large masonry Romanesque style Middletown High School (1895).

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

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____

Builder: _____

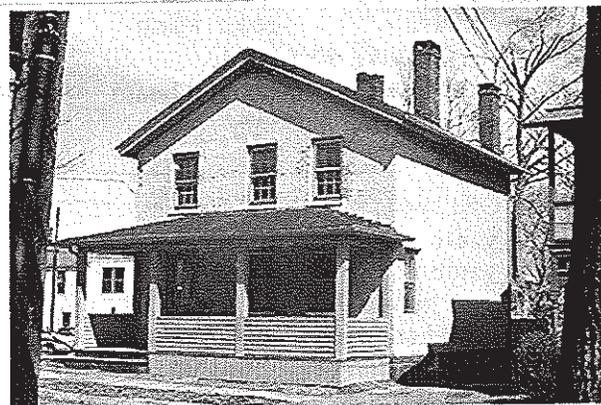
18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was built by Charles Brewer between 1839 and 1851. Brewer, a notable city jeweler, gave the real estate for, and was instrumental in, the building of the Universalist Church erected on Main Street in 1839. This is one of three houses built by Brewer on neighboring properties on Pearl Street during the second quarter of the 19th century. This section of Pearl Street and the bordering section of College Street were developed at the same time as the fashionable Greek Revival development on Broad Street. It was a modest counterpart built for the emerging urban middle class (i.e., skilled artisans and owners of small businesses.) Later nineteenth century owners of the house included Rev. Eleazor Foster, a pastor of the Universalist Church and J. Peters Pelton, a prominent Middletown printer. This very plain brick house with its three-bay facade, slate roof and gable end to the street may originally have been built for the occupancy of tenants. It was used extensively for rental purposes from 1868 to the present day.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Robert Svec
date: 1/78 view: southwest
negative on file: Roll 20, #3

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Records; Middletown City Directories; Commemorative Biographical Record of Middlesex County (Chicago: J.H. Beers Co., 1903); 1851 Clark Map; 1859 Walling Map; 1874 Beers Atlas 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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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: _____ Date: 1/90

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