

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: Elijah Lucas Homestead
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 187 South Main Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Harry, Isidore, and Myer Field PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence (multiple) Historic: Residence
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ with permission no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Greek Revival; Queen Anne remodelling DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: possibly 1838

8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

- clapboard _____ asbestos siding _____ brick
- wood shingle pediments _____ asphalt siding _____ fieldstone
- _____ board & batten _____ stucco _____ cobblestone
- _____ aluminum siding _____ concrete: type: _____ cut stone: type: brownstone
- _____ other: _____ foundation

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'x26'; northeast wing 26'x14'

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

13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site _____ moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Queen Anne decoration added after 1877; interior

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES: altered to accommodate apartments
_____ barn _____ shed _____ garage _____ other landscape features or buildings: _____
_____ 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: South Main Street displays a variety of building styles and uses. This house faces east from its site set back from the street on top of a steep bank on the west side of South Main Street. To the south is a bank building with extensive grounds and across the street and to the north are other residences.

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

Intricate detailing (porch; staircase)

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____

Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house was probably built in 1838 by Elijah Lucas, a farmer and landlord who acquired the property in 1824. It remained in his family until 1948, when it was purchased by members of the Field family who have maintained its residential use.

It is likely that the structure originally had a Greek Revival form. This was altered stylistically sometime after 1874, through the extensive addition of Queen Anne decoration. The large verandah, second floor pavillion, patterned gable shingles, and offset south and north wings are elements of this stylistic transformation.

The alterations to this house reflect the changing tastes of succeeding generations of ownership. From its site near the City Savings Bank this house marks a transition in South Main Street from residential to commercial use.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown Probate Records; Middletown City Directories; 1851 Clark Map; 1874 Beers Atlas; 1877 Bailey Map



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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