

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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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: Jackson House Historic: Powers-Sage House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 319 Washington Terrace
- 4. OWNER(S): Wesleyan University PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Center-Chimney Colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1783

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

- clapboard asbestos siding brick
- wood shingle 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 southwest flat mansard monitor sawtooth
- gambrel wing shed hip round other _____
- material:
- wood shingle roll asphalt tin slate
- asphalt shingle built up tile other: _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 43'x30'

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

13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: South wing added before 1851; west rear fireplace removed

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

- barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: Low brownstone wall marking property boundary on west side
- 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 center chimney house with hip roof faces north to Washington Park from the south side of Washington Terrace. The heavily shaded park serves as a buffer between the houses on Washington Terrace and the traffic on Route 66. Together with its neighbor to the west (Starr-Rand House ca. 1840) this house contributes an early feeling to the blend of architectural styles on Washington Terrace.

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

Balustrade around chimney
Stairway with carved balusters and railing

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Timothy Powers sold this property "with square frame of a house partly covered" to Francis Sage in 1783. After a succession of owners the property was acquired in 1861 by Charles Hunter Jackson, a Commodore of the U.S. Navy and a member of a prominent Middletown family. The house remained in the Jackson family until 1937. In 1958 Wesleyan University purchased the property for use as a faculty residence.

This four-bay, center-chimney house with hip roof is a unique survivor from the eighteenth century in Middletown. Atop the roof is a simple balustrade. Gabled dormer windows are on the east and west sides of the roof below the balustrade. The entrance hall on the north-east opens to the panelled west front room and to the kitchen in the rear. The triple-run stairway on the east side of the center chimney has carved balusters and handrail. A wing to the southwest is an early addition.

This house is representative of the four-bay, center-chimney house with an off center entrance hall. Few houses of this type have survived in Middletown, and of these, this house is unique due to its hip roof and balustrade.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Jesse Alsop, "Jackson House," Old Houses of Connecticut Series (FERA, 1935); Alice B. Richter, "Faithful Remnant," geneological notes (unpublished, 1958); Commemorative Biography of Middlesex County (J.H. Beers, Chicago, 1905)

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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