

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
UTM: 18	/	/	/
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM  
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Highlawn Historic: same
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Staddle Hill COUNTY: Middlesex
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Washington St. Ext.; north side, near Middlefield Town Line
- 4. OWNER(S): John R. Camp 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: Colonial Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1916
- 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: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		
- 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: 38'x67'; south and north
- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: wings 14'x45'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  
Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Garage attached on north side
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 barn  shed  garage  other landscape features or buildings: broad lawn;  
 carriage house  shop  garden tennis court
- 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 large mansion perhaps enjoys the most beautiful site in Middletown. Situated high on Staddle Hill, it can be seen for miles to the east. A broad lawn sweeps down from the front and provides a sufficient scope so that the large building does not appear out of scale with its surrounding.

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

- Large Colonial Revival entrance doorway with broken pediment
- Porte Cochere over rear entrance
- Flared brownstone lintels
- Panelled exterior shutters

**SIGNIFICANCE**

Architect: LeRoy P. Ward Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This fine mansion was erected in 1916 over the ruins of the original Highlawn, built in 1908 and destroyed by fire. It is said that this disaster dictated the use of brick for the present structure. The building remains in the Camp family, builders of the original structure.

LeRoy P. Ward, a local architect, designed this building in the Colonial Revival style. The large central block of the main structure is flanked by wings with rounded bays at the front. The building's classical symmetry is only slightly marred by a small attached garage on the north side which is sympathetic to the original in design and materials. Lavish use of Georgian details such as the large entrance with broken scroll pediment accents the overall symmetry of the center-hall plan.

Together with the T. MacDonaugh Russell House at 340 High Street, this house displays all the dignity and sophistication of the Colonial Revival when executed on a grand scale, and is a rare example in Middletown of a large estate surviving relatively intact from the early 20th century.

**PHOTOGRAPH**

photographer: John E. Reynolds  
date: 1/79 view: east  
negative on file: Roll 58, #14



**COMPILED BY:**

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19. SOURCES: Interview with present owner, John C. Camp, 1978

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

- none known
- highways
- vandalism
- developers
- other: \_\_\_\_\_
- renewal
- private
- deterioration
- zoning
- explanation: \_\_\_\_\_