

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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Form No. _____ Site No. _____
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QUAD _____ DISTRICT _____
5 MR Actual Present

Item # 407
1 BUILDING NAME (Common) _____
2 TOWN CITY _____ VILLAGE _____
3 ADDRESS _____
4 PARCELS _____
5 COLIN & JOYCE ELSTON, 1053 WINDSOR AVE., WINDSOR CT 06095
6 MAP 67, block 44, lot 12; .72 acre
7 DISTRICT _____
8 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION _____
9 NAME _____
10 PRESENT Past

IDENTIFICATION
1 USE TYPE _____
2 ACCESSIBILITY EXTERIOR WALK FROM PUBLIC ROAD INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE IF YES EXPLAIN _____
3 STYLE OF BUILDING _____ DATE OF CONSTRUCTION _____
4 MATERIALS/DETAILS Federal/Greek Revival (transitional)
5 EXTERIOR WALLS Brick Other (Specify) _____
6 ROOFING Asphalt Siding Fieldstone
7 Windows Wood Single Asphalt Siding
8 Doors Wood & Barron Suede Cobblestone
9 Windows Aluminum Concrete Cut stone details _____
10 Siding _____
11 Wood frame Past and beam balustrade
12 Lead bearing masonry Structural iron or steel
13 Other Specify _____
14 GABLE Flat Mansard Monitor semicomb
15 Gable Shed Hip Round Other (Specify) _____
16 Material Brick Slate Other (Specify) _____
17 Asphalt shingle Built up Tile Shingle Other (Specify) _____
18 NUMBER OF STORIES Approximate dimensions 45' x 62'
19 CONDITION - Structural _____
20 EXTERIOR Finish _____
21 INTERIOR Finish _____
22 REPAIRS/ALTERATIONS ON LANDSCAPE FEATURES Yes No entry porch added
23 RECTANGLES OVERBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____
24 Carriage Shed Garage Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____
25 HOUSE Sleep Garden
26 SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT Residential Scattered buildings visible from site
27 OPEN LAND Field Residential High building density
28 COMMERCIAL Industrial General Scattered buildings visible from site
29 INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS On the southeast corner of Windsor Avenue and Ludlow Road, adjacent to other residential buildings.

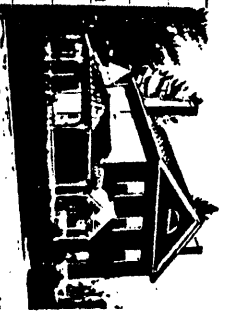
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DESCRIPTION (Continued)
17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OR BUILDING OR SITE CHARACTERISTICS AND SIGNIFICANCE
2 STORY masonry dwelling 3 bays wide by 2 bays deep, with pitched roof, rear 1 story ell, and south side veranda. Roof has a box cornice with complete return across the gable-end. Paired end-chimneys, (originally 4, now only 2) rise above the roof ridge. Gable has single elliptical window. Fenestration is symmetrical with 6 x 6 sash in a simple frame with cut-stone block lintel and sill. The entry is off-centered and has a paneled door with sidelights and transom. Over the entry is a gabled entry porch, (added c. 1880). It has turned posts, elaborate gable screen with lattice and fan motif, and turned hammer beam. From this entry porch extends the veranda. It has turned posts with small brackets and a polygonal hip roof. The rear ell has gabled entry porch as well as dormer (both late 19th century additions).

SIGNIFICANCE
18 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
Example of a handsome early 19th century dwelling, constructed in masonry. This house is a transitional Federal/Greek Revival style building. The elliptical gable window being of the Federal period and the block lintels and door treatment of the Greek Revival era. The porch is a late 19th century addition and is a beautiful example of the carpenters craftsmanship of this period. Compare the house with those at 860, 881, 901, 958, and 1021 Windsor Avenue.
This house was built by Ira Loomis, Jr. in 1835 on land given to him by his father. (Ira Loomis, Sr. lived just south of here at 1037 Windsor Avenue.) He was a farmer and brick maker.

SOURCES
Town of Windsor Assessor's Office
Stiles; Vol. II, page 448
Windsor Land Records; Vol. 34, page 167
U.S. Census Tract Records; 1880
1798 and 1869 Maps

PHOTO
PHOTOGRAPHER Michael K. O'Leary
VIEW East (front)
NEGATIVE ON FILE CHC, Sheet #21
DATE 4/10/81
DATE Spring, 1981
COMPILED BY Preston Maynard
ORGANIZATION Planning Consultant, Town of Windsor
ADDRESS 275 Broad Street, Windsor, CT 06095
19 SUBJECTS/TITLE/EXPLANATIONS
modern garage; noncontributing



20 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE
 None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____
 General Private Destruction Zoning Explanation _____

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