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Item #226

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Town No | Site No
UTM 18 695110 4613470
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DISTRICT ☐ S ☐ NR | IF NR SPECIFY ☐ Actual ☐ Potential

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IDENTIFICATION

1 BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic): William Shelton House

2 TOWN CITY: Windsor | VILLAGE: Windsor Center | COUNTY: Hartford

3 STREET AND NUMBER (and alternate): 40 Pleasant Street map 65, block 102, lot 5; 1.06 acres

4 OWNER S: Paul and Anna Marie Doherty 40 Pleasant St., Windsor ☐ Public ☒ Private

5 USE (Present): 1 Family Residential (Historic): Same CT 06095

6 ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ☒ Yes ☐ No | INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ☐ Yes ☒ No | IF YES EXPLAIN

DESCRIPTION

7 STYLE OF BUILDING: Federal/Greek Revival (transitional) | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1830

8 MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use of brick where appropriate)
☐ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☒ Brick ☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding ☐ Fieldstone
☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone
☐ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: ☒ Cut stone Type: details

9 STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
☐ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ balloon
☒ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel
☐ Other Specify

10 ROOF (Type)
☒ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth
☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☐ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other (Specify)
Material:
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate
☒ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other (Specify)

11 NUMBER OF STORIES: 2+attic/basement | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 36'x27'

12 CONDITION (Structural): ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated | (Exterior): ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

13 INTEGRITY (Location): ☒ On original site ☐ Moved | WHEN? | (Alterations): ☐ Yes ☐ No | IF YES EXPLAIN

14 RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
☐ Barn ☐ Shed ☒ Garage ☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden

15 SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
☐ Open land ☐ Wood-land ☒ Residential ☐ Scattered buildings visible from site
☐ Commercial ☐ Indus-trial ☐ Rural ☐ High building density

16 INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

Located on the southwest corner of Pleasant and East Streets. Surrounding buildings are one and two family structures of similar or later construction dates.

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE

2 story masonry dwelling, 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep. House has a pitched roof with simple box cornice. Cornice makes a complete return across the gable-ends. East side gable has eliptical window with delicate, leaded glass tracery. Pleasant Street side has symmetrical bays, each with 12 x 12 sash, cut-stone sill and blinds. A center entry on the side has a simple wood frame with paneled entry door with small transom. Transom has leaded glass tracery. Over the entry is a cut-stone lintel. The south side features a 1 story porch, 3 bays long. On the west side is a 1 story ell with pitched roof.

SIGNIFICANCE

18 ARCHITECT | BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Example of a Federal/Greek Revival style transitional dwelling. This house is simply proportioned, with basic box pierced by symmetrical fenestration. However, the detail is beautifully appointed with rich leaded glass windows in the gable and over the entry. The straightforward masonry construction with block lintels and sills is Greek Revival in inspiration. The eliptical gable window and front door transom are holdovers from the Federal period. This house remains beautifully intact at the present time and is an essential element in the mid-19th century neighborhood along Pleasant and East Streets. The house was built by William Shelton in 1830. Brick was obtained from William Macks' brick yard at the foot of Pleasant Street which had opened that same year.

SOURCES

Howard, pages 230-231
1869 Map
Town of Windsor Assessor's Office

PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER: Bob Gaylord | DATE: 5/27/81
VIEW: North (front) | NEGATIVE ON FILE: CHC, Sheet #12

COMPILED BY

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

19th century barn; contributing

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE
☒ None known. ☐ Highways ☐ Vandalism ☐ Developers
☐ Renewal ☐ Private ☐ Deterioration ☐ Zoning ☐ Explanation

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