### GENERAL INFORMATION

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<td>Meriden</td>
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### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residence

Historic Use: Residence

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No

Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain ____________________________________________

Style of building Colonial Revival Date of Construction Ca. 1870

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 Foundation)
- ✔ Cut Stone (Type)
- ✔ Other Vinyl Siding

Structural System

- ✔ Wood Frame
- ✔ Post & Beam
- ✔ Balloon
- ✔ Load bearing masonry
- ✔ Structural iron or steel
- ✔ Other

Roof (Type)

- ✔ Gambrel
- ✔ Flat
- ✔ Mansard
- ✔ Monitor
- ✔ Sawtooth
- ✔ Gable
- ✔ Shed
- ✔ Hip
- ✔ Round
- ✔ Other

(Material)

- ✔ Wood Shingle
- ✔ Roll Asphalt
- ✔ Tin
- ✔ Slate
- ✔ Asphalt Shingle
- ✔ Built up
- ✔ Tile
- ✔ Other

Number of Stories: 2 Approximate Dimensions 20 x 24 feet (original section) 20 x 20 feet (addition)

Structural Condition: Good ✔ Fair Deteriorated

Exterior Condition: Excellent ✔ Good Fair Deteriorated

Location Integrity: On original site ✔ Moved When? ___________

Alterations? Yes ✔ No If yes, explain: Two-story gambrel roof addition to rear.

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PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT’D)

Related outbuildings or landscape features:
- [ ] Barn
- [ ] Shed
- [✓] Garage
- [ ] Carriage House
- [ ] Shop
- [ ] Garden
- [ ] Other landscape features or buildings: _______________________________________________________

Surrounding Environment:
- [ ] Open land
- [ ] Woodland
- [✓] Residential
- [ ] Commercial
- [ ] Industrial
- [ ] Rural
- [ ] High building density
- [ ] Scattered buildings visible from site

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

Cherry Street is a small residential neighborhood dating to the late 1800s.

• Other notable features of building or site (Interior and/or Exterior)

Building has a central brick chimney near the ridge of the front-gabled roof. Garage is textured concrete block from early 20th century. It is a two bay garage with pyramidal roof with asphalt shingles.

Architect ______________________________________ Builder _______________________________________

• Historical or Architectural importance:

Martha Minerva Franklin (1870-1968) grew up on 63 Cherry Street. She graduated from the Women’s Training School for Nurses in Philadelphia in 1897. Following private duty work and a move to New Haven, she began to address the discrimination she and other African American women nurses faced. Not finding an ally in the American Nurses Association (ANA), she spent two years garnering information about working conditions. In 1908, she called a meeting to establish the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, serving as its first president. She continued her education at Lincoln Hospital and Columbia University Teacher’s College working in the New York City schools. The ANA elevated her to their Hall of Fame in 1976. The Chi Eta Phi Sorority Hartford Chapter installed a plaque at her grave. It is a site on the Connecticut Freedom Trail.

• Sources:

http://www.cwhf.org/inductees/science-health/martha-minerva-franklin

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View ______________________________________ Negative on File ________________

Name _____________________________________ Date ________________

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• Subsequent field evaluations:

Threats to the building or site:
- [✓] None known
- [ ] Highways
- [ ] Vandalism
- [ ] Developers
- [ ] Renewal
- [ ] Private
- [ ] Deterioration
- [ ] Zoning
- [ ] Other ________________
- [ ] Explanation ________________