



Address: 236 North Main Street

Contemporary Building Name: 236 North Main Street

Historic Building Name: A. Rating House

Present Use: Residential

Historic Use: Residential

Architectural style: Greek Revival / Vernacular

Date constructed: c. 1840 (Baber and Assessor)

Description: The front elevation of the house is the three-bay gable end, with door to the south. The doorway consists of flanking pilasters supporting an architrave, wide frieze, and flat cornice. The two windows to the north are 6-over-6. In the second floor, above, there is a pair of 6-over-6 windows. On the south side elevation, first floor, window sequence is one 6-over-6 sash followed by a tall eight-pane window, then the added one-story ell. At the second floor there is a rectangular window under the eaves toward the front, while an added gambrel-roofed dormer is just before the ell.

Significance: The front doorway of pilasters and entablature as part of the three-bay first-floor fenestration articulate the Greek Revival style, as does the eaves window on the south. However, the paired second-floor front windows do not carry out the style, and absence of corner pilasters and pediment further weaken the stylistic designation. Baber (1978 Inventory) states that 236 North Main Street is mill housing, without further elaboration, which is possible because the date of construction corresponds to the years when the textile mill was nearby to the north. The 1869 atlas gives the house the name A. Rating.

Sources: Baber, David. Capitol Region Council of Governments Historic Resource Survey of Marlborough, 1978.

Ransom, David. Historical and Architectural Resources Survey, Town of Marlborough, Connecticut. April 1998.

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