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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY – BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Please send completed form to: National Register and State Register Coordinator,
State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Economic and Community Development,
450 Columbus Blvd., Suite 5, Hartford CT 06103
* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 284 Chestnut Hill Road

Building Name (Historic) _____

Street Address or Location 284 Chestnut Hill Road

Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Adams, Inta V. ○ Public ◉ Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Single-family residence

Historic Use: Single-family 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. 1940

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 _____) ☐ Cut Stone (Type _____) ☐ Other _____

Structural System

☑ Wood Frame ☐ Post & Beam ☐ Balloon ☐ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel
☐ Other _____

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 _____

Number of Stories: 2 Approximate Dimensions 47' x 28', w/18'x24', 31'x20', 23'x28', 30'x20'

Structural Condition: ☐ Excellent ☑ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

Exterior Condition: ☐ Excellent ☑ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

Location Integrity: ◉ On original site ○ Moved When? _____

Alterations? ◉ Yes ○ No If yes, explain: Later additions, siding.

FOR OFFICE USE: Town #_____ Site # _____ UTM _____

District: ☐ S ☐ NR If NR, Specify: ☐ Actual ☐ Potential

PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT'D)

Related outbuildings or landscape features:

☐ Barn ☑ Shed ☑ Garage ☐ Carriage House ☐ Shop ☐ Garden

☑ Other landscape features or buildings: In-ground pool, cabana

Surrounding Environment:

☐ Open land ☑ Woodland ☑ Residential ☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Rural

☐ High building density ☑ Scattered buildings visible from site

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

See continuation sheet.

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

See continuation sheet.

Architect N/A Builder N/A

• Historical or Architectural importance:

See continuation sheet.

• Sources:

See continuation sheet.

Photographer Stacey Vairo & Lucas Karmazinas Date September 2017

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Name Stacey Vairo & Lucas Karmazinas Date December 2017

Organization Scheller Preservation Associates & FuturePast Preservation

Address 17 Hard Hill Rd., Woodbury, CT 06798 & 940 West Blvd., Hartford, CT 06105

• Subsequent field evaluations:

MBLU# 16/3 PID# 665

Threats to the building or site:

☑ None known ☐ Highways ☐ Vandalism ☐ Developers ☐ Renewal ☐ Private

☐ Deterioration ☐ Zoning ☐ Other _____ ☐ Explanation _____

CONTINUATION SHEET: 284 Chestnut Hill Road, Wilton, CT

Photograph of 284 Chestnut Hill Road, view facing east.

Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings:

This house is located at the end of a long private drive originating on the east side of Chestnut Hill Road (CT Route 53) roughly 400' north of Chestnut Hill Road's intersection with Dudley Road. The house is set back roughly 1000' from Chestnut Hill Road and a meandering asphalt driveway leads from the street to the west (front) side of the house where there is a circular parking area and a two-story, attached garage situated immediately north of the residence. The house is surrounded by a large lawn and plantings, while mature trees dot the parcel.

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Other Notable Features of Buildings or Site:

The house at 284 Chestnut Hill Road is a two-story, wood-frame, Colonial Revival residence built ca. 1940. It has a side-gabled roof that is oriented with its ridgeline set roughly north-south parallel to the street. A one-and-a-half-story, side-gabled block and a one-story, side-gabled ell adjoin the north and south elevations of the main block, respectively. A two-story, attached garage with a side-gabled roof stands just north of the northern ell, this connected to the house via a one-story porch. The house, ells, and garage are clad in aluminum siding. There are minimal overhangs of the asphalt-shingled roof at the eaves and rakes and large red brick end-wall chimneys are located on the north and south (side) elevations of the main block. The formal entrance to the house is centered on the three-bay façade of the main block and is framed by a one-story porch with square supports, a wide entablature, and gabled pediment. The flanking bays have a single eight-over-eight double-hung window on each of the first and second stories, and there is a single eight-over-eight double-hung window in the central bay above the entry. The windows throughout the remainder of the house primarily consist of a mix of eight-over-eight or six-over-six double-hung windows.

Historical and Architectural Importance:

A historic map from 1942 identifies this house as the residence of someone by the name of "Van Riper," this being George Van Riper, a prominent local real estate dealer and partner in the firm of George Van Riper and Lyle DeVeaux. Van Riper moved somewhat frequently and resided on Chestnut Hill Road with his wife, Frances, from about 1943 until around 1950. The house is listed as being vacant in 1954 yet was soon occupied by Robert R. Coster, a corporate vice president at a firm based in Ridgefield, New Jersey, and his wife, Ann, who resided there into at least the 1960s. Despite the application of modern siding, the house retains much of its historic character, including its essential form, massing, and many of its original architectural details. As such, it is significant as an example of Wilton's stock of early-20th century houses, particularly those of Colonial Revival styling.

Sources:

Wilton Assessor's Records on Vision Appraisal; U.S. Federal Census Records, 1900-1940; "Map of the Town of Wilton, Conn., 1909," C.C. Wood, C.E.; "Map of the Town of Wilton, Conn., 1922," Robt. F. Thorley; "Map of the Town of Wilton, Conn., 1929," W.E. Godfrey, Surveyor; "Atlas of Fairfield County, Conn., 1931," Dolph & Stewart, Publishers, New York: NY; "Residents of Wilton, Conn. (As of July 1, 1937), 1937," Town of Wilton, CT; "Atlas of Fairfield County, Conn., 1942," Dolph & Stewart, Publishers, New York: NY; "Wilton, Connecticut, Directory Map, 1950," Town Planning Committee, Wilton: CT; Westport, Saugatuck, Greens, Weston, Wilton Directory, The Price & Lee Co., New Haven, CT, 1933-1963.