

## 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,  
One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor, Hartford CT 06103

\* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) Foster-Castle House  
Building Name (Historic) Fred Foster House  
Street Address or Location 3 Church Street 12-103 2-20  
Town/City Wilton Village \_\_\_\_\_ County Fairfield  
Owner(s) Martin, Catherine E. ☐ Public ☒ Private

### 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 Picturesque Vernacular Date of Construction c. 1900-1890

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 26 x 17 plus ells

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: veranda removed.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

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Name Mary E. McCahon, Arch. Historian Date 5/89

Organization Wilton Historical Society

Address 249 Danbury Road, Wilton, CT 06897

- Subsequent field evaluations:

**Threats to the building or site:**

- ☒ None known    ☐ Highways    ☐ Vandalism    ☐ Developers    ☐ Renewal    ☐ Private  
☐ Deterioration    ☐ Zoning    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_    ☐ Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

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### 3 Church Street, Wilton



Photograph 3 Church Street. View northeast.

#### **Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings**

Located on the northwest corner of Redding Road and Church Street the house contributes to the historic character of Georgetown Center.

#### **Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site**

The large, well proportioned, L-shaped, picturesque vernacular house is well preserved and is one of the few local examples of the popular 1890s house form. With the exception of the removal of the portion of the wrapping veranda that shelters the façade, the house is well preserved. The side portion of the veranda survives with its heavy turned posts which are also used on the pediment at entrance porch. Large two-over-one sash are used throughout, in the gable end of the façade is filled with a tripartite window. A flat-roofed, octagonal-ended bay opens in the north elevation which also has a cross gable. The house is set on granite, ashlar foundation.

#### **Historical and Architectural Importance**

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The picturesque vernacular house was built after 1895 by Fred Foster on a lot he purchased from the Osbornes (21:138). The house remained in the family passing to Susie W. Foster in 1931, until 1944 it was sold to Gertrude McIlwain Castle (Mrs. Howard) (46:340). Mr. Castle worked in the Gilbert & Bennett wire mill, for Connery's store in Georgetown Center, and for Louis Miller as a chauffeur and handyman. He passed away about 1950 it was survived by his wife who lived in the house until her own death about 1975. The house is more ambitious than most workers housing and Wilson portion of Georgetown, the village that grew up around Gilbert and Bennett wire cloth factory that located they're in the 1860s.

#### Sources

Wilton Land Records.

McIlwain, Erwin. Interview, 6/89.