

## 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) Hurlbutt Street Post Office and General Store

Building Name (Historic) same

Street Address or Location 150 Danbury Road

Town/City Wilton Village \_\_\_\_\_ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Wilton Historical Society, Inc. ☐ Public ☒ Private

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Commercial / Shop

Historic Use: Neighborhood Grocery

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

Interior accessible? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, explain during business hours

Style of building Vernacular Date of Construction ca. 1889

Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

- |  |   |                                      |                                       |  |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard  | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding        | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone            | <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten         | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco      | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone  | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> 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: 1 Approximate Dimensions \_\_\_\_\_

Structural Condition: ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

Exterior Condition: ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

Location Integrity: ☐ On original site ☒ Moved When? 1964

Alterations? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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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**CONTINUATION SHEET**

**150 Danbury Road, Wilton**



Photograph 150 Danbury Road. View northwest.

**Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings**

The store is part of a heritage village established on the grounds of the Lambert House at the intersection of Danbury and Westport Roads.

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

The small, three-bay, frame grocery store has a central gable front section sheltered by a simple, shed-roofed porch with plain posts. The façade is opened by octagonal-ended bay, showcase windows flanking the paneled, double-leaf doors with glazed upper panels. The interior is finished with cottage board. None of the original counters or shelving survives, but the exterior is remarkably complete.

**Historical and Architectural Importance**

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### 150 Danbury Road, Wilton

The well-preserved, small grocery store, built circa 1889 by Hawley Bedient for his younger brother James Bedient, was originally located south of the house at 188 Hurlbutt Street. The store was also the site of the Hurlbutt St. Post Office from 1891-1901, and James Bedient was the postmaster. It was moved to Lambert Corners in 1964 and was the gift of Robert. Bedient operated the store until 1908, and in 1912, it was purchased by Fred Bennett who used it for his meat delivery business as well as a grocery. Fred's twin brother, Frank, also work with him. Attached to the south side of the building was a shed that housed a vehicle stall, the cutting block, in an ice box at the rear. Ice was taken from the pond to the south at Lakeland Farm. The shed was not moved with the building. The store was closed about the time of the depression, but the building survived and in a remarkably complete state of preservation. It is again used as a store.

#### Sources

Carvutto, Anthony. Interview, 5/89.