

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) Kent District School
Building Name (Historic) same
Street Address or Location 150 Danbury Road
Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield
Owner(s) Wilton Historical Society ☐ Public ☒ Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Commercial
Historic Use: District School

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Interior accessible? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, explain during business hours
Style of building Greek Revival Date of Construction 1843

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: 1 Approximate Dimensions _____

Structural Condition: ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

Exterior Condition: ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

Location Integrity: ☐ On original site ☒ Moved When? ca. 1972

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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150 Danbury Road, Wilton



Photograph 150 Danbury Road. View southwest.

Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings

The building was moved to the grounds of Lambert House because it was threatened by the new Route 7. It is part of a complex of moved buildings.

Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site

Of the six extant district schoolhouses in Wilton, the Kent School is the second oldest. The gable-ended structure with a smaller, echoing vestibule, is finished with a continuous entablature that returns on the gable ends. Ranges of large, six-over-six windows open the side elevations, and the stove flue survives on the rear elevation. The sides of the entrance vestibule are sheathed in clapboards to match the body of the building, but the front is covered with what appear to be replacement flush boards. The interior of the one-room school has a barrel-vaulted ceiling that is believed to be original. The building is very well preserved.

Historical and Architectural Importance

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The well-preserved, rural school house for the Kent district was moved to its present location in 1971 because it was located in the right-of-way acquisition by the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the new Route 7 (as yet not built). It was originally located on the west side of the road just north of Betts Brook. Kent was one of the nine school districts established in Wilton in 1792, each with its own one-room schoolhouse. The Kent District #6 school was built in 1843, and it was used until 1928 when Center School was opened. Three of the district schools in Wilton survive in unaltered condition. Kent is the southern portion of Wilton, bounded by Grumman Hill on the east, Belden Hill on the west, Sharp Hill on the north and the Norwalk town line to the south. The Danbury Road runs through the village, and it was serviced by its own Norwalk and Danbury Railroad station beginning in 1852. The area is called Kent in land conveyances beginning in 1699.

Sources

Smith, Walter. Interview, 3/89.
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