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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) 140 Drum Hill Road

Building Name (Historic) _____

Street Address or Location 140 Drum Hill Road

Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Logan, Mark S. and Mary B. ○ 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. 1930

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: 2.5 Approximate Dimensions 22'x32', 22'x22', 16'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: None known.

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: Poultry House

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# 88/8 PID# 4898B

Threats to the building or site:

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

☐ Deterioration ☐ Zoning ☐ Other _____ ☐ Explanation _____

Photograph of 140 Drum Hill Road, view facing northwest.

Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings:

The house is located on the northeast side of Drum Hill Road approximately 1000 feet north of the intersection of Drum Hill and Belden Hill roads. The house is set approximately 160 feet back from the street and is accessed by a paved driveway that leads northeast from the road to a garage which is located southeast of the house. A barn and poultry house are located behind the house. The property features mostly open lawn dotted by mature trees.

Other Notable Features of Buildings or Site:

The house at 140 Drum Hill Road is a two-and-one-half-story Colonial Revival-style, wood-frame residence built ca. 1930. The ridge of the gabled roof is set in a roughly east-west direction and parallel to the street. There are wide overhangs of the roof at the eaves and rake and returns at the gable ends. A gable-end, exterior brick chimney is located on the eastern side of the main block. A second brick chimney is located slightly off-center along the ridge. The façade is three-over-three bays wide with a central entrance on the

first story. Windows are paired on the bottom story. Four squared windows are located near the eaves on the attic level. These are six-paned, tilting casements. The remainder of the fenestration throughout is six-over-six, double-hung sash with plain trim. The entrance is shielded by a gabled portico with an arched soffit and is supported by Tuscan columns. The door is reached by a set of brick steps with low side walls. The door itself is paneled, flanked by three-quarter sidelights and is topped by a fanlight. A single-story, gable-roofed addition is appended to the eastern elevation and continues the same pattern of fenestration with paired windows on the façade. The entire structure is clad in clapboard siding with flush clapboards used to frame the squared windows on the attic level. There is a contemporary barn and poultry house also found on the site.

Historical and Architectural Importance:

Historic maps from the 1930s and 1950 identify this house as the residence of an "J. Keeler" or simply "Keeler". Raymond and Jeanne S. Keeler built this house in 1930 and operated Keeler's Hardware Store in Wilton Center. Prior to operating the store, he and his brother Samuel, who lived at 3 Drum Hill Road, both worked in insurance and real estate in Norwalk. According to the 1940 federal census, Raymond (46) and Jeanne (44) lived here with their sons David (16), Robert (13), and George (8). By 1941, Samuel who lived with his family at 3 Drum Hill Road, had joined Raymond in operating the hardware store. The store remained in the Keeler family until 2007, when it was sold to Dave Lind. This house is an excellent example of a straightforward interpretation of the Colonial Revival style. The extended upper story is somewhat unusual, but appears to be an early adaptation, if not original to the design.

Sources:

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