

## 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) Johnson Houses  
Building Name (Historic) Ericson Houses  
Street Address or Location 5, 9 New Street 11/29, 30  
Town/City Wilton Village \_\_\_\_\_ County Fairfield  
Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ 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 Vernacular Date of Construction 1913

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 25' x 21' 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: siding, conversion to two-family and windows

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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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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**5 and 9 New Street, Wilton**



Photograph 5, 9 New Street. View northwest.

**Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings**

The pair of houses is located on a dead end street at the south end of the residential district in Georgetown center.

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

The pair of nearly identical, gable-ended, 3-bay, vernacular dwellings was constructed in 1913. A shallow cornice return accents the façade, and 1-over-1 windows are used throughout, including the gable ends. A once-story bay window opens the west elevation, and each has a full-façade verandah with Tuscan columns. The interiors are arranged on a four-room plan.

**Historical and Architectural Importance**

The pair of identical, vernacular houses was constructed in 1913 for Eric Ericson on land he purchased from John Linstrom in 1912 (37:441). Linstrom worked for Gilbert & Bennett and

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invested his money in land on the south end of New Street. He lived on South Church Street, but his house has been demolished. Many Scandinavians immigrated to Georgetown to work for Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company. Both houses ended up in the Johnson family. They are representative of the commodious worker's housing that dominates the mill village of Georgetown, site of the largest manufacturer of wire cloth and related products.

#### Sources

Wilton Land Records

McIlwain, Erwin. Interview 6/89.