**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 Wilton 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.

Photographer Mary E. McCahon ______________________________________ Date 4/89

View NW __________________________ Negative on File CTSHP 9:15

Name Mary E. McCahon ______________________________________ 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 __________________________
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
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.