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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) 157 Old Highway

Building Name (Historic) _____

Street Address or Location 157 Old Highway

Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Butler, Lucy Monroe ○ 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 Tudor Revival Date of Construction ca. 1925

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 24' x 30', 16'x14', 20'x14'

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: Modern siding

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: Guest 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

View See continuation sheet Negative on File CTSHPO

Name Stacey Vairo & Lucas Karmazinas Date October 2017

Organization Stacey Vairo, LLC & FuturePast Preservation

Address 17 Hard Hill Rd., Woodbury, CT 06798 & 940 West Blvd., Hartford, CT 06105

• Subsequent field evaluations:

MBLU# 44/18 PID# 2227

Threats to the building or site:

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

☐ Deterioration ☐ Zoning ☐ Other _____ ☐ Explanation _____

Photograph of 157 Old Highway, view facing south.

Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings:

This parcel is located on the south side of Old Highway, roughly 325' west of Old Highway's intersection with Sharp Hill Road. There are two residential buildings on the property, a main house set back roughly 90' from Old Highway, and a secondary structure that may have originally served as a garage that stands less than 10' from the road. A paved driveway leads southwest from the road and runs to the northwest of the house and southeast of the secondary residence. Both buildings are surrounded by a small lawn and plantings, while mature trees dot and frame the parcel.

Other Notable Features of Building or Site:

The house at 157 Old Highway is a two-story, wood-frame, Tudor Revival residence built ca. 1925. It has a steeply-pitched front-facing gable roof, the southern slope of which extends down to the first floor. The house is oriented with its ridgeline set roughly northeast-southwest at a 45-degree angle to the street. It is clad in aluminum siding, however, many of the original details have been preserved. A red brick interior

chimney rises from just behind (south of) the ridgeline near the center of the main block. There are minimal overhangs of the asphalt-shingled roof at the eaves and rakes. A full-width shed dormer spans the second story of the west (side) elevation and one-story cross-gable ells project from the north and south (side) elevations. The primary entrance is offset on the façade and is framed by a wood surround. Fenestration throughout the house consists of double-hung sash, the majority being of a six-over-six arrangement. The roof of the ell on the north side of the house extends over a small porch with square supports. This shelters a secondary entry with a plain frame surround.

Historical and Architectural Importance:

Historic maps from the 1920s and 1930s suggests that this house was occupied by a "P. Shemonsky," who was Peter Shemonsky, a naturalized citizen who had emigrated from Germany in 1892 at the age of 13. The 1930 Federal Census lists the 52-year old Shemonsky as residing with his wife, Olga, but does not list his profession or place of employment. Olga Shemonsky remained in the house during the late 1940s, at which time she is listed as a widow in local directories, however, she is no longer present in the directory during the early 1950s. The next resident appears to have been Cyrus E. Brush and his wife Georgia, who occupied the house during the early 1950s but moved by the mid-1950s. The house at 157 Old Highway is a well-preserved example of an early 20th century Tudor Revival-style residence. As such, it is significant as an example of Wilton's stock of early-20th century houses, particularly those of Tudor Revival styling.

Sources:

Wilton Assessor's Records on Vision Appraisal; U.S. Federal Census Records, 1900-1940; "Map of the Town of Wilton, Conn., 1909," C.C. Wood, C.E.; "Map of the Town of Wilton, Conn., 1922," Robt. F. Thorley; "Map of the Town of Wilton, Conn., 1929," W.E. Godfrey, Surveyor; "Atlas of Fairfield County, Conn., 1931," Dolph & Stewart, Publishers, New York: NY; "Residents of Wilton, Conn. (As of July 1, 1937), 1937," Town of Wilton, CT; "Atlas of Fairfield County, Conn., 1942," Dolph & Stewart, Publishers, New York: NY; "Wilton, Connecticut, Directory Map, 1950," Town Planning Committee, Wilton: CT; Westport, Saugatuck, Greens, Weston, Wilton Directory, The Price & Lee Co., New Haven, CT, 1933-1963.