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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) 151 Range Road

Building Name (Historic) _____

Street Address or Location 151 Range Road

Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Vasale, Paula M. & Allison, Karen V. ○ 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 Cape Cod Cottage Date of Construction ca. 1945

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 Rough-cut) ☐ 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: 1.5 Approximate Dimensions 36' x 27', 24'x27', 14'x12'

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: _____

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 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# 85/46 PID# 4531

Threats to the building or site:

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

☐ Deterioration ☐ Zoning ☐ Other _____ ☐ Explanation _____

CONTINUATION SHEET: 151 Range Road, Wilton, CT

Photograph of 151 Range Road, view facing northwest.

Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings:

This house is located on the north side of Range Road, roughly 900' west of Range Road's intersection with McFadden Drive. The house is set back approximately 65' from Range Road and an asphalt driveway leads from the road to the east side of the residence where a garage is accessible from the exposed basement level. The house is surrounded by a large lawn and plantings and numerous mature trees dot and frame the parcel. A low stone wall lines a portion of the parcel flanking the road.

Other Notable Features of Building or Site:

The house at 151 Range Road is a one-and-a-half-story, rough-cut stone masonry and wood-frame, Cape Cod Cottage-style residence built ca. 1945. It has a side-gabled roof and is oriented with its ridgeline set roughly east-west parallel to the street. There is a one-story side-gabled block with a rough-cut stone masonry basement level and façade adjoining the east (side) elevation of the main block, and a one-story rough-cut stone masonry block with a side-gabled roof adjoining the main block's west (side) elevation.

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The wood-frame portions of the house, which include two gable dormers, the gable-end of a cross-gable projection centered on the façade of the main block, and the gable-end of the east ell, are clad in wood clapboards. There are moderate overhangs of the asphalt-shingled roof at the eaves and rakes and a red brick chimney rises from just east of center along the ridgeline of the main block. The primary entrance to the house is located within the aforementioned cross-gable projection where it is set in a round-arched opening in the stone structure. The projection comprises the centrally located of three bays on the façade, while each of the flanking bays has a paired window comprised of two six-over-six double-hung sash. Fenestration throughout the remainder of the house likewise primarily consists of six-over-six double-hung windows, many of these in paired arrangements. A secondary entrance to the house is located on the façade of the west ell, this comprised of a paneled wood door with six lights in its upper half.

Historical and Architectural Importance:

A historic map from 1950 identifies this house as the residence of a "J. Vasale," this being James J. Vasale Jr., a building contractor. The residents of Range Road do not appear to be listed in the 1940 Federal Census for Wilton, however, Vasale can be found in the 1930 Federal Census, where he is listed as a 19-year old machine operator residing with his parents, 51-year old James Vasale Sr., a farmer, and 48-year old mother, Rose, and five siblings, Julius, Joseph, Zolton, Arpad, and Katherine, age 18, 16, 14, 13, and eleven. James and Rose Vasale emigrated to the United States from Hungary in 1904 and 1901, respectively, and all of their children were born in Connecticut. James Vasale Jr. appears to have moved out of his parents' house after building the residence in question ca. 1945. A local directory from 1946 lists Vasale as a poultry farmer who resided with his wife, Luella, whom he married in 1940. Vasale changed careers during the early 1950s, whereupon he took up work as a building contractor. The couple remained in the house on Range Road into the early 1960s, however, Luella filed for divorce due to a claim of "intolerable cruelty" in October 1963. James Vasale appears to have retained the house following the divorce and may have lived there until his death in 1989. The house at 151 Range Road is a well-preserved example of an early 20th century Cape Cod Cottage-style residence. As such, it is significant as an example of Wilton's stock of early-20th century houses, particularly those of Colonial 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.