

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) Congregational Church Parsonage
Building Name (Historic) Congregational Church Parsonage
Street Address or Location 65 Ridgefield Road
Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield
Owner(s) Wilton Congregational Church, Inc. ☐ Public ☒ Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residence
Historic Use: Residence

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Interior accessible? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, explain _____
Style of building Federal Date of Construction 1832

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 36 x 30 + 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: _____

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 Northwest Negative on File CTSHPO 4:15

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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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CONTINUATION SHEET 65 Ridgefield Road, Wilton



Photograph 65 Ridgefield Road View Northwest

Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings

Located in Wilton center across the street from the church with which it is historically associated, the house contributes greatly to the character of the center.

Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site

The well-proportioned, five-bay, central hall dwelling with interior end chimneys (one of the few examples of such in Wilton) was built in 1832, and it stands in a remarkably complete state of preservation. Six-over-six windows with molded backbands on the architraves and molded caps are used throughout. The eaves are detailed with a frieze board that continues along the rake of the roof and a cornice return with Grecian molding profiles on the gable end. A pilastered frontispiece with transitional moldings accents the central entrance flanked by side lights. Historic photographs show that at the turn of the century the house had a handsome Italianate

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verandah (non-extant) and was painted dark, Victorian hues. The lean-to ell on the rear appears to be a very early addition.

Historical and Architectural Importance

The handsome and very well preserved house was constructed in 1832 by the Wilton Congregational Society as its parsonage. Located across Ridgefield Road from the church, it was constructed with funds generated from the sale of some land and an \$800 gift from Jonathan Middlebrook. Until the 1962 purchase of the Dana Parsonage located nearby at 77 Ridgefield Road, the Federal style house served as the residence for the ministers. It now houses the assistant minister. The Congregational Church was founded in 1726, and its third building was constructed on Ridgefield Road in 1790. The Merwin Parsonage, as the residence is known, is a major element in establishing the historic and architectural character of Wilton

Sources

Resen, Larry. Wilton Congregational Church from 1726. Nd.