

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) Dana Parsonage
Building Name (Historic) Nathan Comstock House
Street Address or Location 77 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 circa 1820

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 43 x 39

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:

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Photographer Mary E. McCahon Date 4/89

View Northwest Negative on File CTSHPO 4:16

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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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Photograph 77 Ridgefield Road View Northwest

Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings

Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site

The five-bay, two-story, Federal dwelling was built in two sections. Breaks in the entablature as well as evidence of the original exterior wall on the west side of the stairway conclusively prove that fact. The original house, the easternmost three-bays, is arranged on the typical four-room plan with the kitchen fireplace in the back room. The westernmost file of rooms was added shortly after the house was completed, and the woodwork throughout is transitional, but it is more Federal than Greek and is of the highest quality. High base boards are used throughout and the window and door architraves are built up. Of particular significance is the superbly detailed entrance bay with an elliptical transom and side lights with the doorframe are reede. The supports carrying the shed-

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roofed entrance hood are replacement or added turned, turn-of-the-century posts. A secondary staircase is located between the two rooms on the eastern end of the house, a regional feature that is found in other houses of the period in Westport as well as Wilton. The articulated entablature is finished with cornice returns on the gable ends which are also set with lunette windows. A lean-to addition extends the house on the rear. The house is extremely well preserved on the interior as well as the exterior.

Historical and Architectural Importance

The handsome Federal house was built in two sections with the easternmost slightly pre-dating the western side. Mrs. Kate Winton, who owned the house from 1915 until her death in 1952, state that she believed that the original portion of the house was constructed about 1810, but stylistic evidence supports a date in the 1820s. It was built by Nathan Comstock. He operated a store (non-extant) located northwest of the house. The house passed to Nathan's son Frank, and it was sold to Dr. A.L. Winton of Bridgeport in 1915. The Wintons held the house until 1952, and they are responsible for the house across the street at 80 Ridgefield Road. Mrs. Kate Winton sold the house to Thomas Dana. It was bought from him in 1962 by the Wilton Congregational Church. It is used as the parsonage for the senior minister of the church. The house at 65 Wilton Road, historically known as the parsonage, is now used for the assistant minister. The Dana Parsonage, as the house is currently known, is one of the finest examples of the Federal style in Wilton. The interior is as complete as the exterior, and it contributes greatly to the historic character of Wilton Center. Along with neighboring buildings, it is in Wilton Historic District #2.

Source

Wilton Land Records. Wilton Historical Society: house file.