

## 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) Bouton Funeral Home  
Building Name (Historic) William and Sarah Miller Hunter House  
Street Address or Location 31 West Church Street  
Town/City Wilton Village \_\_\_\_\_ County Fairfield  
Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Public ☒ Private

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Funeral Home  
Historic Use: residence

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Interior accessible? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Style of building Colonial Revival Date of Construction ca. 1912

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 1/2 Approximate Dimensions 30 x 27 + 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.

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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 31 West Church Street View Southeast

#### **Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings**

The house is located on a quiet side street in Georgetown center.

#### **Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site**

The large, picturesquely massed, two and one-half-story, gable-roofed, Colonial Revival dwelling built in 1912 is one of the most ambitious examples of the style in Wilton. Massed with a variety of gables, including a broad, offset cross gable and a pediment defining the entrance bay on the wrapping Tuscan-columned verandah, the house also has several octagonal-ended bays and varied one-over-one fenestration. The gable ends are accented by beveled skirts to the eaves. Fortunately the house is well preserved.

#### **Historical and Architectural Importance**

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#### **31 West Church Street, Wilton**

The handsome, well preserved, picturesque colonial Revival house, one of the most ambitious examples of its type in Wilton, was constructed in 1912 by William and Sarah Miller Hunter on a 34 acre lot they purchased from Floyd Jennings in 1911 (29:100). Mrs. Hunter was the daughter of David Henry Miller, Secretary and later President of Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company in Georgetown. William Hunter began working at Gilbert & Bennett as a bookkeeper in 1892 and rose to become the company's treasurer and a director. Gilbert & Bennett, the country's earliest and largest manufacturer of woven cloth and related products was basically a family held and managed business into the 1950's. The house passed to the Hunter's daughter Elizabeth Hunter Rupert in 1944, and she sold to Floyd J. Bouton, the local undertaker, in 1963 (102:675). He converted the house to his funeral home, and it continues as such today.

#### **Sources**

Wilton Historical Society: Gilbert & Bennett File

Beers Map, 1867

Wilton Land Records.