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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,
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) Keeler-Raymond House

Building Name (Historic) Justus Keeler House

Street Address or Location 468 Belden Hill Road

Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Laurie M. & Peter D. McTeague ○ 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 Colonial/Colonial Revival Date of Construction c.1780

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 26 x 34 , 21 x 25, 21 x 31

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: Additions to East

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 west Negative on File CHC 9:1

Name Mary E. McCahon, Arch. Historian Date 5/89

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 _____

Photograph 468 Belden Hill Road. View west.

Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings

Oriented to the south at the intersection of Seir Hill, Belden Hill and Old Belden Hill Roads in a residential area.

Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site

The southerly oriented, five-bay, originally central chimney has a AABAA fenestration placement typical of the 1790-1810 period. The present six-over-six are replacement. The pedimented entrance porch, set with Tuscan columns, and bay windows on the first level of the façade are post-1927, Colonial Revival additions. The central chimney has been replaced by two interior stacks, in the original roof has been replaced by one with a box overhang. The modern east wing is unobtrusive and appears to date to the mid to late 19th century.

Historical and Architectural Importance

Justus Keeler received "12 acres with dwelling house standing there on situated at a place called Belden Hill in the society of Wilton" from Isaac Keeler in 1800 (NLR 19: 274). How much before 1800 the house was built is not known, but the land in the area had been in the Keeler family since the early 1700s. John Keeler acquired the land at Belden Hill as early as 1709, and his brother David in 1718, and he moved to Belden Hill in 1721, according to G. Evans Hubbard. Both men were successful farmers, large landowners, and David was a church deacon. Isaac Keeler was also a large landowner. The house remained in Keeler family until 1881 when Francis L. Keeler's estate conveyed it to Charlotte and Thomas Raymond (20:470). Their heirs sold to Wilbur Smith in 1927 (53:18).

Sources

Hubbard. Annals of Wilton Vol. III. NLR, WLR.