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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) Havoc House

Building Name (Historic) Gregory Grist Mill

Street Address or Location 30 Cannon Road

Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Nava & Marc Gueron ○ Public ◉ Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residence

Historic Use: Grist Mill

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? ◉ Yes ○ No

Interior accessible? ○ Yes ◉ No If yes, explain _____

Style of building Vernacular Date of Construction c.1900, 1929

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 62 x 35

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

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: commercial 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 south Negative on File CHC 12:

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 30 Cannon Road. View south.

Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings

Is located at the north end of the Cannon Crossing complex, pay specialty shopping area and a former rural commercial center. Hidden by high privacy fence.

Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site

The nucleus of the shingled, vernacular dwelling located on the west bank of the Norwalk River is a c. 1900 grist mill. Originally massed with a one-story section set gable end to the river, and attached to a two-story, gabled-roofed section, the building has been enlarged by a two-story, gable-ended section added to the west side after 1929. All sections have boxed overhanging eaves, and six-over-six windows are used throughout. The mill is located next to a small dam, which created the drop to operate the turbine-powered milling equipment.

Historical and Architectural Importance

The grist mill, which forms the nucleus of the house, was constructed by the Gregory's on their Cannondale property. In 1929, the Gregory's converted the mill into a residence and used it as a rental dwelling. It was rented by Leah Curtiss who operated The Millhouse gift shop. She imported Italian ceramics, tiles and papers and also operated a successful mail order business. After her death the building housed a gift shop run by local women. The entire Gregory complex was purchased by Jose Grant, a silversmith from Norwalk, and he later sold to a group of 12 local investors who converted the complex into Cannon Crossing, a group of small specialty shops. It was later purchased by June Havoc who resides in the millhouse. The Gregory mill is apparently the only extant grist mill in Wilton.

Sources

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