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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) Lounsbury-Rounds House

Building Name (Historic) Hannah Lounsbury House

Street Address or Location 45 Seeley Road

Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Makris, George & Nancy ○ 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 Vernacular/Colonial Revival Date of Construction 1852, 1950

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 41 x 25 32 x 22

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: wing added

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: 2 sheds, caretaker house

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 East Negative on File CTSHPO 1:12

Name Mary E. McCahon 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 45 Seeley Road View East

Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings

The house is one of three houses on the west side of Seeley road associated with the rounds family.

Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site

Described by a long-time Wilton resident as a "little, old fashioned house," the three-bay, two-story ca. 1852 dwelling was reworked in the colonial Revival style after 1950. It appears that a verandah has been removed from the central-hall plan house. Six-over-six windows are used throughout, and the central entrance is accented by a modern, Colonial revival frontispiece. Any original, interior chimney has been removed, and a modern one is located on the west elevation. The offset, two-bay wide, west wing was added after 1950.

CONTINUATION SHEET
45 Seeley Road, Wilton

Historical and Architectural Importance

The original portion of the house was constructed after 1851 by Hannah Lounsbury on one acre of land she acquired from George and William Nichols in 1851 (10:338). No building was mentioned in the conveyance. Mrs. Lounsbury owned the house until her death, when it was conveyed to Georgianna Cole, and she, like Mrs. Lounsbury, held the house until her death. Her executors sold the property to Katherine rounds, sister of Arthur and Ralph Rounds who had developed seasonal estates at 105 Seeley Road and 109 Cannon Road. Miss Rounds retained the house until 1950 when she sold to John Treleaven, and antique dealer who enlarged the house. The house has been enlarged and remodeled by both the Davises, who purchased it in 1972, and the current owner, George Makris, who acquired it in 1974. The Rounds were prominent summer residents of Wilton, a community, thanks in large part to its access by rail from New York City, that flourished as a seasonal retreat for both wealthy and middle class New Yorkers. The house, like so many others in the town, has been reworked in the Colonial Revival style.

Sources

Wilton Land Records
Keiser, Sylvia. Interview, 5/89.
1858 Clark, 1867 Beers maps.