

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) Stannard House

Building Name (Historic) Isaac Abbott House

Street Address or Location 760 Ridgefield Road

Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Congdon, Maureen 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 Eclectic Date of Construction 1850

Material(s) *(Indicate use or location when appropriate):*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone | <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 25 x 40 + 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.

Photographer Mary E. McCahon Date 4/89

View Southwest Negative on File CTSHPO 4:5

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 _____

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760 Ridgefield Road, Wilton



Photograph 760 Ridgefield Road View Southwest

Interrelationship of Buildings and Surrounding

The house contributes to the historic character of Ridgefield Road, an important scenic highway and one of Wilton's early thoroughfares.

Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site

The 2-story, gable-ended house is an interesting *mélange* of architectural styles. The house began as a 5-bay, central entrance cape built early in the 19th century. Toward the middle of the century, it was enlarged into a gable-ended, Greek Revival dwelling with a pedimented gable end and 3 bays on the second level. The flush-sided tympanum is filled with a tripartite window with double-hung sash. During the later part of the 19th century, the house was refreshed in the picturesque taste; a Stick Style gable piece was added to the front as was a wrapping verandah. This century, after 1965, the verandah was removed from the façade and replaced with an arched soffit entrance porch. The southern wrap of the verandah, set with Tuscan colonettes, was retained. The flat-

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roofed, two-story ell added to the southeast corner of the house appears to date to late-19th or early 20th century. Many two-story houses in Wilton began as capes.

Historical and Architectural Importance

Isaac Abbott acquired a 2-acre parcel with the highway on the west “at Bald Hill” in 1802 from his mother, Abigail Abbott, and it appears that he built a 5-bay, 1 ½ story cape on the land. The deed mentions appurtenances but not buildings, but by the time Abbott sold the property to Charles E. Mann in 1848, a dwelling had been constructed (10:21). The cape was enlarged to a full, two-story house in the Grecian taste about the middle of the 19th century. It is not known if it was done by Abbott or Mann. Mann sold the property to Amzi Camp in 1872, and it passed to Camp’s son, Frederick A. Camp, in 1886 (16:36, 21:201). In the early part of this century, the house was owned by seasonal residents, John and Wilhemina Bensen of New York City, and in 1925, they sold to Ridgefield Road resident, Everett Stannard, a farmer. When the Stannards acquired the house, a porch wrapped the façade and south elevation. Everett Stannard passed away in 1936, but the house remained in his estate until 1965. The present entrance porch was added by the Greens. The house is interesting in that it combines architectural elements from four different styles (cape, Greek Revival, picturesque, and Colonial Revival).

Sources

Wilton Land Records