

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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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) Nelson Hanford House

Building Name (Historic) Hanford House

Street Address or Location 1 Grumman Hill Road (Formerly 72 Danbury Road) 68/22

Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Hydrogeology Associates Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: commercial

Historic Use: residence

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

Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain during business hours

Style of building Vernacular Date of Construction ca.1840

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 30 x 18, 21 x 17 + 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: rear addition

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 CHC 2:7

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 _____

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1 Grumman Hill Road, Wilton



Photograph 1 Grumman Hill Road. View southwest.

Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings

The house contributes to the rapidly disappearing, residential character of Danbury Road.

Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site

The five-bay by two-bay, T-shaped, central hall plan house with interior end chimneys is set on a granite foundation and appears to date to ca. 1846. Six-over-six windows are used throughout and the central entrance, features a Colonial Revival door surrounded by a handsome Grecian tripartite frontispiece with molded pilasters, is sheltered by a pedimented portico with revival Tuscan columns. The roof with boxed, overhanging eaves does not appear to be original. The house has been enlarged many times with the wings and solarium on the south side appearing to date from the late 19th and early 20th century. The rearmost ell is recent. The Hanford House contributes

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greatly to maintaining the original. Historic character of the dramatically redeveloped Danbury Road corridor in Wilton.

Historical and Architectural Importance

Exactly when and for whom the transitional house on the southeast corner of Grumman and Danbury roads was built is not known. Stylistically it appears to date to the second quarter of the 19th century. William H. Hanford (1809-1896), a farmer and member of the Kent Methodist Episcopal Church, acquired the property from Zachariah Fitch, a large landowner in the Chestnut Hill area, in 1846, and in 1852 he conveyed it to Nelson Hanford (born in 1815) (12:342). It is possible that the Hanfords erected the house, which remained in the family until 1897 when Nelson Hanford sold to Annie Jennings (21:186). There have been a host of owners this century, and the house has had many additions that have transformed it into a rambling farmhouse that reflects both 19th and 20th century styles. It has been sensitively converted to office use.

Sources

Wilton Land Records.

Hubbard. Wilton Families.