

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,
450 Columbus Blvd., Suite 5, Hartford CT 06103

* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 78 Belden Hill Road

Building Name (Historic) _____

Street Address or Location 78 Belden Hill Road

Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Richards, Pamela J. ☐ Public ☒ Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Single-family residence

Historic Use: Single-family residence

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

Interior accessible? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, explain _____

Style of building Craftsman Date of Construction ca. 1924

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

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|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone | <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco | <input checked="" 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: 1.5 Approximate Dimensions 32' x 26', w/26'x30', 26'x23'

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: Modifications to attic space.

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.

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Name Stacey Vairo & Lucas Karmazinas Date December 2017

Organization Scheller Preservation Associates & FuturePast Preservation

Address 17 Hard Hill Rd., Woodbury, CT 06798 & 940 West Blvd., Hartford, CT 06105

- Subsequent field evaluations:

MBLU# 87/21 PID# 3424A

Threats to the building or site:

☒ None known ☐ Highways ☐ Vandalism ☐ Developers ☐ Renewal ☐ Private
☐ Deterioration ☐ Zoning ☐ Other _____ ☐ Explanation _____

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Photograph of 78 Belden Hill Road, view facing southeast (Photo: Vision Appraisal).

Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings:

This house is located on the east side of Belden Hill Road at the southeast corner of the intersection of Belden Hill and Drum Hill roads. The house is set back roughly 80' from Belden Hill Road and a paved driveway leads from the street along the north side of the house to a small wood-frame garage. The house is fronted by an expansive lawn that is dotted with plantings. Mature trees also frame the parcel.

Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site:

The house at 78 Belden Hill Road is a one-and-a-half-story, wood-frame Craftsman-style house built in 1924. The roof ridge is set parallel to the street and there are wide overhangs at the bracketed eaves and rake. A gabled dormer is located centrally on the main block of the façade and is set with a run of five windows. Single-story ells are located on the north and south elevations and an exterior stone chimney is

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located at the far northern end of the north elevation. The house is clad in wood shingle siding. The roofline on the west side of the house extends over a full-width, enclosed porch that is accessed by a set of stone steps. The main entry is located on the north side of the main block. A full-height sidelight is located on the north side of the door. A full-width, elevated patio is located along the length of the north ell and is clad in wooden shingles. Fenestration on the main block is six-over-six double-hung sash on the second floor and six over nine double hung sash on the first story. Fenestration throughout the house consists of six-over-six double-hung sash, the majority of which are arranged in runs of four or more.

Historical and Architectural Importance:

Historic maps dating from 1929 through 1950 identify “E. T. Fagan” as owner. The 1940 Federal census indicates that E. Thomas Fagan was 58 years of age in that year, and worked as a salesman at the Norwalk Lumber Company. Fagan was born in Connecticut and lived in the house with his wife Myra who was 50 years of age in 1940 and born in New Jersey. The house appears to have been modified slightly by the addition of new siding and remodeled openings, but the massing, form and original design remain intact, making it one of the best surviving examples of the Craftsman house type in Wilton. Character defining features include the wide, overhanging and bracketed eaves, exterior stone chimneys and an integral front porch.

Sources:

Wilton Assessor’s Records on Vision Appraisal; U.S. Federal Census Records, 1900-1940; “Map of the Town of Wilton, Conn., 1909,” C.C. Wood, C.E.; “Map of the Town of Wilton, Conn., 1922,” Robt. F. Thorley; “Map of the Town of Wilton, Conn., 1929,” W.E. Godfrey, Surveyor; “Atlas of Fairfield County, Conn., 1931,” Dolph & Stewart, Publishers, New York: NY; “Residents of Wilton, Conn. (As of July 1, 1937), 1937,” Town of Wilton, CT; “Atlas of Fairfield County, Conn., 1942,” Dolph & Stewart, Publishers, New York: NY; “Wilton, Connecticut, Directory Map, 1950,” Town Planning Committee, Wilton: CT; Westport, Saugatuck, Greens, Weston, Wilton Directory, The Price & Lee Co., New Haven, CT, 1933-1963.