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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,
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) 26 Rossimur Court

Building Name (Historic) _____

Street Address or Location 26 Rossimur Court

Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Seville, Douglas and Kaede ○ 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 Tudor Revival Date of Construction ca. 1932

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: 2.5 Approximate Dimensions 40'x32', 40'x27'

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: Pool, Tennis Courts

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 Stacey Vairo & Lucas Karmazinas Date September 2017

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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# 104/35 PID# 5401

Threats to the building or site:

☑ None known ☐ Highways ☐ Vandalism ☐ Developers ☐ Renewal ☐ Private

☐ Deterioration ☐ Zoning ☐ Other _____ ☐ Explanation _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET: 26 Rossimur Court, Wilton, CT

Photograph of 26 Rossimur Court, view facing south. (Photograph Vision Appraisal)

Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings:

This house is located on the south side of Rossimur Court, which is located on the south side of Ridgefield Road (Route 33). The house is set back approximately 40' from Rossimur Court and a paved driveway leads from the street through a set of stone pillars to a circular driveway. A pool is located south of the house which is surrounded by a lawn that is dotted with mature plantings and various specimen trees.

Other Notable Features of Buildings or Site:

The house at 26 Rossimur Court is a two-and-a-half-story, wood-frame Tudor Revival-style building built ca. 1930. A large hipped ell, situated perpendicular to the main block is located on the south end. A series of hip-roofed dormers are located on the east and west (side) elevations and there are wide overhangs of the

roof at the boxed eaves. Two massive brick chimneys are located along the ridge; one on the north gable end and one at the south end. The main entrance is located on the west side (façade) within a gabled projection. Windows are paired and appear to be replacements. The roof is clad in slate. The house is clad in painted brick veneer and the southern portion features a half-timbered design. An integral, two-bay garage is located on the north end of the house and is located next to a single-story, hipped-roof addition that contains a second entrance.

Historical and Architectural Importance:

In 1942, the map indicates that this house was owned by "A. S. Best", this being Ada S. Best, widow of Herman D. Best. Ada and Herman Best were both officers in the H. D. Best Company, an architecture and engineering firm that operated out of both Atlanta and New York. It appeared to specialize in the construction of large power plants in the northeast. By 1950, the house had past to Harold N. and Florence Munger. Munger worked as an advertising executive in New York and moved from Scarsdale, New York. Harold N. Munger, Jr. was 11 in 1930 and went on to graduate from Princeton before heading the Rutgers University Press in 1953. This house is an example of a fanciful Tudor country estate created for successful New Yorkers. The integral garage is indicative of its time and speaks to a growing dependence on the automobile by Wilton's early commuters. Rossimur Court was reportedly named for the Ross and Murphy families who lived in the area. It does not appear on maps until after 1942 and no families by those names appear on any of the early maps in the vicinity.

Sources:

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