

## 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) Holman-Fett House  
Building Name (Historic) Holman House  
Street Address or Location 52 Millstone Road  
Town/City Wilton Village \_\_\_\_\_ County Fairfield  
Owner(s) Fett, Warren C. ☐ 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 1932, 1952

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 West Negative on File CTSHPO 8:35

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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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### CONTINUATION SHEET 52 Millstone Road, Wilton



Photograph 52 Millstone Road View West

#### **Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings**

Set on a large, wooded lot on the west side of a sparsely developed, rural road.

#### **Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site**

The rambling, well-proportioned, fieldstone-faced eclectic dwelling has as its nucleus a gable-roofed, one and one-half story stone and frame section constructed as a library. The large room on the first level has exposed framing salvaged from a building in Massachusetts, and the second-level room is accessed by stone stairs on the exterior. The gable ends are sheathed with plank siding. After 1951, wings were added to the original structure to create a casually massed structure with a hip-roofed tower and gabled section with eave dormers. A frame wing extends the house to the south. The additions defer to the styling of the original section, and the house ranks as one of the most successful, contemporary dwellings in Wilton. A guest house, built in 1932, is located to the southwest of the main house.

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#### Historical and Architectural Importance

The nucleus of the handsome, eclectic home is a frame and fieldstone building constructed about 1932 by Bertha Holman who is remembered as being a nutritionist. She purchased the property from Frederick Edelsten who has owned it since 1915 (30:224, 44:364). Ms. Holman constructed a small house, now used as a guest house, first, and then the two-story structure that was designed by Holman and Nelson Breed, Wilton's leading proponent of the academic Colonial Revival mode. The basically two-room structure consists of framing elements salvaged from a structure in Ipswich, Massachusetts. The current owner, interior designer, Warren Fett, purchased the property in 1951 from the estate of Ms. Holman. He has enlarged the Holman-Breed structure into a gracious and well-proportioned house. In addition to the house, the property includes an excellent gazebo and shop moved to the site by Mr. Fett and reconstructed. Architecturally the house continues the stone tradition started in Wilton by Frazier Peters in the late 1920s.

#### Sources

Fett, Warren. Interview, 5/89.  
Wilton Land Records