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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,
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) Turner-Gordon House

Building Name (Historic) unknown

Street Address or Location 77 Range Road

Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Butler, Henry L. & Auman Paula J. ○ 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 Greek Revival Date of Construction 1840, 1977

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 16 x 29

Structural Condition: ☑ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

Exterior Condition: ☑ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

Location Integrity: ○ On original site ◉ Moved When? 1940's

Alterations? ◉ Yes ○ No If yes, explain: additions

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 Southeast Negative on File CTSHPO 5:24

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 _____

Photograph 77 Range Road View Southeast

Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings
On high lot in jagged, hilly area.

Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site

The nucleus of the house appears to be a three-bay, two-story, second quarter of the 19th century house with Grecian molding profiles in the cornice return on the one exposed gable end. The frieze board also follows the rake of the roof. Many small additions have been added to the south side of the house since 1977 so that the original portion is all but indistinguishable. The house is set back from the road on a rugged hill.

Historical and Architectural Importance

Local traditions holds that the house was moved to the site, but when and where it was previously located is not remembered. A house at this site is not depicted on the atlas maps of Wilton, and when the property was sold to Mina Turner in 1947, no structure is shown on the property map (#817). It has been suggested that the house was moved in the 1940's. The house has been greatly enlarged so that only a small portion of the original structure is visible. Recent owners of the building, which is one of only a few old residences on Range Road, are Minot Gordon, a carpenter, and Patricia Daley who used it as a rental house.

Sources

Wilton Land Records. Smith, Walter – interview 5/89. Lewis, Norman – interview 6/89.
Daley, Joe – interview 4/89.