

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) Charles Comstock House

Building Name (Historic) Unknown

Street Address or Location 196 Danbury Road 56/12 30/31

Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Hastings, Peter J. Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Offices

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 since ca.1840

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 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 _____

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: 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: 2 modern commercial 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 3:13

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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196 Danbury Road, Wilton



Photograph 196 Danbury Road. View southwest.

Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings

Located on a portion of Danbury Road that has been extensively redeveloped for commercial use, the structure contributes to preserving the original character of the thoroughfare.

Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site

The shingled, three-bay, gable-ended, vernacular house with boxed, overhanging eaves and a recessed, two-story, flat-roofed ell on the south is similar in mass and plan to its neighbor to the north. Six-over-six windows are used throughout, and the entrance is set with a later, Colonial Revival frame with narrow sidelights and shallow, pedimented hood. The house has been greatly enlarged by a myriad of what appear to be late-19th and 20th-century additions to the south and rear elevations. The large, modern wing off the southeast corner is recessed so as to not overpower the original/early house. The building is now used as an office space.

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Historical and Architectural Importance

The nucleus of the present building appears to originally have been similar to the house to its immediate north (198 Danbury Rd.), but it has been greatly enlarged from its original three-bay with a two-story south ell mass. Exactly when and for whom the dwelling was constructed is not known. Originally Raymond land, Charles E. Comstock purchased two-acres with buildings from Henry Mead's estate in 1847 (9:236). Mead's estate also sold the property with buildings to the north in 1843, and it is not known if both houses were erected by him before his death. Charles E. Comstock (the son?) sold the property in 1928 to Blanche Drake, and she in turn conveyed it to Hazell Schultze in 1941 (37:413, 40:217). She retained ownership until 1952. Most of the additions to the southwest portion of the house appear to have been added by the Comstocks. The house was remodeled in 1968, and the large rear addition added after 1969.

Sources

Wilton Land Records.