

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) Sherman Morehouse House

Building Name (Historic) Raymond-Morehouse House

Street Address or Location 198 Danbury Road 56/11

Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Anne F. & Thomas D. Sheridan 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 ca. 1835-40

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input 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 24 x 30 + ells

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 southwest Negative on File CHC 3:14

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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Photograph 198 Danbury Road. View southwest.

Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings

The house contributes to preserving some semblance of the original residential character of busy, redeveloped Danbury Road. One of two Greek Revival houses.

Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site

The gable-ended, three-bay dwelling is superbly detailed in the Grecian taste and ranks as one of the best examples of the style in Wilton. The pedimented gable end has an articulated entablature, which is continued on the secondary elevations, and the flush-sided tympanum is set with a six-over-six window surrounded by a frontispiece. The offset entrance features a superb Greek Revival, pilastered frontispiece and sidelights with geometric pattern muntins as well as a small-light transom. The full façade veranda appears to be a alter addition and it has simple, plain posts. It wrapped to a flat-roofed, two-story ell on the south elevation, but the southern end of the veranda has been enclosed to create a solarium. The house appears to be arranged on the typical, four-room plan. It is very well preserved.

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Historical and Architectural Importance

The handsome, well-preserved, Greek Revival house was built before 1843. Henry Mead of Ridgefield purchased the property of the deceased Zadok Raymond in 1843, and there is mention of buildings standing on the parcel. Raymond, a large, early-19th century landowner, was acquiring land in the vicinity as early as 1808, but stylistically the house dates to the 1830s or 1840s. Mead sold the house to Sherman Morehouse in 1843 (8:344), and it remained in the Morehouse family into the 1940s. The current owner purchased the property from Mabel Frost in 1952 (57:388). Easily one of the best preserved, 19th century homes on Danbury Road, the house has benefited from long-term ownership for most of its existence. The house to its immediate south may well have originally resembled it.

Sources

Wilton Land Records.