

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) Vollmer House

Building Name (Historic) Vollmer House

Street Address or Location 359 Belden Hill Road (Now 345 Belden Hill Road)

Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) The School Sisters of Notre Dame in State of Conn, Inc. Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: _____

Historic Use: _____

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 c.1930

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 type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding |
| <input checked="" 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: 2.5 **Approximate Dimensions** 74x26 + 26x29 + 24x44

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: large complex of modern 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 CHC 4:36

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 359 Belden Hill Road. View southeast.

Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings

General park-like grounds with specimen plantings. Modern buildings added to grounds behind house.

Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site

Ambitious, architect-designed, Tudor Revival house was constructed after 1930. Built of fieldstone with brownstone accenting, the five-bay, hip-roof mass is a nice play of textures increased by the slate roof which is pierced by hipped dormers. The gable-ended entrance porch has a decorative bar dashboard and mock half-timbering. Stylized modillions are set under the overhanging eaves. Leaded casement windows are used throughout. The south solarium, with a crenelated parapet, is matched by an open porch on the north side. A two-story, service ell is located off the rear of the house. The house was enlarged after 1957, when it was acquired by the Catholic Church. The grounds have been developed with modern buildings, but the front portion retains its original graciousness.

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Historical and Architectural Importance

The Tudor Revival estate was built by Dr. Vollmer of Norwalk after 1930. Another house located on the property was moved to New Canaan Road after 1957. In 1957 it was left to the Sisters of Notre Dame in Baltimore, and it is still used as a Catholic facility. The house, with his Tudor styling is architecturally unusual in Wilton. It is somewhat out of place in the 18th and 19th century residential neighborhood. The land was part of the Barnes Farm.

Sources

Wilton Land Records.

Gregory, Julian, Interview, 6/89.