

## 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) Raymond Farm

Building Name (Historic) Platt Raymond House

Street Address or Location 275 Hurlbutt Street

Town/City Wilton Village \_\_\_\_\_ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Ambler, Elizabeth  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 Colonial/ Picturesque Vernacular Date of Construction 1799, 1890

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 42 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: ice house, corn crib

**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.

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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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Photograph 275 Hurlbutt Street View

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

One of two Raymond houses on the historic family farm. Best preserved farm complex in Wilton.

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

The nucleus of the rambling, picturesque dwelling is a central chimney, five-bay structure built in 1799. It was reworked and enlarged in the picturesque taste during the last quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The central chimney was removed to accommodate a central hall, but the kitchen fireplace in the back room remains. A central cross gable was added to the façade, and the side elevations were opened up by two-story bay windows with shingled peaks. A wrapping verandah with turned posts, lacey corner brackets, and a plain balustrade was added as was a corresponding porch servicing the rear kitchen ell. The central entrance is defined by a gable with a stick style

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fill. Two-over-two windows are used throughout. In addition to the house there is an impressive assemblage of farm-related outbuildings including an ice house, privy, and two bank barns. The property is very well preserved.

### **Historical and Architectural Importance**

The handsome, well-preserved house was built in 1799 by Josiah Raymond on a 60-acre parcel he purchased from Ebenezer Adams. In 1803 he sold it to his son Platt (1774-1857). After his death, the house passed through his great-grandson Lew Ambler (1873-1938) who married Mary Catherine Miller, daughter of Samuel J. Miller, president of Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company. The Lewis Amblers had a house at 15 Cannon Road, and they used this house as a summer dwelling. It is assumed that they reworked the house in the picturesque taste. They had no children, so the house passed to Lewis Ambler's niece, Elizabeth Ambler, the daughter of his brother Charles. The Amblers' fortune was made in real estate in Norwalk, and they maintained their farm on Hurlbutt Street. The house, as well as the other Raymond-Ambler home at 257 Hurlbutt Street rank as two of the finest colonial/picturesque dwellings in Wilton. Many significant farm-related buildings, including an ice house and bank barn, survive making one of the most complete farms in town.

### **Source**

Carvutto, Anthony. Interview, 5/89.

Wilton Land Records.

Ambler, Elizabeth. Interview, 7/89.