

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Economic and Community Development,
450 Columbus Blvd., Suite 5, Hartford CT 06103

* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 39 Grumman Hill Road

Building Name (Historic) _____

Street Address or Location 39 Grumman Hill Road

Town/City Wilton Village _____ County Fairfield

Owner(s) Nelson, Justin D. & Ashleigh E. Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Single-family residence

Historic Use: Single-family residence

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No

Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain _____

Style of building Colonial Revival Date of Construction ca. 1929

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 45' x 24', w/24'x14', 14'x10'

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: Later 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:

• Other notable features of building or site (*Interior and/or Exterior*)

Architect _____ Builder _____

• Historical or Architectural importance:

• Sources:

Photographer _____ Date _____

View _____ Negative on File _____

Name _____ Date _____

Organization _____

Address _____

• 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 of 39 Grumman Hill Road, view facing southeast.

Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings:

This house is located on the south side of Grumman Hill Road, approximately 175' west of Grumman Hill Road's intersection with Whipple Road. The house is set back roughly 75' from Grumman Hill Road and a gravel driveway leads from the street past the west side of the house to a one-and-a-half-story barn/garage. The house is surrounded by a small lawn and plantings and numerous mature trees dot the lawn and fill much of the parcel. A stone wall lines the driveway and the boundary of the property flanking the road.

Other Notable Features of Buildings or Site:

The house at 39 Grumman Hill Road is a two-story, wood-frame, Colonial Revival-style residence built ca. 1929. It has a side-gabled roof and is oriented with its ridgeline set roughly east-west parallel to the street. There is a two-story side-gabled ell adjoining the main block's west (side) elevation and a two-story cross-gable wing extending from both the west end of the main block's south (rear) elevation and the south (rear)

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elevation of the western ell. The house is clad in wood shingles and a denticulated cornice extends across the primary eavelines. A central brick chimney rises from the ridgeline of the main block. There are minimal overhangs of the asphalt-shingled roof at the eaves, rakes, and cornice returns. The primary entrance to the house is centered on the five-bay façade of the main block where it is sheltered by a one-story porch with square supports, front-facing gable roof, and a curved underside. The paneled wood entry door is flanked by six-light sidelights. Fenestration throughout the first floor of the house primarily consists of 12-over-12 double-hung windows with molded wood surrounds, while that on the second story primarily consists of similar eight-over-eight arrangements. There are round-arched fanlights in the gable-ends of the main block and west ell, and a secondary entrance sheltered by a shed-roof portico on the west (side) elevation of the west ell.

Historical and Architectural Importance:

The house was constructed by Frederick Hanford and Carrie Hanford sometime after their purchase of a small section of a much larger plot in 1927, reflecting a trend across Wilton of subdividing historic farmland in the early 20th century. Hanford was a descendant of one of the original English settlers of Norwalk and worked as a local contractor. Hanford deeded the property to his daughters Amy and Winifred in 1944, although he reserved lifetime use of the property for himself. Amy later married Frederick C. Lindblom, and the couple held the property until 1970 when the house and land was sold to Dorothy and Rollin Slater, followed by seven other owners through the late 20th and early 21st centuries. The house is a well-preserved example of an early 20th century Colonial Revival-style residence. As such, it is significant as an example of Wilton's stock of early-20th century houses, particularly those of Colonial Revival styling.

Sources:

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