

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
 HIST-6 NEW 8/77

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
 (203) 566-3005

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)		Eli Dikeman House	
	2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	Danbury		Fairfield	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
	1 Long Ridge Road			
	4. OWNER(S)			
	John Toland <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
	5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
	Dwelling		Dwelling	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
7. STYLE OF BUILDING			DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Colonial Saltbox			c. 1796	
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____		
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon		
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
10. ROOF (Type)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor	<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
(Material)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
Two + Attic		65 x 27		
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ?	(Alterations)	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Aluminum siding; additions
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden		
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT				
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS				

The house is part of a rural streetscape of late eighteenth and early nineteenth century houses along Long Ridge Road.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

The house is rectangular in shape, with a long, saltbox roof to the rear and a one-story addition to the west, with an attached garage beyond that. The house faces south, with its gable end towards the road. A stone chimney rises from the center of the roof, which is steeply pitched. The house is three bays wide and two bays deep, with a central entry. Windows are six over six.

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The house is significant as the sole example of true saltbox construction in the survey area and a rare surviving example in Danbury. Various claims have been made for the age of this house by owners and assessors, including 1774 and even 1714. However, land records indicate that there was no house on the property until 1796. The property was part of several parcels of land acquired from Thaddeus and Eliphalet Barnum by Eli Kikeman in 1789. Neith Barnum owned a house in Long Ridge. The house with four acres was conveyed to Thomas Dikeman in 1796. It was included in the WPA Census of Old Buildings in Connecticut, in 1936 (form attached).

SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

Danbury Tax Assessor's Records (1933 & 1977); Danbury Land Records (DLR 2:270, 5:420, 8:449); WPA, Census of Old Buildings in Connecticut, p. 12; 1790 U.S. Census; 1780 Erskine-DeWitt map; 1856 Clark map; 1867 Beers Atlas

COMPILED BY PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER

William E. Devlin

DATE

Feb., 1986

VIEW

south facade & east elevation

NEGATIVE ON FILE

Conn. Historical Commission

Place

NAME

Imogene Heireith

DATE

May, 1986

Photograph

ORGANIZATION

Danbury Preservation Trust

ADDRESS

P.O. Box 2201, Danbury, CT 06813



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

1. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known
 Highways
 Vandalism
 Developers
 Renewal
 Private
 Deterioration
 Zoning

ASSESSOR'S CARDS

STREET Long Ridge Rd.

LOT# J 22009

HOUSE OR BLDG. # 1

TC map 3098

OWNER(S) John Toland

FRONT 195 REAR _____ AV. DEPTH _____

BLDG. TYPE YEAR BUILT CONDITION
8 rm dwg 1-2B 3 1714 Good

TYPE
 1 family 8 rms
 5 1st
 3 2nd
 FOUNDATION
 Stone

ROOF SHAPE
 Gable
 EXT. WALLS
 wd shingle
 metal siding

FLOORS
 Cem cellar
 pine
 HEATING
 forced hot air
 oil

ROOFING
 Shingle(?)

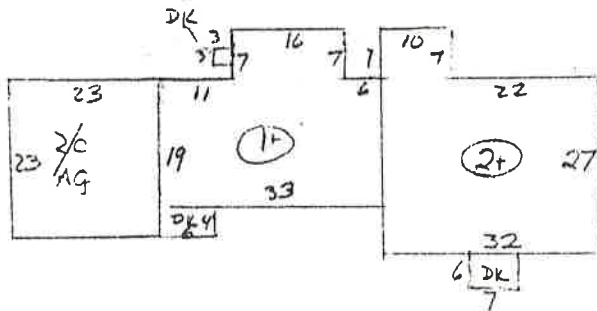
INT. FINISH
 wall board
 2 firepl. 1 ch.

PLUMBING
 2 compl. 3 fix
 2 2fix toilet rm

DIAGRAM

VOLUME

PAGE



453 / 555 1967

OUT BLDG. CONST. ROOF FLOOR
Shed frame Gable 10x8 wood

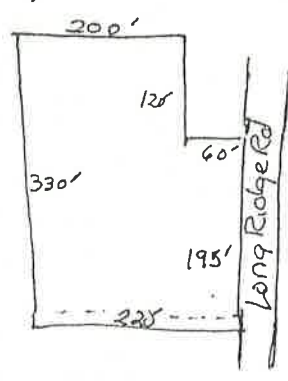
J 22009 John Toland home (Card) TC 3098
W. side Long Ridge Rd just below Brushy Hill intersection
1867 map Mrs. Wood
1856 map H. Wood

453/554 Russell C Clark Jr of Danen
to John Toland of Sharon, Litchfield Co. Ct
bounded generally:
SE & W land w/f Jennie D. Lafferty
NE & E John Molinaro
E Long Ridge Rd
(see map Russell C. Clark 1.707A ^{14 Dec} 1961)
Map # 3098 (Assessors map lot J22009) ^{bounds same as on} 16 Oct 1967
with right of others to use driveway for
access to/from Long Ridge Rd

375/232 Millicent B. Cushny of New York City
to Russell C. Clark Jr
Same as on Map # 3098
right of Lafferty to use driveway
15 Dec 1961

374/225 Same as above 15 Dec 1961

370/387 Probate estate Alexander O. Cushny
to widow Millicent B. Cushny
N. w/f Simon P. Johnson
E Simon P. Johnson & Long Ridge Rd
SE & W Jennie P. Lafferty



bounds as given here differ
slightly from those of survey
map # 3098

21 Aug 1961

209/61 Florence W. Mitchell
to Alexander O. Cushny of Wilton
Same as above
with all personal property
except certain items listed
ie rugs, prints, dinner set, silverware
highboy, radio, linens, books

8 Feb. 1941

17

3 adj. pieces

No house here
either 1795 but
one by 1796

8/463 Eliakim Peck
4 Pounds
to Eli Diteaman here
pc of land Long Ridge at "straits"
N Eliakim & A byah Peck
E highway
S said Diteaman's land
W Comfort Hoyt 14 June 1796

3/280 Major Taylor
12 shillings &c
to Eli Diteaman
1 A land at "Flat of The Mountain"
E Daniel Wood Jr
all other by highway 17 Dec 1795

Major Wood lived
in D. - named
after him likely

8/87 Thomas Diteaman
to
Eli Diteaman
2 pc land
1 at "Flat of mountain" 4 A
N Peck
E highway
S my other land as hereafter staked
W Comfort Hoyt
other pc & A Maple Swamp N end
1/2 to Eli
N Comfort Hoyt
7 my other land
S Peter & Joseph Benedict
W highway 3 Mar. 1795

(no house
here 1795)

with a house S of that & another of Daniel Wood S of highway bend indicated. (2)

Double checking the estate of Eliphalet Barnum in Probate only proved that he owned land but no buildings in Long Ridge

DPR 5/420 1 May 1787 part of est of Eliphalet Barnum dist. & set to widow now wife of Peter Coon ^{also written (Koon)} OC to heirs all title
to Thaddeus 6A Long Ridge lot being west part of lot
to other sons various parcels not on Long Ridge
to Mary 2nd dau. remainder of Long Ridge lot besides to Thaddeus
30 April 1788

no
bldgs

DPR 2/270 dist est Ensn Eliphalet Barnum to wid Elizabeth ^{of the land at} 18A at S end Long Ridge bounded S by Temuel Woods land 36 rods E & W ends
to Thaddeus Barnum 15A B adjacent to wid at Long Ridge 33 rods wide 27 rods W end
to Eliphalet 12 1/2 A Long Ridge adj to Thaddeus

other parcels land to other heirs in the homestead & homestead under the Mountain w/ Beech Island

5 April 1769

There is nothing to indicate that this has anything to do with house (2) ^(Barnum homestead) Though house has a 1712 date attributed to it -- it is a saltbox with center stone chimney. There is nothing to indicate that it dates back that far or even before the Revolution

include my barn S line to run straight
& at West end Such width to make 7A
21 Oct 1809

5/291 Eliphalet Barnum
24 pounds
to
no house Thomas Dikeman
pc land Long Ridge B $\frac{1}{2}$ X
N Matthew Gregory
E highway
S Thomas Dikeman
W Isaiah Andrews 5 Feb 1791

5/85 Maddeus Barnum
75 pounds to
no house Thomas "Dickman"
40 A land Long Ridge
N Eliphalet Barnum
E highway
S Comfort Hoyt & Lemuel Wood
W my land of Capt Comfort Hoyt
2 Mar 1787

This pc might fit: all LR for
Thomas Dikeman were checked

8/449 Eli "Dikeman"
40 pounds
to
Thomas Dikeman
2 pc l Long Ridge or Flat of the Mountain
4A with my dwelling house
N Eliakim Peck
E highway
S Thomas Dikeman
W Capt Comfort Hoyt
also 4A W by highway 17 Aug 1796

7C No house at site on Esquire-Dewitt
Map during the revolution

was Hannah Dykeman - There is no M listed in her d. rec. her par. not listed (2)

Harvey wood was already S of Thomas Dikeman by 1822 (his hat shop?)
Set up here

21/236 Asa Dikeman
\$65 to
Harvey Wood 1A
pc land Long Ridge
N Joseph Dikeman
E highway
W & S own land
29 May 1821

21/231 Asa Dikeman
\$16 to
Harvey Wood 1 1/4 A
pc land Long Ridge
N my own land & highway
E own land
W & S Nirum Dikeman
19 May 1821

14/505 (2) Thomas Dikeman
\$250.00 m^{ts}
to Joshua Chapman
& William Sanford of Redding
land Long Ridge 12A with house &
other buildings
N. Joseph Washburn, William C. Smith
& Everet Pritchard
E highway
S Asa & Nirum Dikeman
W Nehemiah Dibble
21 Oct 1809

14/294
prop to
N
Thomas Dikeman
\$330 to
Joseph Washborn of Harpersfield, NY
William C. Smith of Derby, New Haven & Conn
& Everet Pritchard of Southbury, New Haven
7A land Long Ridge
N Nathan Seelye & Knapp Boughton
E highway
S my other land.
W Nehemiah Dibble
to be of such width at E end as to
(they got theirs from Thomas Dikeman as well)

70

for what specific reason was this
mountain top land deeded to people
from out of town?

22/485

② lot &
house

William Sanford & Isaac Meeker
OC to

Joseph Dikeman (wr Dikeman)
12 A lot with a dwelling house

N Thomas Dikeman to

Joseph Washburn, William C Smith
& Leverit Pritch

E highway

S Harvey Wood land

David Osburn & Joseph Dibble

W Joseph Dibble

7 April 1824

22/484

pc to
N

Joseph Washburn of Jefferson

Schoharie Co. N.Y

OC to Joseph Dikeman 7A

N Joseph Dikeman

E hwy

S. William Sanford & Isaac Meeker

W Joseph Dibble

Same conveyed by "Thomas Dikeman"

22/556

② lot &
house

Thomas Dikeman of Danbury to
OC William Sanford & Isaac Meeker

12 A long Ridge with dwelling and
other buildings

N Joseph Washburn, William
C. Smith & Evert Pritchard

E highway

S Joseph Dibble & Asa Dikeman
& Harry Wood

W land lately owned by
Nehemiah Dibble deeded
now Joseph Dibble

Same 14/505 mtg

24 Sept 1822

22/275

Joseph Dikeman
 to Noah Wood \$650
 "The homestead" 12^{*} with dwelling
 N. Thomas Dikeman deeded to
 Joseph Washburn, William C. Smith
 & Leverit Pritchard
 E highway
 S Harvey Wood, David Osborn
 & Joseph Dibble
 W Joseph Dibble (formerly Nehemiah Dibble 22/581)
 also all right deeded to me 7A
 by Joseph Washburn with barn
 (deeded by Thomas Dikeman to Washburn)
 also 7A
 N Philo Wood
 E highway
 S last piece
 W Joseph Dibble

7 April 1824

(22/581

Joshua Chapman
 OC to Noah Wood
 12 A with a dwelling & other bldgs
 mtg by Thomas Dikeman 21 Oct 1809
 13 May 1824

22/618

adj lot

Sheldon Smith
Leverit Pritchard of Derby
 OC to Noah Wood 2/3 part land
 N Noah Wood
 E highway 4A 2/3
 S Noah Wood
 W Walter Dibble

same deeded by Thomas Dikeman
 22 Apr 1825

22/574

adj lot

9 Mar. 1824 agreement
Leverit Pritchard & Sheldon Smith of Derby
 \$ Thomas Dikeman
 \$9 to farm lot to Dikeman & heirs
 undivided 2/3 7A land which was deeded
 to Joseph Washburn, William C. Smith &
Leverit Pritchard by Thomas Dikeman

7F

DPR 34/239 est Harvey Wood 27 Mar 1880
share of Widow deed
upon death of widow

to Major Wood long hill meadow
N orchard
& N end of home lot

to Thomas Wood

to Eri Wood the garden, house
& lot with barn & other bldgs
including E end of lane
to bounds set up near W
abutment of barway
leading into barn meadow
(right of way through
house lot & lane for
Oliver & Ann Eliza Wood

to Oliver & Ann Eliza
(she Ann E. Beers)
back orchard, N hut lot
Side hill orchard S hut lot
balance of pasture lot
not set to Eri Wood

on 1867 map Mrs. Wood.
on 1856 map H. Wood

Major wood had the house at ①
in 1848 "north of Harvey wood"

Hannah wife of Harvey Wood was
Hannah Dykeman

24/418 Noah Wood

\$1000 to

Harvey Wood

pc 1d 30 A with buildings

N Philo Wood

E highway

S Harvey Wood & Nirum Dikeman

W Joseph & Walter Dibble

10 Aug 1829

N hut lot
Side hill orchard
S hut lot
pasture
lane & well meadow except ground
the hat shop stands on and
said shop

to wid - Lemuel Taylor wood lot 4A 1R 13r
1st long hill lot 1A 3R 8r
prob. 9 Apr. 1862

DPR

23/465 order of distribution

to "Eri": The Bogus Wood land 9A 2R 25r
The Island lot 6A 1R 12r

N Philo wood
E widow
S Albert wood

- W David Osborn

The N Gregory wood lot 4A 2R 21r
The Ace lot

N by highway

SE & W land heirs Niram Dikeman

The Hat Shop & ground on which
it stands E by highway
all other sides land of widow

to Major Wood

Bethel lot

Orofut lot (on other side of road

2nd long hill lot 1A

Onion lot 2A 2R

land 3A 1R 38r

Whitewood tree lot 14x

to Oliver Wood

12 A 7r Barum land

to Thomas Wood

3rd long hill lot

Ox lot

(Ann) S. Gregory wood lot 25A

to Eliza Wood

land

18 Nov 1862

Joel L. Osborne was the son of
Joel Osborne who d. 17 or 18 Aug 1889 age 68
he was the son of David & Hannah Osborne
(see house 10)

Joel Sr. was b. 18 June 1821

91/178 Alanson C. Osborne

to

Joel L. Osborne

land & bldgs 15A Long Ridge

N. Id Major Woods? William "Sterlie"

E highway & Major Wood

S land Joel Osborne

W Joel Osborne

also 3A pc Stars Plain

15 June 1889

Alanson C. Osborne &

Joel L. Osborne were brothers,

Sons of Joel Osborne

73/243 "Erie" Wood of Bethel

\$166 to

Alanson Osborne

3 1/2 A land with bldgs

N. Major Wood

E highway & Id Major Wood

S Id sep to Thomas Wood

W Id Ann E. Beers

also 1/2 A pc

N & W Ann E. Beers

E Thomas Wood

S Joel Osborne

2 July 1880

(This N end
of homelot to
him in 1880)

see dist of
Oct 1862

prob. est. of Harvey Wood

DPR 333
25-335

inv.
to
her

To wid. Hannah 1/3

wagon house, barn, cowhouse

barn yard, garden & dooryard

N orchard

barn meadow

back orchard

See dist her
Share following
this in 1880

1 Road 26r

also 3A Starrs Plain Dist
same mty 116/284

129/28 Daniel F. Read
to Jennie Daniels of Brooklyn
22 A land & buildings
N William Sterle st 1d Johnson
E highway (no house listed to others)
S Grantor & Laura Read
W Grantor
27 Sept 1906
18 Oct 1902

(120/119
116/284

rel. mty 89/527
Daniel F. Read
mty \$600 to
Harriet E. Todd
15 A + 2nd pc Starrs plain
18 Oct 1902

118/367 Harriet E. Todd & husb John Todd
of Redding
to
Daniel F. Read
15 A + 2nd pc
18 Oct 1902

120/104 Joel L. Osborne
\$700
to Harriet E. Todd wife of John
15 A land & bldgs
N Mayor Wood & William Sterle
E no E listed
S & W Joel Osborne
also other pc Starrs plain
2 Oct 1902

89/527 Joel L. Osborne
mty to
Harriet E. Todd
15 A & 3A
N land Mayor Wood & William "Sterhe"
E highway & land Mayor Wood
S & W land Joel Osborne
15 June 1889

75

196/362 Donald M. Joseph
to Florence W. Mitchell

Same

in fee simple with mtg \$2350 Savings Bank
of Danbury \$500 to Heckscher Foundation
for Children 2 July 1935

196/377 The Heckscher Foundation for Children
52 Vanderbilt Ave. New York City
to Donald M. Joseph

Same

with mtg \$2350 to Savings Bank of Danbury
\$500 to secure a portion of consideration
in fee simple
Virginia H.C. Heckscher of N.Y. City agent
8 June 1935

193/440 Ruth A. & Thomas Avallon
3224 Grand Concourse, Bronx, N.Y.
\$100 +

to The Heckscher Foundation for Children
with mtg to Savings Bank of Danbury
4 Dec. 1933

175/433 George Klenck
to Ruth A. Avallon

Same

with mtg to Jennie Lafferty \$2000 that grantee
assumes 5 July 1927

164/441 Jennie Lafferty (formerly Jennie Daniels)
to George Klenck
same 13 July 1923

133/47 Harriet E. Todd
QC rel mtg
to Jennie Daniels

1 pc 15 A with bldgs
N Major Wood
E Major Wood & highway
S Laura A Reed
W Daniel F. Reed