

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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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

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)		Eri Wood House	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Danbury		Fairfield	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
8 Long Ridge Road			
4. OWNER(S)			
Alice J. Barnes <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
Greek Revival			c. 1840's
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 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: _____	
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	50 x 40		
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	Wood shingles; additions
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input checked="" 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"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			

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

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

The house is rectangular, with its gable end facing the road, and it is two bays wide with a two-story, one-bay addition to the north. There is a single, square, brick chimney stack. The two-bay facade has a central entry with a Colonial Revival surround. There are corner pilasters and cornice returns which enframe a rectangular gable window. Windows are six over six.

SIGNIFICANCE

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The house significantly contributes to the rural streetscape of Long Ridge Road.

SOURCES

Danbury Tax Assessor's Records (1933 & 1977); Danbury Land Records 1856 Clark map; 1867 Beers Atlas map

PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER

William E. Devlin

DATE

Feb., 1986

VIEW

west facade

NEGATIVE ON FILE

Conn. Historical Commission

Place

COMPILED BY

NAME

Imogene Heireith

DATE

May, 1986

Photograph

ORGANIZATION

Danbury Preservation Trust

ADDRESS

P.O. Box 2201, Danbury, CT 06813



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known
- Highways
- Vandalism
- Developers
- Renewal
- Private
- Deterioration
- Zoning

ASSESSOR'S CARDS

STREET Long Ridge Rd

LOT# J 22016
2

HOUSE OR BLDG. # 8

TC Map 3772
old card 90 years old (in 1840's)
24x36 barn & 12x18 garage
dirt cellar 1 ft 1 c
open attic, no stairs

OWNER(S) Alice J. Barnes

FRONT 385 REAR _____ AV. DEPTH _____

BLDG. TYPE YEAR BUILT CONDITION
10rm dug 1-2-B 3 1863 has date of 1720 on front 1974 add —

TYPE
1 family
6 1st
4 2nd
FOUNDATION
Stone
part cellar

ROOF SHAPE
gable
EXT. WALLS
wd shingle

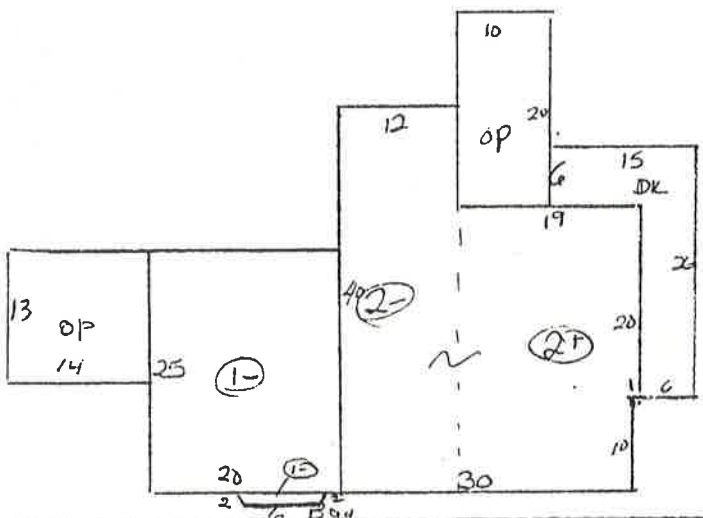
FLOORS
dirt cellar
pine
HEATING
forced hot air
oil bur

ROOFING
Shingle

INT. FINISH
plaster

PLUMBING
2 compl. 3 fix

DIAGRAM VOLUME 568 / PAGE 261 prob.



OUT BLDG. CONST. ROOF FLOOR
Storage bldg 1+ 24x36 shed gable stone foundation
barn 12x20 frame gabb full cellar - dirt.
no heat/no plumbing
wood floor

J 22016 Stierle house on 1867 map (1720 date) - certainly can 4
E Side LongRidge Rd. 1856 map - E. Wood TC 3772
old card 90 years = 1840's J 22016
card: 1863 - 1974 additions 2

568/261 Probate Lorane B. Barnes d. 1 Dec. 1973
joint tenant 2 May 1975

521/299 Alexander B. Merriman \$57,500
to Alice J. & Lorane B. Barnes - surv.
4.642 A - Aug 1972
map dated 23 Sept 1965

427/479 Peyton H. Knight
to Alexander B. Merriman
4.642 A map (# 3772) bounds as on assessors map
S by Elizabeth M. McKay (based on a map owned by James C) Young Stillson Surv. 1931
on map 30 Sept 1965

238/600 James P. knight 14 E 90th St NYC
to Peyton H. knight
E & bldgs NE & S Id n/f James Knapp
W by highway
7A 22 July 1949

180/549 Frederick W. L. & Lillian Dressel
54 Hamilton Terr. N.Y.C
to James P. knight 157 E 72 St
7A Id & bldgs
same 25 Jan 1929

180/285 Charles W. Murphy adm. est.
James Stierle
\$4250 to
Frederick W. L. Dressell of N.Y
7A NE & S Id James Knapp
also (on opposite side of St)
33A N n/f Sylvan Gleisner
E n/f Jennie Daniels, highway
& Id Major Wood
S n/f Jennie Daniels & Daniel Reed
W old highway 2 Oct 1928

128/60

William Stierle
OC to
James W. Stierle
ld & bldgs
7A same
33A same

14 Jan. 1907

94/572

Savings Bank of Danbury
OC to
William Stierle
2pcld

rel. mtg. but
vol/pg not given

6 or 7A
NE & S Peter Pratt (Pratt)
W highway
also pc N. n/f Major Wood & Hannah Wood
E Hannah Wood & highway
S ld n/f Hannah Wood & Joel Osborn
W Old highway

27 Sept 1890

92/502

foreclosure mtg from James Stierle to
Savings Bank of Danbury .55/78 foreclosed
upon vs Gottlieb Stierle

92/503

foreclosure mtg from William Stierle to
Savings Bank of Danbury 65/87 foreclosed
upon vs Gottlieb Stierle & Otto S
NE & S Peter Pratt (Pratt)
W highway

13 June 1890

90/131
(3)

William Stierle
\$200 OC to
"Gottlob Stierle & Otto Stummer"
S A ld & bldgs known as "the homestead"
NE & S Betsy A. Pratt
W highway
also 40 A
N: Major Wood
E highway
S. Alanson C Osborn, Major Wood & Joel Osborn

30 Mar. 1888

58/523
(3)

James Stierle

to
William Stierle

Several pc ld inclui:
SA 149r with bldgs standing
NE & S Peter Pratt & Betsy Ann wife
W by highway

8 Apr - 1877

58/367
add to (3)

Peter & Betsy A Pratt

to James Stierle
pc ld 149 rods ground
NE & S other ld Pratt
W James Stierle

wr bothways
Platt
Pratt
in LR

the fence being the division line
10 Sept 1870

48/407
(3)

Harvey Wood

\$650 to
James Stierle

ld & bldgs 5A±
NE & S Peter Pratt & Betsy Ann Pratt wife
W highway
res. to self use till 1 Apr 1861

stierle-44/408
(3)

Eri Wood

\$425 to
Harvey Wood

ld & bldgs
NE & S David Osborn
W by highway

19 Apr 1854

(This is
42/480

property to NE & S of (3) Harvy Wood :
David Osborn (Surrounding it)

P. Pratt on 1867 map
D. Osborn on
1856 map to
S of E. Wood
with W. Dikeman
S of wood

\$700 to
Betsy Ann Pratt

23 A ld & buildings - (This house no longer standing)
N & S Nirum Dikeman
E James Morrow & ld Lucy Lobdell & highway
W by the highway leading from
Danbury through Long Ridge to Redding

(cont)

excluding from the deed a small piece of
land adj. to the highway about 4A
with a small building belonging to Harvy Wood.⁽³⁾
w by highway - all other sides by land
herein conveyed
31 Oct 1854

38/294 Joel Osborn this adj. property
\$800 to (NE & S)

David Osborn

20 A 1 d with dw. home thereon
N Nirum Dikeman
E James Morrow & Lucy Lobdell & hwy
S Nirum Dikeman
W highway & 1 d n/f Harvy Wood
12 Nov 1850

Sterle - 37/38
(3)

Harvy Wood

to \$250

Eri Wood

5 A with a dwelling house
NE & S Joel Osborn

W highway

20 Sept 1848

34/10
This is 5 of
Map (3) -
D. Osborn 1856 map
(no longer standing)

David Osborn

to

Joel Osborn

20 A with a dw. house

Same as 38/294

4 Apr 1844

31/97

this is adj. property

Uriah Griffin

\$390

to David Osborn: 1 d Long Ridge

2 pcs

1 - 10 3/4 A N. Harvy Wood & Nathan Seelye
E highway & Selleck Lobdell
S Nirum Dikeman

(3) W Harvy Wood & highway

2 - 10 A 17r N Nirum Dikeman

E James Morrow

S Harvy Wood & above

W highway

20 May 1837

32

54r S & 54r N
from highway

This building is of Greek Revival style - gable end to street
-- though dated on front 1720 it is more post 1825
in style -- unless it moved here or if not listed in
LR for land, it has been extensively changed (3) cont

29/564 Daniel Chapman
(3) OC to Harvey Wood no buildings mentioned
NE & S Uriah Griffin
land formerly Ira Wood 19 Jan 1835

26/682 Harvey Wood
(3) mty 110 to (no buildings mentioned)
Daniel Chapman
6A ld NE & S Uriah Griffin
W highway
Tract of land purchased of Ira Wood
8 Feb 1833

24/430 Ira Wood
(3) tract of land 5A & 200 (no bldgs mentioned)
to Harvey Wood
SE & N Uriah Griffin
W highway 31 Aug 1827

20/211 Patty Sanford
(3) \$150
Ira Wood
pc land 6A (no bldgs mentioned)
E & S Uriah Griffin
N Nathan Seeley
W highway
land dist to me from Josiah Barnum's estate
22 Mar 1819

11/176 Nathan Wood &
(3) Nathan Wood Jr
\$116.67
to
Josiah Barnum
6A land (no bldgs mentioned)
N Thomas Dikeman (w^c sold to Seeley)
E & S our other land
W highway
part of property bought in partnership
of Joshua Chapman 23 Feb 1803
5 April 1803

11/133

Joshua Chapman
333. 3d

(This South
to ⑤ house site

to

Nathan Wood &
Nathan Wood Jr
joint partnership

pc land 20 A Long Ridge precise measure

lying at South Side of the farm

I bought of Thomas Benedict & others

measured off from my other lands

E & W from Long Ridge highway

to the highway leading by the

Mountain Pond highway - equal

width E & W ends

N my other land

E & W by highway

S Nathan Woods land

23 Feb. 1803

Harvey Wood got this lot in 1829. Harvey,
b. 29 Mar 1799 son of Noah & Deborah, was
m. (no date in DUR) to Hannah Dykeman. He
owned land on opposite side of the
road by 1821 and by 1824 his father
Noah purchased the Red house ② (to land)
on other side of the road. By 1829
Noah sold the homestead to Harvey ②
so at this time it is likely that no
house was here as he lived at ②

Eri Wood bought ¹⁹¹⁷ the property in 1848, with
a dwelling house. so it was built some-
time after 1833. Harvey Wood was a
hatter & had his hat shop just south
of his homestead ②, where the brook
flows. It is possible that since his
shop was across the road some sort
of building occupied this lot after
1829 when he first obtained it but he
was already across the road 1821 &
living there 1824. Harvey was f. of Eri. Harvey
d. in 1862 & left the hat shop to Eri (see ②)

Lower Starrs Plain Cem

Uriah Griffin d 8 Jan 1864 ae 88 6 mo

Esther Griffin w Uriah d 4 July 1833 ae 68-8-11

David Osborne d. 2 Oct 1881

Hannah (Griffin) Osborne w David b. 13 Aug 1797
d. 5 June 1853

DJR

Ira Wood s Daniel Jrst wealthy b. 29 Aug 1796
m Maria Scott of Ridgefield 28 Nov. 1816

Eri Wood of Danbury

m Betsey Lewis of New Milford 9 Apr. 1843
he son of Harvey (see #2) but no VR for his birth.