

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
 HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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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)
 Joseph Wood House

2. TOWN/CITY VILLAGE COUNTY
 Danbury Fairfield

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)
 21 Long Ridge Road

4. OWNER(S)
 Franklin & Gail Gilbert Public Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)
 Dwelling Dwelling

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE IF YES, EXPLAIN
 Yes No Yes No

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
 Colonial c. 1770's

8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate)
 Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Other (Specify) _____
 Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding Fieldstone
 Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone
 Aluminum Siding Concrete Type: _____ Cut stone Type: _____

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
 Wood frame Post and beam balloon
 Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel
 Other (Specify) _____

10. ROOF (Type)
 Gable Flat Mansard Monitor sawtooth
 Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other (Specify) _____
 (Material)
 Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate
 Asphalt shingle Built up Tile Other (Specify) _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
 Two + Attic 43 x 37

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN ? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN
 On original site Moved Yes No Additions

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
 Barn Shed Garage Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____
 Carriage house Shop Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
 Open land Wood-land Residential Scattered buildings visible from site
 Commercial Industrial Rural 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, aligned parallel with Long Ridge Road, with a one-story addition on the north elevation, and on the south elevation. In the latter case, there is a two-story, one-bay, gable-roofed addition lighted by casement windows. Each one-story addition is surmounted by a balustrade. The main body of the house consists of a five-bay wide central block with a large, central brick chimney. The facade is balanced framed by corner pilasters and cornice and frieze, with a central trabeated entry with a five-light transom and sidelights, enclosed within a surround with cornice.

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The house is significant as an element of the rural streetscape of Long Ridge Road and for its associations with the Wood family. A signed beam in the house shows the name Joseph Wood, which would date parts of the house back at least to 1778. A house, owner unidentified, is shown on this site on the Erskine-DeWitt map of 1780. Its earliest owner appears to have been Joseph Wood, but the property was sold in 1782 to Nathan Wood. It is possible that the present house, which clearly displays Federal features, was built or enlarged by Nathan Wood or by Asa Dikeman, who acquired it from the Woods in 1810.

SIGNIFICANCE

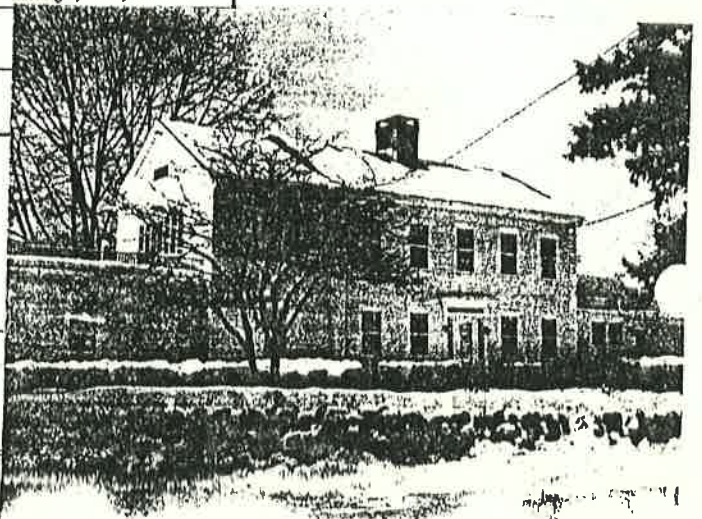
Danbury Tax Assessor's Records (1933 & 1977); Danbury Land Records (DLR 1:162, 2:94, 13:46, 13:47); 1780 Erskine-DeWitt map; 1856 Clark map; 1867 Beers Atlas; Information from owner and Monique Wiedel

SOURCES

COMPILED BY PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER William E. Devlin		DATE Feb., 1986
VIEW east facade & south elevation	NEGATIVE ON FILE Conn. Historical Commission	
NAME Imogene Heireith		DATE May, 1986
ORGANIZATION Danbury Preservation Trust		
ADDRESS P.O. Box 2201, Danbury, CT 06813		

Place
Photograph



5. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE			
<input type="checkbox"/> None known	<input type="checkbox"/> Highways	<input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> Developers
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning

ASSESSOR'S CARDS

STREET Long Ridge Rd

LOT# J 23001
8+9A

HOUSE OR BLDG. # 21

TC 7420 parcel A
1938 - age old card - 100 - barn 40 x 30
Stone cellar, clapboard dirt cellar floor
~~at~~ 10 fireplace - 1 On no plumbing
(1 opening) no lighting

OWNER(S) Franklin & Gail Gilbert

FRONT 445 REAR _____ AV. DEPTH _____

BLDG. TYPE YEAR BUILT CONDITION
Grndwq 1-2-B 3+ _____ _____

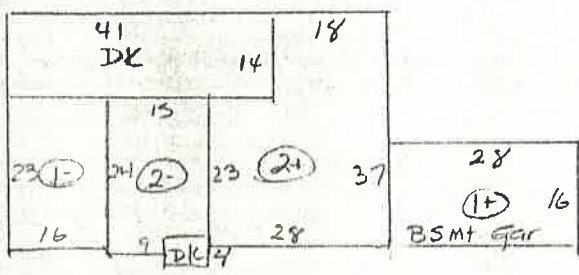
TYPE
1 family
5 1st
4 2nd
FOUNDATION
Stone
part cellar
ROOFING
Shingle

ROOF SHAPE
Gable
EXT. WALLS
wd siding
INT. FINISH
plaster
attic rms & /s
3 fp/1 chimney

FLOORS
cem cellar
pine
HEATING
forced hot air
oil
PLUMBING
5 compl 3 fix bath

DIAGRAM

VOLUME PAGE
670 / 785 1982
(706 / 260 1984 proba)
319 / 313 1957



OUT BLDG. CONST. ROOF FLOOR
det gar frame gable conc

Long Ridge Rd W side

J 23001
8#9A

706/260

est Angele Watson
d. 8 Feb. 1980
by deed 13 Nov. 1982 (670/785)
Monique W. Wiedel and
David P. H. Watson ex. $\frac{1}{2}$ int. eq. as
tenants in common
Conveyed to
Franklin and Gaul Gilbert
4.840 Acres Parcel A map 7420

TC Map 7420
age old card 100
Jo^s Wood on N.Y. Hist Soc
Erskine - De Witt map
Made during Revolution
1867 map J. Osborne
1856 map A Wood

dated 16 Sept 1983
rec 23 June 1984

670/785 13 Nov. 1982 parcel A 4.840 A

319/313

Monique W. Wiedel
to
Angele Watson

14A Long Ridge dist
N William H Brown formerly Florence S. Dressel
E $\frac{1}{2}$ William H. Brown, form. Florence S. Dressel
at Long Ridge Rd
S land n/f Dr Benjamin P. Watson
W n/f Dr B.P. Watson & Beaver Dam Brook
Said parcel 1st in deed from Martin Kelly
to Monique W. Wiedel
21 Mar. 1957

217/222

Martin Kelly
to

Monique W. Wiedel of N.Y.
parcel ① land & buildings 14th
Same

being 1st tract in 118/500 from Alanson C Osborn
to George Sinclair Hurst 1903 end of parcel
in deed from Sidney E & Doris O. Waters to
Robert H Hurst 1926 173/373

parcel ② N formerly Russel White
E Daniel Wood & Hannah Wood
S land Oliver Stone
W highway

second tract in 118/500 6 A 3 Mar 1945

8A

(This is the strip discussed in these deeds)
173/373 Sidney E & Dora O. Waters

17 July 1926

to Robert B. Hurst

50' strip of land

N land grantors

E land grantee

S land formerly Mary H. Kirkpatrick
now Charles Worth

W Beaver-Dam Brook

50' wide E, N & S line parallel
from each other

The description of property in orig. deed
172/504 is incorrect - - This is
correct

N & E other land Sidney E & Dora O Waters

S land George C Hurst

land formerly Mary H Kirkpatrick
now Charles C. Worth

W Beaver-Dam Brook

18 Aug 1926

211/228

Walter H. McNeill Jr of Mt Vernon, Westchester Co
d testate 22 March 1942 N.Y.

Vivian Peck McNeill extrx

to \$17000

Martin Kelly of N.Y.C.

all land & bldgs 14A

Same as 118/500 & 173/373 (above)

also 6A 118/500 2nd tract

Same 209/452

29 June 1942

209/452

George Sinclair Hurst now of West Hartford
to

Walter H. McNeill Jr of Mount Vernon

14A 1st tract 118/500 & 173/373

also 6A 2nd tract 118/500

23 Jan 1942

118/500

Alanson C. Osborne

\$1200 to

George Sinclair Hurst of NYC
tract of land with buildings Long Ridge
14*

N ld formerly Joel Osborne
E highway

S & W land formerly Russell White
also 6A tract

N land formerly Russell White
E land formerly Daniel & Hannah Wood
S land formerly Oliver Stone
W highway

31 Oct 1903

97/16

John Todd

to

Alanson C Osborne

tract of land (no bldgs) 7A

N est Joel Osborn dec'd
E highway

S Alanson C Osborne & Jerome Stuart
W Jerome Stuart

2 Jan 1891

This is
field to
N of house

92/444

Alanson C. Osborn

ex est Joel Osborn
\$250 to

prob 3 July 1890

John Todd of Redding 7A

N other land est
E highway

S Alanson C Osborn & Jerome Stuart
W Jerome Stuart

90/364

John Todd

& C to

Alanson C Osborne

rel. mty 70/157 22 Oct 1878

4A N land Joel Osborne
E highway

S & W Jerome Stuart

also 30 (31) A. Long Hill Bo June 1885

(6)
(4) Gilbert house
on this lot

70/156 Joel Osborne
\$1000 4A 1d & bldgs (4)
to Alanson C Osborne
22 Oct 1878

69/253 Savings Bank of Danbury
rel. mty 59/4 22 Oct 1878

59/4 Joel Osborne
\$700 mty
to Savings Bank of Danbury
30A Long Ridge with buildings standing
N Harvey Woods est
E highway
S land Russell White
W Beaver Dam Brook

J. Osborne
1867 map.

R. White -->
1867 map
Wieder prop.
(7)

1 Jan 1868

50/332 Albert Wood
to \$2000 son of
Philo b. 24 Dec 1813

* Wood
1856 map
he's at site (8)
in 1867

Joel Osborne of Bethel
35A land with bldgs
N Harv Harvey Wood
E highway
S Niram Dikeman
W Polly Smith, David Osborn
st Niram Dikeman

also another pc 20A 12 Feb 1864
(Goodrich)

33/212 Arza G. Scott
to \$2300 Arza Gr. s. of Philo's sister
Lucy Scott

Albert Wood
homestead whereon I now live
with a dwelling house & barn
35A

N Harvey Wood
E highway
S Niram Dikeman
W Clark Smith (son-in-law
of John Ridger)
David Osborn
st Niram Dikeman 9 March 1844

26/472 Nirum & Leander Dikeman

\$1000

to Arza G. Scott

35A Long Ridge with all buildings standing

N Harvey Wood

E Harvey Wood & highway

S Nirum Dikeman

W Nirum Dikeman & Joseph Dibble

9 Mar 1832

24/267 Uriah & Joel Griffin

\$1100

to Nirum & Leander Dikeman

35A with building standing

N Noah Wood & Harvey Wood

E highway & Harvey Wood

S Nirum Dikeman

W Joseph Dibble or Swamp Brook

19 Jan 1829

24/262 David Osborne

\$1000

to Uriah & Joel Griffin

35A

N Noah wood & Harvey Wood

E highway & Harvey Wood

S Nirum Dikeman

W Walter Dibble

20 Nov 1828

22/272 Asa Dikeman

\$1000

to David Osborne

pc land Long Ridge with buildings

N Thomas Dikeman & Harvey Wood

E highway & Harvey Wood

S Nirum Dikeman

W Walter Dibble

also 5A woodland

25 March 1823

David Osborne lived at (10) from 1828 - 1888
 he likely lived here 1823 - 1828 (named after Joel Griffin?)
 Joel Osborne was his son. He died
 17 Aug 1889 ^{or 18} ae 68-2 (b. 18 June 1821)

Joel owned the property & land of it.
 Alanson C Osborne & Joel L Osborne
 were his sons. Alanson C. lived here from
 1878. Joel L his brother lived at (2) from 1889
 Alanson owned that 1880 - 1889.

Alanson C Osborne was a Granite worker
 dealer of monuments & tombstones & granite
 for building work - See attached copy
 from City directory of 1880's. It is most
 likely that he lived in this house (A) as
 Monique Wiedel has the gravemarker of
 Hannah Osborne in her garden. She states
 that it came from the property and that
 numerous other parts and pieces of tomb-
 stones are now covered over on the
 property. It is likely that Alanson worked
 here as well on stones for both the
 Wood cemetery on Long Ridge Rd and for
 the Lower Starrs Plain (at perhaps Starrs
 Plain) Cemetery.

Hannah (Griffin) Osborne wife of David &
 dau. of Unah Griffin d. 5 June 1853. a
 marker was erected to her, then, when
 David Osborne d. 2 Oct 1881 a new
 double marker was made by their
 grandson Alanson C. Osborne and the
 old one for Hannah (which was cracked at some time)
 was left on his Long Ridge farm/home.
 The double marker for David & Hannah is
 still standing in Lower Starrs Plain ground.

13/697 Asa Dikeman

This S part where ⑥ house stood & where ⑤ house built.

QC to my brother Nirum Dikeman
 parts of the farm of land at Long Ridge on which we now live & which we purchased together viz the south part of said farm west of Long Ridge rd (that is) the homelot & house on which said Nirum now lives 8 A 1 road 10r & extends as far as the middle of the barn 5 1/2 I QC to him also the landlord lot w of homelot (4 or 7) A. also 1 A at S end of Sheep lot N of landlord lot - - also S part of maple Swamp w of sheep lot with liberty to bring wood through sheep pasture which he QC to me - - also on E side of Long Ridge the Spring lots 2 1/4 A 20r also the Mount Muller lot about 4 A 3 rods also S part of mountain wood lot 6 3/4 A also the Swamp, pasture & meadow lots lying south of the mountain wood lot - - also south part of Benedict lot a little more than half as same is staked

22 Mar. 1810

13/697 Nirum Dikeman

QC to Asa Dikeman

The homelot on which Asa now lives with house standing 9 A 3 Rods 20 rods
 the pasture lot N of homelot } 5 A 1 Road
 meadow lot N of last two } 20 rods
 Bog meadow w of buckwheat lot 3 A 3 Rods
 "Hay" lot Hog except 1 A at S end lying west of homelot 3 A 1 Road
 N part of maple Swamp
 N 1/2 of barn with = privilege in barn Spring lot E of road
 - - also N part of Benedict lot E of road 5 A 3 Rods 20r
 whole of horse lot 2 A 1 Road

N part of mountain wood lot
7A 3 Road
22 Mar 1810

13/47

Nathan Wood & Nathan Wood Jr

\$1500 to

Asa Dikeman of Newtown

& Nirum Dikeman of Danbury

3 pc land

① homestead & land adjacent

where Nathan Wood lives

60A + dwelling & barn

N Thomas Dikeman's land

E highway

S Nathan Wood Jr land

deeded to Dikeman &

Unah Griffin & Josiah Barnum

& by John Rider

W Nehemiah Dibble & John Rider

(also called
Beaver Dam Brook later)

- as Maple Swamp brook now runs

13/46

Nathan Wood Jr

\$33.34

to Asa Dikeman of Newtown

& Nirum Dikeman of Danbury

7 A Long Ridge my homestead &
dwelling

N land my father & I have
deeded to Asa & Nirum

E & S highway

W Kiah Griffins land

7 Nov 1806

Site of
②
Wiedel
property

The whole W side of Long Ridge
from the turn in road S of Wiedel
property to tuckaway lane area S of
To lands house ② belonged to Wood Sr
& Jr & then Asa & Nirum Dikeman. ② also
was a Dikeman homestead

11/139 Nathan Wood to
Nathan Wood Jr
 7A Long Ridge - same lot on which
 said Nathan Jr has built a dwelling
 house in which he now lives

N my other kind
 w Griffin
 S at E highway

site of ⑥
 previous house

est. \$500 to be considered at that sum
 in the final settlement of my est
 reserving right to buy back should he
 sell during my life time

5 April 1803

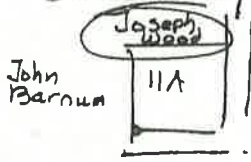
Nathan Wood lineage - s of Lemuel Wood
 DVR Nathan Wood m Hannah Wildman dau of
Capt Daniel Wildman 25 Apr 1777. Nathan
Wood Jr b. 13 Dec 1777 he m Lorana Shove
 dau of Seth Shove 27 Nov. 1799

Nathan Sr & Jr did not remain in the area
 no later WR for them - no probate - sometime
 after 1806 they moved --- Nathan Jr called
 of Bristol in 1811, 1813 & 1814 and of Warren
 in 1817 in records of the sale of real est.
 bel. to Seth & Jemima Shove parents of
 Nathan Jr's wife Lorana

In the 1787 will of Lemuel Wood which was
 probated 10 July 1795 his son Lemuel
 already had his full share so got nothing
 son Joseph had his full share so got
 nothing. son Nathan got the rest of his
 estate both real & personal (after
 widow's share) by 1801 inv. est. of wid
Griswold Wood she had no real est

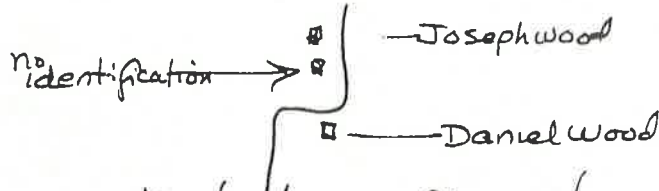
2/94 re: survey of land of Lemuel Wood Sr
 28 May 1778 (resurvey by committee
 after the 1777 burning of the
 Danbury Land Records

included 30A 12 S by Redding line
 several other pcs bordering
 Maple Swamp & piece on which
 his dwelling house now stands 11A



This house is on
 Erskine Bewitt map
 but is not identified

this is
 site of ⑥



house #⑦ was listed on map during Rev.
 to Joseph Wood. A signed beam in
 present house uncovered in renovation
 work appears to have name Jos Wood
 (Mrs Wiedel has photo) as orig. is now
 covered over. Present house is
 extensively altered on exterior
 & doesn't reflect Rev. period architect-
 ure -- or frame of portion of orig house
 incorporated into an early 19th cent.
 structure.

Nathan Wood
 on 1790
 census in
 Long Ridge

1/162 Joseph Wood
 81 Pounds 5sh
 to
Nathan Wood
 14 A land Long Ridge
 N Lemuel Wood land
 E highway
 S Lemuel Wood & John Barnum
 W Maple Swamp brook
 with a dwelling house standing thereon
 26 June 1782

2/92 Surr. pc land of Joseph Wood
 whereon his dwelling house now stands
 approx by: N by Lemuel Wood
 E highway
 S Lemuel Wood & John Barnum
 W Maple Swamp brook 28 May 1778

There is no record existing indicating when Joseph Wood got the property "whereon his dwelling house stands" in 1778

1778 is the earliest date a building can be positively established on the site.

Danbury Probate Records located ^{Ensn} Flipshet Barnum (area of (2)) property (no house) at Long Ridge \$ by Lemuel Wood (this area) in 1769 DPR 2/270 but this doesn't establish a house here at the time only that they owned property in the area.