

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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HB
MISSING
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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)		Benjamin Watson House	
	2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	Danbury		Fairfield	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
	25 Long Ridge Road			
	4. OWNER(S)			
	Philip D. Wiedel <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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	By arrangement	
7. STYLE OF BUILDING			DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Colonial Revival			c. 1920'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 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		87 x 47		
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) Tennis Court <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden				
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open land <input 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.

ASSESSOR'S CARDS

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STREET Long Ridge Rd

LOT# J 23002

HOUSE OR BLDG. # 25

9
built on site of an earlier house - old trees still remain

OWNER(S) Philip D Wiedel

FRONT 650 REAR _____ AV. DEPTH _____

BLDG. TYPE YEAR BUILT CONDITION
17 rm duplex 1-2-B 5 1931 _____

TYPE
1 family
9 1st
8 2nd
FOUNDATION
Stone
part cellar
ROOFING
Shingles

ROOF SHAPE
Gable
EXT. WALLS
Wd Shingles

FLOORS
Cem cellar
pine
HEATING
hot water
oil

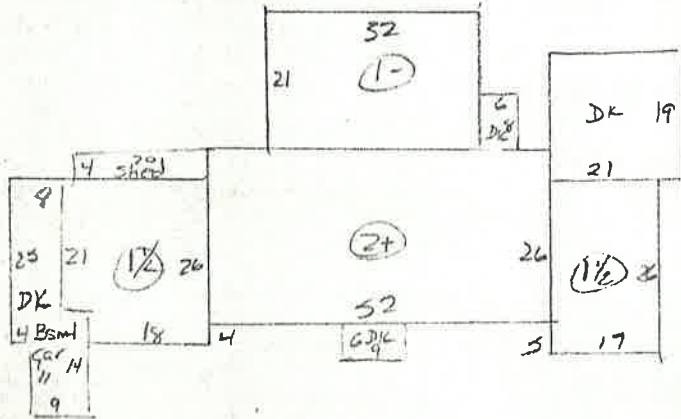
INT. FINISH
plaster
f/s attic rm
1 fireplace

PLUMBING
3 Compl 3 fix
1 2 fix toilet rm

DIAGRAM

VOLUME

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OUT BLDG.

CONST.

ROOF

FLOOR

det gar
att shed
tennis court

frame

gable
gable
Clay →

Cem

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

The house consists of a long central block, in the rear of which is a large, one-story living area, and flanking wings, each 17 by 18 feet wide. The gable roof is broken by gabled dormers, five in the central section and one each in the wings, each with six over six windows. There are brick chimneys at each end of the central block. In the center on the first story is a large, trabeated entry, with a leaded glass transom and sidelights, the latter enframed by slender Ionic pilasters.

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The house was built for Benjamin Watson near the site of one of the original Wood houses which has since been torn down. The house is significant as a good example of Colonial Revival design, one of several along Long Ridge Road which contribute to the rural streetscape, and as a part of the area's 1920 summer colony. The house's architect referenced Federal and earlier Georgian sources in its design.

Danbury Tax Assessor's Records (1933 & 1977); Information from Monique Wiedel

PHOTOGRAPHER

William E. Devlin

DATE

Feb., 1986

VIEW

east facade

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

SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known Highways Vandalism Developers
 Renewal Private Deterforation Zoning



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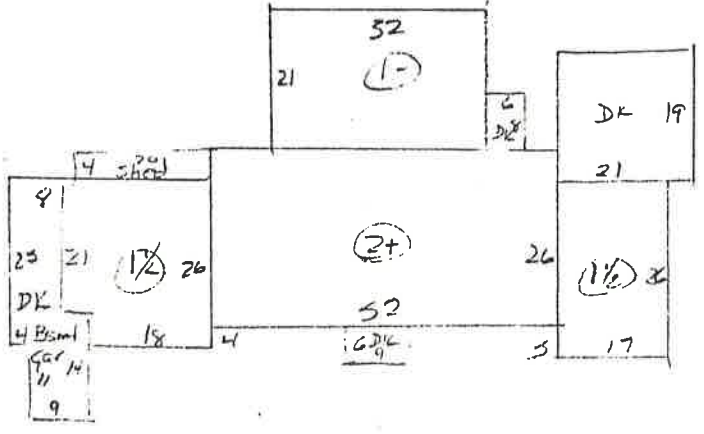
built on site of an earlier house - old trees still remain

OWNER(S) Philip D. Wiedel

FRONT	REAR	AV. DEPTH	
<u>650</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
BLDG.	TYPE	YEAR BUILT	CONDITION
<u>17mclwg 1-2-B</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1931</u>	<u> </u>

TYPE <u>1 family</u> <u>9 1st</u> <u>8 2nd</u>	ROOF SHAPE <u>gable</u>	FLOORS <u>concellar</u> <u>pine</u>
FOUNDATION <u>stone</u> <u>portcellar</u>	EXT. WALLS <u>w/ shingles</u>	HEATING <u>hot water</u> <u>oil</u>
ROOFING <u>Shingles</u>	INT. FINISH <u>plaster</u> <u>f/s attio rm</u> <u>1 fireplace</u>	PLUMBING <u>3 compl 3 fix</u> <u>1 2 fix toilet rm</u>

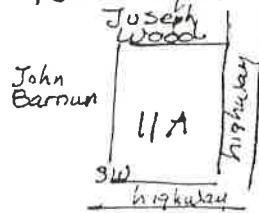
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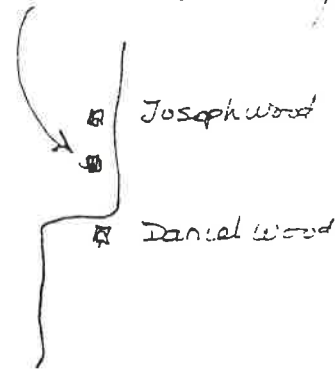
OUT BLDG.	CONST.	ROOF	FLOOR
<u>det gar</u> <u>att shed</u> <u>tennis court</u>	<u>frame</u>	<u>gable</u> <u>gable</u> <u>Clay</u> →	<u>Conc.</u>

included 30A land S by Redding line
several other pieces of land bordering
Maple Swamp (w of Long Ridge)
and pc on which his dwelling house
now stands 11A

beg. at NE corner runs south by
highway to a heap of stones, then
S to SE corner w by highway,
then N by John Barnum's land



This is on map
but not identified



11A

Long Ridge Rd. w side Wiedel house J 23002

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to

Philip D. Wiedel

parcel A pc 1d with bldgs (came 179/268)

N n/f George H. Garrison & Robert B. Hurst

E Long Ridge highway & 1d n/f Robert B. Hurst

S land formerly Miss Fowler, n/f William H.

Brown Jr, Long Ridge highway & the old highway

W. formerly Miss Fowler, n/f William H. Brown Jr & Beaver Dam Brook

also

3A portion of 25A tract 173/144

beg at SE cor of the 25A

w along hwy 215' then N along other

1d grantor parallel with E line.

hereinafter described 50' E of & // with

a gravel bank, SE along other 1d grantor to

N & E other 1d grantor

Shwy

W other 1d grantor

old stone wall
then to beg

(260/512
179/268

3 A portion ^(173/144) above William H. Brown Jr
to Benjamin P. Watson 24 Dec 1951
Charles C. Worth of Mamaroneck, Westchester Co
to N.Y.

Benjamin P. Watson 1d & buildings

Same 30.68 AC

7 July 1928

172/501

Mary H. Kirkpatrick of N.Y.C

to
Charles C. Worth

Same

17 July 1926

158/441

Jerome S. Stuart

to

Mary H. Kirkpatrick

land Long Ridge dist (22A±
with buildings (on both sides of the 200))

site of
C

- ①pc W side Long Ridge Rd
N George H. Garrison & Robert B Hurst
E Long Ridge highway
S land Miss Fowler & highway
W Miss Fowler & Beaver Dam Brook
- ②pc (E side Long Ridge Rd inclu ⑤)
N James H. Knapp — Dolan & Wm H Brown
E Dolan, Wm H. Brown, M. Maynard
& Jarius Gilbert
S Wm H. Brown, old highway
Charles Stone & Martha Maynard
W Long Ridge highway

to convey all land: 73/227, 111/387, 147/571 & 148/597
(6) 11 N. Woodland
E SKILL Rd 27 May 1820

73/227

Russell White
\$1600 to

Jerome Stuart
1d & bldgs 30 A

- N. Alanson C. Osborn
- E Alanson C Osborn & hwy
- S highway & David Osborn
- W David Osborn & Beaver Dam Brook

also 5A

(this on
E side
of rd.)

- N Lucy Lobdell
- E Mary E. Crofut
- S Gertrude Carter
- W. Ezra Carter & Jerome Stuart

27 Mar. 1880

1867 map R. White at site
1856 map no name at site but house there.

56/224
(all heirs of
Nirum Dikeman Sr)

- David Dikeman, Nirum Dikeman
- James H. Hoyt & w Susan
- George Dikeman of Ridgefield
- Frederick B. Dikeman of Bethel
- Ezra Carter & wife Laura of Danbury
- Mary Ann Dikeman
- James E. Platt & Martha of Redding
- Ezra Scofield & wife Harriet of
Cannonville (?) Tompkins Co. N.Y.
- Alfred Turrell & wife Martha of New Haven
to

11B

Russell White
ld & bldgs 16A } 1/2 A.
roads Trods

N Joel Osborn
E highway
S highway
W David Osborn at next piece

also pc Maple Swamp 12A
N Joel Osborn
E by first pc
S David Osborn
W the brook

also 12A Hoyt lot
5A Hack lot
4A Elijah lot
54A 33r

May 3, 1866

1856 map - house on E side highway w Dikeman
actually both houses owned by Nirum Dikeman Sr
w. Dikeman at site of Crothers house at the time see (11)

From
DUR

Nirum (Niram) adonirum: Dikeman

m. Martha Barker dau of Joseph Barker of Long Island
19 Oct 1805 (Patty)

Leander s Nirum m Martha b. 21 May 1806

Harriet Dikeman m Ezra Scofield 7 Sept 1828 see see see

Martha Dikeman m James E Platt both of Danbury
25 Feb 1845 Rev W.P. Collins

Will Nirum Dikeman written 19 Sept 1857

DPR 27348 wife Patty (Martha same) \$150
use & income of residue if she remain my wife
to Frederick B. \$100 rec same at d of
Patty or time she ceases to be my wife.
also sum to be spent for benefit of my
s Leander from time to time & if un-
expended at his d to his son
John Howard Dikeman in case they
dec d sum reverts back to ex
to sons William, David, Frederick L.
& Nirum Jr \$100 ea
daughters equal rec'd already
pay son Alfred \$100 already

11C

6 mo. after dec of Patty or she no longer
 widow s- William, David, Alfred,
 Frederick B & Nirum
 d. Betsy M, Laura, Martha & Susan
 remainder

Pay 2 \$50 notes due of s-in-law Ezra Seefeld
 husb. of dau Harriet - 1 payable
 to Zar Dikeman, another to
 S David Dikeman - - if Ezra pays
 notes without est required to pay -
 then Harriet shall have share
 equal to others

Son David Dikeman sole executor - will
 filed for prob. 23 April 1862

DPR 25/365 inv. est dated 15 May 1862
 lists: barn & house meadow w side

9 1/4 22r
 7 1/4
 16 1/2 A
 12 A

of highway 9 A 1 R 22 rods
 land lot wood lot, spring meadow
 & giffin orchard 7.25 A

Maple Swamp 12 A
 Hoyt lot 12 A 2 Rods
 Hack lot 5 A

Spring meadow E of highway
 farther Spring lot, Spring lot
 mullen lot, used lot
 1 A Swamp wood lot

Swamp meadow
 Elijah lot

North wood lot 54 A 33r

#(6) * deduct 8 r for pond
 * New house East side of highway
 horseshorn

#(5) * Old house west of highway
 old barn
 Corn house

DPR 26/498

dist. est Nirum Dikeman
 lists ch. & to ch of William dec'd
 & of Betsy M. Dikeman dec'd

to Orson Dikeman s of William $\frac{1}{5}$ A
at s end of old house lot
E & S highway
N Oscar Dikeman

W Griffin Orchard so called
to Oscar Dikeman s of Betsy M. Dikeman
1 A 2 Road 34r next N of about 1/2

to Emily F dau. Betsy M 1 A 2 Road 34r
next N last p N & S lines parallel

to Frederick B 488.23

David Dikeman 491.08

Laura Carter 470.18

Martha Platt 469.09

Susan Hoyt 475.41

Nirum Dikeman 480.78

Alfred Dikeman 506.05

Harriet Scofield 343.74

Mary Ann d. W. Wood 80.06

George S s. W. Wood 80.06

Martha Turrel d of
Betsy M 143.47

distributors George Hull, Benjamin Selick of
Platt Brush

3 May 1866

appointment of Maria Dikeman m of Orson
minor owner of $\frac{1}{5}$ A land Long Ridge
N Oscar's land

E & S highway

w l d est Nirum called Griffin orchard

(this s end wided lot ady to road)

13/699

Asa Dikeman
QC to my brother
Nirum Dikeman

parts of the farm of land at LR on
which we now live & which we purchased
together -- 1/3 -- the S part of
said farm West of Long Ridge Rd
(that is) the home lot & house on which
said Nirum now lives 8 A 1 Road is rods
extends as far as the middle of
the barn $\frac{1}{2}$ + QC to Nirum

also the "landlord" lot w of homelot 1A at S end of Sheeplot N of landlord lot also S part of Maple Swamp w of Sheeplot with liberty to bring wood through sheep pasture which he & C to me
also

on E side of Long Ridged; the Springs 4A 20r, the Mount Muller lot about 4A 3 rods, also S part of mountain wood lot 6 3/4 A, also the swamp, pasture & meadow lots lying S of the mountain wood lot also S part of Benedict lot a little more than half same as staked

22 Mar 1866

13/47 Nathan Wood & Nathan Wood Jr

\$1500 to

Asa Dikeman of Newtown &

Niram Dikeman of Danbury (equally)

3 pc to

① pc. homestead & land ady. w. w. c. Nathan Wood lives 60 A with dwelling & barn

N. Thomas Dikeman land

E highway

this pc →

3 Nathan Wood Jr land (13/46) deeded to Dikeman, Ezekiel

Griffin & Josiah Barnum & John Rider

w. Nehemiah Dibble, John Rider as Maple Swamp Brook now runs

② pc. E side of highway (see #5) 30 A

③ pc. 20 A Est w by highway

N. Josiah Barnum & Thomas Dikeman

S. Daniel Wood & highway

reserving grain now standing &

growing to be taken next harvest

7 Nov 1866

13/46 Nathan Wood Jr

833.34

(6)

to Asa Dikeman of Newtown

& Nirum Dikeman of Danbury

7A Long Ridge my homestead & dwelling

E & S highway

N to my father & I have decided to

Asa & Nirum

w/ Kiah Griffins land

Hezekiah?
unan)

7 Nov. 1806

Nathan Wood lineage - s of Lemuel

D/R Nathan Wood m Hannah Wildman

daughter of Capt Daniel Wildman 25 Apr 1777

Nathan Wood Jr b 13 Dec 1777 he m.

Lorana Shore daughter of Seth Shore 27 Nov 1799

Nathan Sr & Jr did not remain in the area -
There are no later VR for them no probate
records. Sometime after 1806 they moved -
Nathan Jr is called of Bristol in 1811, 1813 & 1814
and of Warren in 1817 in records of the
sale of real estate bel. to Seth & Semina
Shore parents of Nathan Jr's wife Lorana.
(This property was in the Miny Brook area of
Danbury)
(see (5) for further info re the lot E side
& Nathan Wood lineage)

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 widows share)
by 1801 inv. est of wid Griswold Wood she
had no real estate.

2/94 Survey of land of Lemuel Wood Jr

28 May 1778 (re-survey by committee)

after the 1777 burning of the

Danbury Land Records

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