

# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Town No.:

Site No.:

UTM

QUAD:

DISTRICT

IF NR, SPECIFY

☐ S

☐ NR

☐ Actual

☐ Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)

(Historic)

T. Maitland Cleland House

2. TOWN/CITY

Danbury

VILLAGE

COUNTY

Fairfield

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)

Long Ridge Road

4. OWNER(S)

Mary Xenia Britten

☐ Public

☒ Private

5. USE (Present)

Dwelling

(Historic)

Dwelling

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD

☒ Yes

☐ No

INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE

☐ Yes

☒ No

IF YES, EXPLAIN

7. STYLE OF BUILDING

Colonial Revival

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION

1929

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

58 x 34

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

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

☐ Barn

☐ Shed

☐ Garage

☒ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)

Studio (31 x 35)

☐ Carriage house

☐ Shop

☐ Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

☒ Open land

☐ Wood-land

☒ Residential

☒ Scattered buildings visible from site

☐ Commercial

☐ Indus-trial

☒ Rural

☐ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

The house is located on a sparsely developed road with eighteenth and nineteenth century houses dominant in the streetscape.

(OVER)

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

The house is rectangular in shape, with a two-bay breezeway which leads to an attached garage. The one-and-one-half story Cape form with its steeply pitched roof pierced by three gabled dormers is repeated in the breezeway section, on a smaller scale. The off-center entry is sheltered by a portico with closed pediment. Windows throughout are six over six.

## 18. ARCHITECT

## BUILDER

## 19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The house, the third to be built on this site, was constructed in 1929 for T. Maitland Cleland, a renowned illustrator, typographer and designer of books and bookbinding designs, who moved here from New York and occupied the house until his death in 1964. The house's horizontal orientation, Colonial Revival style and rambling appearance cause it to blend easily into the streetscape of Long Ridge Road.

Danbury Tax Assessor's Records (1933 & 1977); Danbury Land Records City Directory, 1928 - 1935; Danbury News-Times, obituary of T. M. Cleland, November 9, 1964

## PHOTOGRAPHER

William E. Devlin

## DATE

Feb., 1986

## VIEW

north facade

## NEGATIVE ON FILE

Conn. Historical Commission

## NAME

Imogene Heireith

## DATE

April, 1986

## ORGANIZATION

Danbury Preservation Trust

## ADDRESS

P.O. Box 2201, Danbury, CT 06813

Place

Photograph

## 20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

## 21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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

