

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

262

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Town No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Site No.: \_\_\_\_\_

UTM: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

QUAD: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT:  S  NR IF NR, SPECIFY  Actual  Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) \_\_\_\_\_ (Historic) Lorana Bates 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 \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING Greek Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1865-1866

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 Two + Attic APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 18 x 38

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

13. INTEGRITY (Location)  On original site  Moved WHEN ? \_\_\_\_\_ (Alterations)  Yes  No IF YES, EXPLAIN Wood shingles; porch enclosed

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

(OVER)

RECURRING (Continued)

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

The house is narrow and rectangular, with an enclosed one-story porch on the east elevation. The gable end faces the road, with a two bay facade with trabeated entry (a simple cornice) in the east end bay, and a three-light gable window. Windows are six over six.

SIGNIFICANCE

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house, significant as a late addition to the rural streetscape of Long Ridge Road, was built for Lorana Bates, daughter of Philo Wood, on a one-and-one-half acre lot she inherited from her father in 1864. It is first entered on the Danbury Grand List for 1866.

SOURCES

Danbury Tax Assessor's Records (1933 & 1977); Danbury Land Records (DLR 26:262, 76:501); Danbury Grand Lists, 1865, 1866; Danbury Vital Records; 1867 Beers Atlas

PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER

William E. Devlin

DATE

Feb., 1986

VIEW

north facade & east elevation

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

52  
REV 5/77 18128

ASSESSOR'S CARDS

STREET Long Ridge Rd

LOT# J 23003

HOUSE OR BLDG. # \_\_\_\_\_

12  
TC 4469

OWNER(S) Mary Xenia Britten

FRONT \_\_\_\_\_ REAR \_\_\_\_\_ AV. DEPTH \_\_\_\_\_

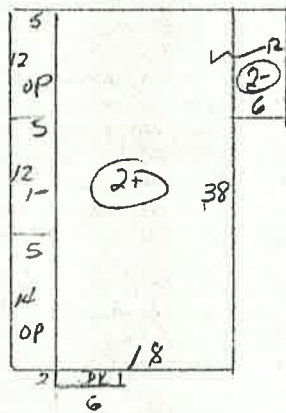
BLDG. TYPE YEAR BUILT CONDITION  
6 rm dug 1-2-B 2 1840 not on 1856 map hereby 1867 fair

TYPE  
1 family  
4 1st  
2 2nd  
FOUNDATION  
Stone  
full cellar  
ROOFING  
slate

ROOF SHAPE  
gable  
EXT. WALLS  
wd siding  
INT. FINISH  
plaster  
f/s attics  
1 fireplace

FLOORS  
cem. cellar  
pine  
HEATING  
hot water  
oil bur  
PLUMBING  
3 fix bath comp

DIAGRAM



VOLUME

PAGE

699 / 376  
588 / 835

OUT BLDG. CONST. ROOF FLOOR  
Barn frame gable wood



S. Side Long Ridge Rd on curve



Card. <sup>built</sup> 1934 1840 (rest)

TC 4469  
both houses on 1 lot  
#8 replaces an earlier house burned ca 1930

699/376

John Sidney Britten of  
4970 Ilchester Rd, Ellicott City MD  
for love & affection  
to

Mary Xenia Britten of  
212 Old Pennsylvania Ave  
Binghamton, N.Y

1867 ~~Map~~ <sup>Map</sup>:

⑧ A Wood - <sup>Albert Wood Jr</sup> or Amy Wood

⑨ Mrs. L. Bates

1856 Clark map -

no ⑧; ⑧ P. Wood <sup>Wid Amy</sup> Son Albert

land & buildings

# ⑨

①. 2A N highway  
on TC 4469 E 1/4 n/f Elinor W. Cleland  
formerly <sup>(m)</sup> Harriette J. Tibbets  
(tract 2 herein)

S. 1/4 n/f Charles C. Worth

W 1/4 n/f Peter Osborne

# ⑧

② 1A

N highway

E old highway & kind  
Arthur G. Stuart

S 1/4 n/f Stuart

W. 1/4 form Charles Stone

(tract 1 above)

③

on TC 4469

pc 1/4 & blk beg at a point in S  
line 1/4 R Gordon Wasson  
& 1/4 now Monique Wiedel  
0.064

6 Oct 1983

588/835

R. Gordon Wasson  
to GC

# ⑧ & ⑨

Mary Xenia & John Sidney Britten

42 Long Ridge Rd  
3 pcs as above

Same

4 Dec 1976

480/345

Monique Wiedel  
to

R. Gordon Wasson

0.064A pc (on s. side)

20 Sept 1969

349/12

Thomas M. Cleland  
aka Thomas Maitland Cleland

to  
R. Gordon Watson

of 1 East End Ave, N.Y.C

#9

parcel (A) 2A

Same as 229/493 & 320/200

#8

parcel (B) 1A

with AT&T pass. 126/531

30 Oct 1959

320/200

Prob. Harriette Burnett Woodruff

will proved 18 July 1955

undiv. 1/2 int. to b-in-law

T. Maitland Cleland

same 229/493 2A±

#9 only

N by highway

E Thos M. Cleland

formerly Marnette J. Tibbets

S ld n/f Charles C. Worth

W ld n/f Peter Osborn

1 May 1957

229/493  
(old card)

#9 only

Prob. Elinor Woodruff Cleland

by will to

Thos Maitland Cleland

1/2 int. 2A±

N by highway

E S & W same as above

26 Apr 1948

197/432  
(old card)

#9 only

Lydia E. Smith

to

Elinor W. Cleland of Danbury

& Harriette Burnett Woodruff of N.Y.C

N. highway

2A±

E Elinor W. Cleland

formerly Marnette J. Tibbets

S. n/f Charles C. Worth

W. n/f Peter Osborne

30 Sept 1937

172/596 Mariette J. Tibbits

to

Thomas Maitland Cleland of Scarborough, N.Y.

#8 only

Id & bldgs 1A±

N highway

E Old highway

& Id n/ Arthur G. Stuart

S Stuart

W. Id formerly Charles Stone

same 148/339

18 Sept 1926

162/227  
(old card)

Prob. Elijah J. Smith

prob 30 Dec. 1921

to Lydie E. Smith Id & bldgs 2A

#9 only

N highway

E Mariette J. Tibbits

formerly Arthur Stuart

S Stuart

W. Peter Osborne

9 Jan 1922

148/339

Arthur G. Stuart

#8 continued on Sep pg (over)

#8 only

to

Marietta J. Tibbits of N.Y.C

Id & bldgs Long Ridge dist

N. highway

E old hwy & Id grantor

S grantor

W Charles Stone

1A as fence now stands

(This the portion with the house only .. later land rec whole lot)

31 Oct 1914

140/291

Lula H. Latimer of Brookly N.Y

adm est Thomas A. Heffernan

prob. 5 Sept 1911

#9 only

to

Elijah J. Smith of Purdy Station, Westchester Co N.Y.

Id & bldgs Long Ridge 2A

N highway

E & S Arthur Stuart

W. Peter Osborne

26 Sept 1911

123/309

Harriet Stone  
to  
Thomas Heffernan

#9 only

ld & bldgs  
N highway  
E & S Arthur Stuart  
W Peter Osborne

19 Dec 1905

87/539

George Andrus  
to  
Harriet Stone  
ld & bldgs Long Ridge 1/2A

#9 only

N Long Ridge hwy  
E & S Jerome Stuart  
W Alanson Osborn

15 Aug 1888

87/279

Frederick Cole & Lucy A. Cole  
to

#9 only

George Andrus  
ld & bldgs 1/2A  
being the homestead of the late  
Lorane Bates dec'd

on 1867 map

22 Nov. 1887

76/501

Prob  
4 Apr 1883  
Philo W. Bates & Leroy Taylor  
extr est "Loraine Bates"

(Philo Wood Bates)

#9 only

\$ 775 1/2A  
to  
Lucy A. Cole of Danbury  
ld & bldgs

N Long Ridge hwy  
E & S Jerome Stuart  
W heirs David Osborn  
being the homestead of Lorane Bates  
11 July 1883



Loraney (Wood) Bates

DVR -

b. 15 Nov. 1808 "Lorana" dau of Philo

m Walter Bates 4 Sept 1833 Rev. A. Road

her par: Philo Wood b 7 Dec. 1788 d 29 Oct 1864

m. Amy Barlow d/o John & Lorany (Scott) Barlow

she b 23 May 1792 d. 22 Dec. 1876

Loraney (Wood) Bates d. 8 June 1882 ae 73<sup>ys</sup>

① only  
old card age 80  
(in 1933 - ca 1853, but  
not on 1856 map -)  
includes 20x23 frame  
barn which might be  
older. 8 rm dwg - dirt  
cellar, open attic, no  
stairs to attic - no heat  
no plumbing.  
LR. tax (inc 1940 -  
fixed up  
(1.45 ac)  
maps  
1867 - Mrs L. Bates  
1856 - nothing

She received this property as part of the  
estate of her father Philo Wood. His will  
was written 8 July 1856 and was filed  
16 Nov. 1864

DPR His will leaves to her:

26/262 to daughter Lorany Bates

after devises to wid. Amy

① → 1 1/2 A with buildings

N highway

E & S my own land

W David Osborn

also 29A The Swamp lot

N Russell White & Daniel B. Wood

Niram Dikeman & my own

E Daniel B. wood & Uriah Griffin

S Uriah Griffin & Russell White

W Russell White & Daniel B. Wood

my own land & highway

reserving to my other heirs & their heirs a  
passway where the road now runs to  
my other land East

also 16A the Starr land

N Joseph P. Cooks heirs

E my own land & Niram Dikeman

Levi Benedict & Daniel B. Wood

S highway

W highway & Uriah Griffins &

my own land

Philo Wood b 7 Dec. 1788 s of Daniel Jr & Wealthy

(Monroe) Wood

Chi



- Ch of Philo Wood
- ⑨ - \*Lorany b. 1808 m Walter Bates
  - ⑮ - Daniel Barlow b. 1811
  - ③ - \* Albert b. 1813
  - Maria Ann b. 1816 m Sanford
  - ⑦ - \* Mary Emma b. 1822 m. Wm E Crofut
  - Philo b. 1820
  - Phebe m. Benj Sellaak

DPR  
26/290 INV est Philo Wood 6 Jan 1865  
dw house

the new barn  
homestead 15A  
Benedict ld 12A  
Bean lot 15A  
South Bogus Wood lot 11A  
Side Hill lot 6A  
Spring lot 4A  
Flint Hill lot 3A  
N Bogus Wood lot 18A  
N Barn  
Corn house  
horse shed

⑨ \* Oider Mill lot 1 1/2A  
\* Swamp lot 29A  
\* Starr land 10A  
Bethel Meadow 12A  
Tom Dikeman land 39A  
Ira land 10A  
Dann Place on River St in Danbury  
Tom El Sawmill lot 12A

This house stands on land that was originally part of Daniel Woods home lot

See #9 est Philo Wood. to see  
Lorane Bates for whole of property  
belonging to Britten in 1986

⑧ only age 1926  
old card 1933  
unfinished  
8" thick brick walls  
State roof  
Studio - 5 years old  
Tax increase 1940

111/386 Jerome Stuart &  
Betsy A Stuart husband & wife

\$1,000  
to Arthur G. Stuart

1A of this 148/339

17A land & buildings

N Long Ridge highway & Charles Stone (#9)

E old highway & land formerly

Russell White & William H. Brown

S William H. Brown & Id Noah W. White

W Alanson C Osborne #10

Charles Stone #9

& Noah W. White

also 10A N Noah W. White

E Edward P. White

S W Jerome S. Stuart

21 Apr 1898

DVR d 30 Jan 1907 Betsy A Stuart w/f Jerome  
as M/S/S b. 25 July 1832 daughter of  
Russell White & Betsy A. (Wood) White  
She was the daughter of Noah & Deborah (Platt)  
Wood. Noah Wood owned the land on west  
side of Long Ridge Rd (#16) & where barn  
on opposite side of Long Ridge Rd stands

62/177 Savings Bank of Danbury  
rel. Mtg & C to Mtg 55/443  
Jerome S. Stuart Mtg  
by Albert Wood Jr - 18 Feb. 1868

20 June 1871

55/443 Albert Wood Jr

Mtg \$1200

to Savings Bank of Danbury 17 Feb. 1868

15A with buildings

N by highway & "Urania" (Lorane) Bates

E by highway, Id Russell White & Lucy Lobdell

S Lucy Lobdell & Daniel B. Wood

W Daniel B. Wood, David Osborn & "Urania" Bates



A. Wood 1867 map either this Albert Jr or wife of Philo (Amy) who was still living until 1876 & had widows 1/3rds got 5/8 of the dwelling house

54/341

Albert Wood of Bethel  
to Albert Wood Jr of Danbury  
1d ±, bldgs Long Ridge  
15 A ± N by highway & 1d "Lorania" Bates  
E highway, 1d Russel White  
& Lucy "Lobdell"  
S Lucy Lobdell & Daniel B Wood  
W Daniel B Wood & David Osborne  
& "Lorania" Bates

also 10 A N my other land  
E Lucy Lobdell & Sally Wood  
S & W Ezra Carter  
26 Oct 1866

DPR 26/262 Will Philo Wood (s of Daniel Wood 2nd - br of Noah & Abijah, Irat Eli)

to W. Amy all personal estate  
also 5/2 of the dwelling now occupied  
by me with 1/2 the garden attached  
use of the well with the occupant  
of the N 1/2 of the house

she is not to rent or lease without express  
assent of Son Albert - also rest & residue  
of real estate except hereinafter to Achsah  
Jann for 1 year from my decease & no  
longer (will written 8 July 1850 but not  
probated until 16 Nov 1864)

to Son Albert Wood rest & remainder  
of my homestead 15 A with buildings  
N highway & my other land (#9 site)  
E highway & Russel Whites land  
& by Lucy Lobdell  
S Lucy Lobdell & my own land  
W my other land & David Osbornes &  
whole as fences now stand  
also the Benedict land 12 A

N Oliver Shepard & John Benedict  
E John Benedict & Albert  
S Nirum Diteman (Dikeman)  
W my own 1d & 1d heirs Jos. P. Cook

after int of wife Amy is devised  
& Albert shall within 1 year after my dec.

11 real est  
Danbury  
Philo Wood house  
st have faced  
the lane & not  
Long Ridge  
Red

#8

14H



pay to dau. Phoebe Sellaet \$300<sup>00</sup> & dau.  
Mary E. Crofut wife William E Crofut of Reading \$100<sup>00</sup>  
to Mary E Crofut after bequests to w Amy

Side Hill lots 6A

N & E Nirum Dikemans land # 7 lot

S & W highway

together with buildings standing thereon (Barns?)  
no house 1867

Spring lots 4A

N & W by highway

S Russel White's land

E Daniel B. Wood

Flint Hill lot 3A

N my own ld & highway

E my own land

S my own land & Daniel B Wood

W Daniel B. Wood

Bogus lots 18A

N John S Blackmans heirs

E Isaach Seeley & son

S my own ld

W Noah Woods heirs land

to Lorany Bates wife of Walter of Ridgefield

Cider Mill lot 1/2A with blogs

N highway

E & S my own land

W David Osborn's land

Swamp lot 29A

N Russel White's land &

Daniel B. Wood, Nirum Dikemans  
my own land

E Daniel B. Wood & Urah Griffin

S Urah Griffin & Russel White

W. Russel White, Daniel B Wood

my own land & highway

reserving a passway where the road runs to  
my other land East

The Starr land

N by Jos P. Cooks heirs

E my own & ld Nirum Dikeman

S highway

W highway & Urah Griffin

to Daniel B. Wood

The Dean lot 15 $\times$

N my own land & David Osborn

E own land & Lucy Lobdell

S Daniel B Wood

W Daniel B Wood & Lucy Lobdell

the Bogus lot 11 $\times$

N my own

E Joseph P Code & own land & Uriah Griffin

S own land & Uriah Griffin

W Daniel B Wood & Noah Wood

res to other heirs a passway through said land where the road now runs

to Phebe Sallett wife of Benjamin Sallett

The Bethel Meadow 12 $\times$

N & W highway

E land formerly Amos Wheeler

S Martin Meads land

Tom lot 12 $\times$

N E & W highway

S Rachel Ridor

to Albert Wood

Tom Dikeman land 39 $\times$  (Tom Dikeman)  
Thomas

N & S Harvey Wood land

E & W highway

Ira land

N Seely Harris

E land formerly Starr Nichols  
& Albert Wood

S Albert Wood

W. highway & Seely Harris

upon special trust & confidence that he will upon the determination of the est of wife Amy take real estate into his possession & apply all rents & profits thereof unto the support & maint of my grandchild Mary Ann Beers d. of Sanford Beers during her natural life or until she shall marry & have issue - Albert or heirs convey to Mary Ann or her heirs real est in fee simple at dec. of Mary Ann

to niece Achsah Dann wife of Henry S Dann  
1/2 A River St Danbury with buildings  
N River St  
E Betty Wildmans heirs  
S Robert Sayers  
W 1d occ by wid of Zarel D. Wheeler  
same now in possession Henry S. Dann

two Sons Daniel to & Albert Wood ex  
wr. 8 July 1856  
prob 16 Nov 1864

26/290

Peter S Coley of Redding & Joel Osborn of  
Danbury appraisers

inv. real est Philo Wood

dwelling house, the new barn  
homestead 15A

Benedict land 12A

Bean lot 15A

S. Bogus wood lot 11A

Side Hill lot 6A

Spring lot 4A

Flint Hill lot 3A

N Bogus wood land 18A

N Barn, Corn house horse shed

Cider Mill lot 1 1/2 A

Swamp lot 29A

Starr land 16A

Bethel Meadow 12A

Tom Dikeman land 39A

Ira land 10A

The Dann Place on River St

Tom & Saw mill lot 12A

prob & Jan 1865

26/431

Settlement est Philo Wood

accounting

2 Jan 1866

Philo Wood was keeping the paupers at his  
place - on 12 Mar 1838 a Committee of Selectmen was  
appointed to investigate The paupers at Philo Woods -  
Sturges Selleck kept them before & after that time

14K



25 June 1838 investigate & report some better way for the support of the poor -- what place can be procured & what price leased to support the paupers in a similar manner they are now kept and also what a suitable farm can be purch. for

146 Sept 1838 paupers be supported under contract as heretofore -- 3 years from Dec. next to Sturges Sellick