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| Town No.: | Site No.: |
| UTM | 186729904603420 |
| QUAD: | |
| DISTRICT | IF NR. SPECIFY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR | <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential |

IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

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|---|---|---|--|
| 1. BUILDING NAME (Common) | | (Historic) | |
| Barnes/Frost House | | | |
| 2. TOWN/CITY | VILLAGE | COUNTY | |
| Southington | Marion, CT 06444 | Hartford | |
| 3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) | | | |
| 1177 Marion Avenue (map 20, parcel 31) 1.22 acres | | | |
| 4. OWNER(S) | | | |
| Anderson, Peter L. & Margaret M. (vol.272,p.417) | | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private |
| 5. USE (Present) | | (Historic) | |
| Residential | | Residential | |
| 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | NA |
| 7. STYLE OF BUILDING | | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION | |
| Colonial | | 1795 A | |
| 8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate) | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) wood |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone | brownstone foundations |
| 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM | | | |
| <input checked="" 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 | |
| 2 | | 36 x 28' | |
| 12. CONDITION (Structural) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated |
| 13. INTEGRITY (Location) | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | WHEN ? | (Alterations) |
| | | NA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| IF YES, EXPLAIN | | | |
| added ell | | | |
| 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barn | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Wood-land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural | <input type="checkbox"/> High building density |
| 16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS | | | |

One of several 18th- and 19th- century houses on this tree-lined street. Next door is a ranch house.

(OVER)

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

The front elevation of this large house has five bays and central doorway. Pilasters flank the front door and there is a 5-pane transom above it. Decorative bands of alternating horizontal and vertical ellipses run above the windows and door and as a frieze under the eaves. The level of maintenance appears to be high.

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

The house is significant architecturally because it is a fine example of the Colonial style, carefully rehabilitated.

The central brick chimney may not be the original masonry but is the full, original mass.

The house is significant historically because it was the home of the Barnes and Frost families. Philo Barnes, who acquired the house in 1810, was a large landowner. His son, Seth E. Barnes, was a member of a group of Southington men who traveled to the California gold fields in the 1840s. A letter to his wife graphically portrays the hardships encountered. Seth E. Barnes died in 1863 at Charleston, South Carolina, while a prisoner of war. His widow, Luncida, brought up her grandson, Edwin Seth Todd, who became General Manager of Clark Brothers Bolt Co. Levi D. Frost of the Marion bolt manufacturing company acquired the house in 1883. It stayed in his family to 1916.

SOURCES

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Site visit in 1988 by Margaret Anderson of the Southington Historical Society

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

1988: This house retains some of its wide board floors. New reproduction 12/12 windows have been recently installed. An interesting note: the authentic-looking central chimney is from a c.1795 house in Cheshire which was being

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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|--|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known | <input type="checkbox"/> Highways | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Developers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ torn down. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> Private | <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____ |

