

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

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Town No.:		Site No.:	
UTM	18	6	87
	9	30	45
	7	15	8
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QUAD: Branford			
DISTRICT		IF NR. SPECIFY	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	<input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) _____ (Historic) _____	
	2. TOWN CITY Branford	VILLAGE Stony Creek
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 29 Flat Rock Road Map J7, Block 2, Lot 2; 1 acre	
	4. OWNER(S) Traver A., Jr. & Margaret L. Cowles <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) _____ (Historic) _____ One-Family Dwelling Same	
DESCRIPTION	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN _____	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING New England Colonial	
	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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____	
	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 1 1/2 35 ft x 25 ft	
	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 type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" 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) _____ <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		

Located on a semi-rural road; surrounded by mid-twentieth century suburban development.

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Constructed on a rectangular plan with its ridge parallel to the street, this structure has a steeply pitched roof with no overhangs. It has a small brick chimney which does not appear to be original. It has four windows flanking the center entry at the facade; two are six-over-six; two are two-over-two. Its gables have five larger windows with two small windows at the second floor under the eaves. Its entry door has four recessed panels and is flanked by wide head and jamb moldings stopped by a projecting cornice.

18 ARCHITECT: N/A

BUILDER: Unknown

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This house was recorded on the W.P.A. survey and dated early nineteenth century. However, land record research suggests a late eighteenth-century date, possibly the 1790's. The original owner of this house has not been documented. It was owned by the Tucker family in the last half of the nineteenth century, and probably Reuben Frisbie before that, but the boundaries are not clear. It is referred to as the "24 acre homestead."

Very few of these simple one-and one-half story farmhouses have survived, making this house a significant part of Branford's collection of eighteenth-century colonial houses. (See 11 Juniper Point for a house with an identical arrangement of seven windows in the gable end.)

SOURCES

Maps: Whitford, 1852; Beers, 1868.  
 W.P.A. Federal Writers Project: "Census of Old or Distinctive Buildings in the State of Connecticut," c.1936, no. 47.  
 Branford Land Records, Vol. 70, p. 292.

PHOTO

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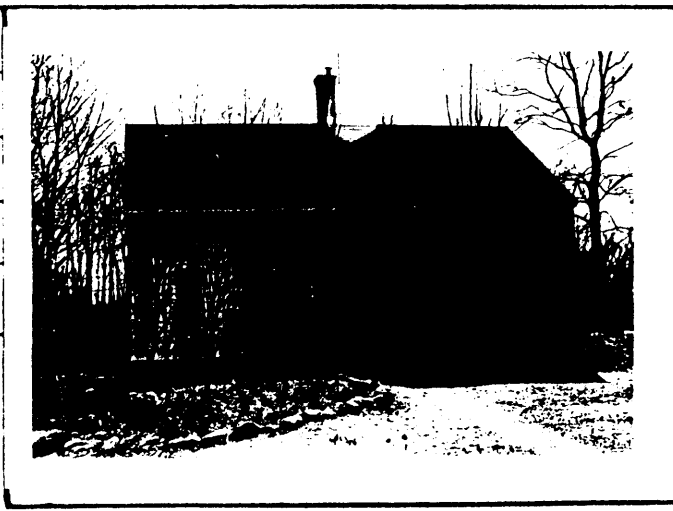
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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 CHECKS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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