

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Town No.:		Site No.:	
UTM	1: 8	6: 8	7: 5 5: 0 4: 6 2: 6 4: 7 0
QUAD:	Hartford North		
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) Allyn Steele House	
	2. TOWN/CITY West Hartford	VILLAGE COUNTY Hartford
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 114 North Main Street approx. .2 acres Vol. 467, p. 797.	
	4. OWNER(S) S. Stephen Kegeles, et al <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) (Historic) residence residence	
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 Center chimney colonial DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1775	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick fdn <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 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 2, attic, APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 36 x 48	
	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) (Alterations) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved WHEN ? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN 19th c. veranda, side bay window	
	14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES <input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input 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"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS Set among 20th century mostly Colonial and Dutch Colonial Revival homes on a busy mainstreet, this house is one of a row of 8 or 10 houses with a sandstone retaining wall along the sidewalk.		

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

This 5 bay center chimney gable roof, ridge to street, Colonial farmhouse has as its ornamental detailing pilasters and a modest entablature flanking the entry. Windows, which are obscured on the ground floor by shrubbery, are 19th century 2/2 sash. There is a 19th century veranda on one end of the house, and an added bay window.

SIGNIFICANCE

18. ARCHITECTURE *N/A* BUILDER Allyn Steele

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The house was built by Allyn Steele, son of Samuel Steele, son of one of the original proprietors of the West Division. This house probably replaced the original house on the property. Bought by Ozias Griswold in 1814, the property remained a family farm until about 1925, when the land was sold for subdivision.

SOURCES

Hartford Land Records 26:176; 35:21; 55:521; 72:335; 72:402
 Hartford Probate Records #5201, 1779
 West Hartford Land Records 78:283-4; 95:644
 Geer's Hartford Area Directory, 1916
 1854 map, 1869 map, 1896, 1909 and 1923 Atlases
 "Map of Linwold", Map File, West Hartford Town Clerk's Office

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

interior includes four fireplaces, bake oven, one room of raised paneling, fancy moldings applied to underside of parlor summer, and original stairway with turned balusters and applied wave-form decoration.

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21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation _____