

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
(203) 566-3005

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM 1: 8 6 8 7 3 7 0 4 6 2 4 1 1 0	
QUAD:	Hartford South
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) <i>(Historic)</i> Asa Gillett House	
2. TOWN/CITY West Hartford	VILLAGE COUNTY Hartford
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 202 South Main Street approx. .7 acres vol. 660, p. 152.	
4. OWNER(S) William E. Carlson & Carole W. Carlson <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) <i>(Historic)</i> residence residence	
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

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING Colonial Saltbox	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1760
8. MATERIAL(S) <i>(Indicate use or location when appropriate)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick chimney	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i> _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	fdn
<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<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"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel
10. ROOF <i>(Type)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up
<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i> _____
11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 37 x 28; rear addn 17 x 10
12. CONDITION <i>(Structural)</i> <i>(Exterior)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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 <i>(Location)</i> WHEN ? <i>(Alterations)</i> IF YES, EXPLAIN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
roof later, possibly; doors	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings <i>(Specify)</i>
<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	

In an area of single-family homes on a busy main thoroughfare. Nearby is the Noah Webster birthplace.

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

This mid-18th century saltbox house has clapboard siding, steeply pitched gable roof, bay front facade. Windows are 12/12 although the eave of the roof projects beyond the house, and the roof appears to have been reconstructed. There is a one-storey addition on the south end of the house, and a two-storey ell at the rear on the north side. The house sits close to the street, and there is a terraced garden in the front and a brownstone wall at the sidewalk. Surveyed houses nearby include #227 South Main Street, the Noah Webster birthplace.

18. ARCHITECT *N/A* BUILDER Asa Gillett

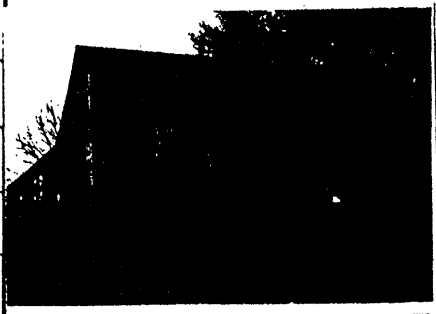
19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

One of the few remaining 18th century farmhouses in West Hartford, this house was built by the grandson of one of the early proprietors, Joseph Gillet, who settled in West Hartford in 1694, who signed the 1710 petition requesting the status of a separate parish, and who was one of the members of the newly organized Congregational Church in 1713. Gillets lived and farmed on both sides of Main Street in this section of town in the late 18th century. Asa Gillett was also engaged in trade, dealing in part with the Webbs of Wethersfield.

SOURCES

Hall, West Hartford, p. 4-7
 Hartford Land Records 12:165; 10:573; 13:546; 14:205; 18:303
 1854, 1869 map; 1896, 1909 and 1923 atlases.
 Burr, From Colonial Parish to Modern Suburb, p. 28-29

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER K. Cruse	DATE May 1983	
	VIEW northwest	NEGATIVE ON FILE	
COMPILED BY	NAME E. Hatheway	DATE Nov. 1982	
	ORGANIZATION Noah Webster Foundation		
	ADDRESS 227 South Main Street, West Hartford CT		

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

Interior includes one room with paneling.

HRC 12/84

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation _____