

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM 1:8 6:8 7:8 5:0 4:5 7:4 7:3:0	
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)	
	Private Residence Edward Frisbie House	
	2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE COUNTY
	Branford	New Haven
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	
	699 East Main Street Map J4, Block 2, Lot 6; 5 acres	
	4. OWNER(S)	
Margaret C. Reisman <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		
DESCRIPTION	5. USE (Present) (Historic)	
	One-Family Dwelling Same	
	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	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	New England Colonial 1685-1750	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate		
<input 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 1/2 36 feet x 54 feet		
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) WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No One-story addition, date unknown		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input checked="" 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 Note: Barn appears to be early structure - has hand-hewn beams pegged connections. Used as garage.		
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 main highway, set very close to road, bordered on east and west by open space.		

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

Constructed on a rectangular plan with its ridge parallel to the street, this structure has a steeply-pitched roof (45° or 12:12) with a brick center chimney which straddles the ridge. The house has a five-bay, nine-window facade with twelve-over-twelve sash. The entry has a pair of paneled doors flanked by wide molded casings which flare out above the door. A glazed transom features six arched lights. The gable ends have six windows. Those at the attic story have six-over-six sash; the others have twelve-over-twelve sash. All gable windows have projecting cornice moldings. The west gable features a porch, probably a twentieth-century addition, which is constructed with chamfered posts. The exterior is finished with clapboards on the street facade (north elevation), wood shingles on the east, west, and south elevations, and smooth sheathing boards with beaded edges at the porch.

SIGNIFICANCE

18. ARCHITECTURE
 N/A

BUILDER
 Attributed to Edward Frisbie

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Local tradition dates this house 1685 on the basis of the will of Edward Frisbie, 1689, leaving his "new house" to his two daughters, Abigail and Silence. The house was initially recorded on the W.P.A. Survey and dated 1750 based on "the general character of the house and interior finish."

Architecturally, the house represents the full two story, central chimney plan typical of the New England house as it evolved by the end of the Second Period, 1690-1720 (Keith). However, the house has a six-window gable end which would seem to indicate a date not much earlier than 1750 for the main block of the house.

The Edward Frisbie house is significant in Branford's collection of eighteenth-century houses for its integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. As an example of eighteenth-century colonial architecture, it meets Criteria C of the National Register of Historic Places.

SOURCES

Branford Historical Society Bicentennial Survey, 1976.
 Keith, Elmer D. Some Notes on Early Connecticut Architecture. Hartford: The Antiquarian and Landmarks Society, Inc. of Conn., 1976, p. 17, 18.
 W.P.A. Federal Writers Project, "Census of Old or Distinctive Buildings in the State of Connecticut." c.1936, No. 15.
 Maps: Whiteford, 1852; Beers, 1868.

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VIEW
 East Elevation

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanaton _____