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Town No.:	Site No.:
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DISTRICT ☐ S ☐ NR   IF NR, SPECIFY ☐ Actual ☐ Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) — (Historic) Dr. Henry Skelton House

2. TOWN/CITY Southington   VILLAGE Southington   COUNTY Hartford

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 889 S. Main ST.   (map 58, parcel 40)   0.58 acre

4. OWNER(S) Kritz, Timothy E. & John W. (vol.334, p.588)   ☐ Public   ☒ Private

5. USE (Present) Residential   (Historic) Residential

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ☒ Yes ☐ No
INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ☐ Yes ☒ No
IF YES, EXPLAIN N.A.

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING Colonial   DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1748 A

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

☒ Clapboard   ☐ Asbestos Siding   ☐ Brick   ☐ Other (Specify) _____

☐ Wood Shingle   ☐ Asphalt Siding   ☐ Fieldstone

☐ Board & Batten   ☐ Stucco   ☐ Cobblestone

☐ Aluminum Siding   ☐ Concrete Type: _____   ☒ Cut stone Type: _____ foundations

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

☒ Wood frame   ☒ Post and beam   ☐ balloon

☐ Load bearing masonry   ☐ Structural iron or steel

☐ Other (Specify) _____

10. ROOF (Type)

☒ Gable   ☐ Flat   ☐ Mansard   ☐ Monitor   ☐ sawtooth

☐ Gambrel   ☐ Shed   ☐ Hip   ☐ Round   ☐ Other (Specify) _____

(Material)

☐ Wood Shingle   ☐ Roll Asphalt   ☐ Tin   ☐ Slate

☒ Asphalt shingle   ☐ Built up   ☐ Tile   ☐ Other (Specify) _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2   APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 36 x 28' + 15 x 32 ell

12. CONDITION (Structural) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated   (Exterior) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) ☒ On original site ☐ Moved   WHEN? N.A.   (Alterations) ☒ Yes ☐ No   IF YES, EXPLAIN Windows, ell

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

☐ Barn   ☐ Shed   ☐ Garage   ☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)

☐ Carriage house   ☐ Shop   ☐ Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

☐ Open land   ☐ Woodland   ☒ Residential   ☐ Scattered buildings visible from site

☐ Commercial   ☐ Industrial   ☐ Rural   ☐ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

The house faces west, close to a busy street.

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

In the 5-bay front elevation, the windows are 2/2. At the first floor they are unusually tall, and their lintels are continued as a string course, in wood. The eaves overhang the front wall by perhaps 10". The gable ends at attic level are covered with imbricated shingles. The rear roof slope extends in a saltbox profile. An ell has been added. First-floor summer beams run front-to-rear. The second floor girts are cantilevered out beyond the plate, to give greater span to the lean-to rafters. An 1889 picture shows no porch at all. A 1928 picture shows a full width front porch in the Italianate style.

18. ARCHITECT | BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

The house is architecturally significant because it is a good example of Colonial domestic architecture with tall first floor windows reflecting later Greek Revival/Italianate influence, and with imbricated shingle gable ends, a feature of the Queen Anne style.

The house is significant historically because it was the home of Dr. Henry Skelton, Southington's second physician, who was born in England in 1688.

Skelton gives a complete chain of title, with land records references.

SOURCES

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

[X] None known   [ ] Highways   [ ] Vandalism   [ ] Developers   [ ] Other _____

[ ] Renewal   [ ] Private   [ ] Deterioration   [ ] Zoning   [ ] Explanation _____

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