

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HIST-6 REV 6/83

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 18	257180 4610120
QUAD:	Jewett City CT
DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	IF NR, SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <b>Hopeville Pond Park House</b> (Historic) <b>Avery House</b>
2. TOWN, CITY <b>Griswold</b> VILLAGE <b>Hopeville</b> COUNTY <b>New London 011</b>
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) <b>NE corner Park and Roode roads</b>
4. OWNER(S) <b>Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private
5. USE (Present) <b>Residential</b> (Historic) <b>Residential Offices (1930s)</b>
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 <b>Colonial</b>	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <b>ca. 1770</b>
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 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 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 <b>2</b>	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS <b>20' x 40'</b>
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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved WHEN? (Alterations) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN <b>shingles, porch</b>	
14. RELATED BUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" 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	
<b>At intersection of two country roads. Stone property walls. Park maintenance area to the north.</b>	

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**DESCRIPTION (Continued)**

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)  
 The dwelling at the northeast corner of Park and Roode roads is a frame two-story central-chimney Colonial built ca. 1770. Originally sheathed with clapboard, the house has a hewn overhang at the roof level. The central chimney is set on a massive stone base with a built-in root cellar. Although the traditional five-room plan on the first floor has been modified by the elimination of the keeping rooms and the kitchen fireplace, most of the original features survive, making the house more nearly complete than most of the other Colonial houses owned by DEP. Original architraves with ogee backbands are in place, as are many of the four-panel doors with wrought-iron latch hardware. Of particular significance are the paneled chimney walls in the front (see continuation sheet).

18. ARCHITECT: Unknown  
 BUILDER: Renovation: CCC

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE  
 Local histories date the Colonial house at Hopeville Pond from 1761, a date substantiated by the construction and interior woodwork. The roof features a hewn overhang, the last lingering expression of 17th-century quaintness to be visible on the exterior of Connecticut houses, according to J. Frederick Kelly. The interior paneling is the finest in any 18th-century house owned by DEP.

The property was acquired by the state in 1938 as part of the Federal Resettlement Administration's efforts to move farmers from submarginal lands to more productive acreage. The 1854 Baker map of New London County shows a Captain J. Avery residing in the house. A John Avery signed the 1815 petition for Griswold to separate from North Stonington, but it is not certain if the individuals are one and the same. By 1868 the house was occupied by H. Bennett. Once under state (see Cont. sheet)

**SOURCES**

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<b>PHOTO</b>	PHOTOGRAPHER	DATE	Place  Photograph  Here
	Mary E. McCahon	5/85	
<b>COMPILED BY</b>	VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE	
	Exterior	CHC DEP 85:4/2-3,5/1	
<b>COMPILED BY</b>	NAME	DATE	
	Mary E. McCahon	6/85	
	ORGANIZATION		
	Connecticut Historical Commission		
	ADDRESS		
	59 S. Prospect Street Hartford, CT 06106		

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS  
 N/A

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known     Highways     Vandalism     Developers     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal     Private     Deterioration     Zoning     Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

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chambers. Each is set with bolection molding around the fireplace and a shallow molded shelf above. The east room has one large overmantel panel while, two panels are used in the west chamber. A handsome corner cabinet with butterfly shelves is also located in the east room. The stairhall is wainscoted. Original flooring and mantels on the second level. The post and beam construction is exposed on the interior, with corner posts and exposed summer beams.

The garage/workshop set behind the house is believed to have been built by the CCCs. It has been enlarged and remodeled several times. Their work on the house, fortunately, was more sensitive than usual. They shingled the exterior and perhaps added the inappropriate porch.

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control, the house was rehabilitated by the CCCs as an office while they developed the 316-acre Hopeville Pond recreational area. It is now the park manager's residence. The village of Hopeville prospered during the middle of the 19th century from the wool cloth industry. A grist mill was operated on the pond from 1711 until it was destroyed by fire in 1908.

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The house is located in a 554-acre park. Included in the nomination is the structure situated in the center of a circle with a 400' radius which provides a representation of its historic setting.

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Item number 19 Date: August 21, 1986

Addendum: Connecticut State Park and Forest Depression-Era Federal Work Relief Programs  
Structures Thematic Resource

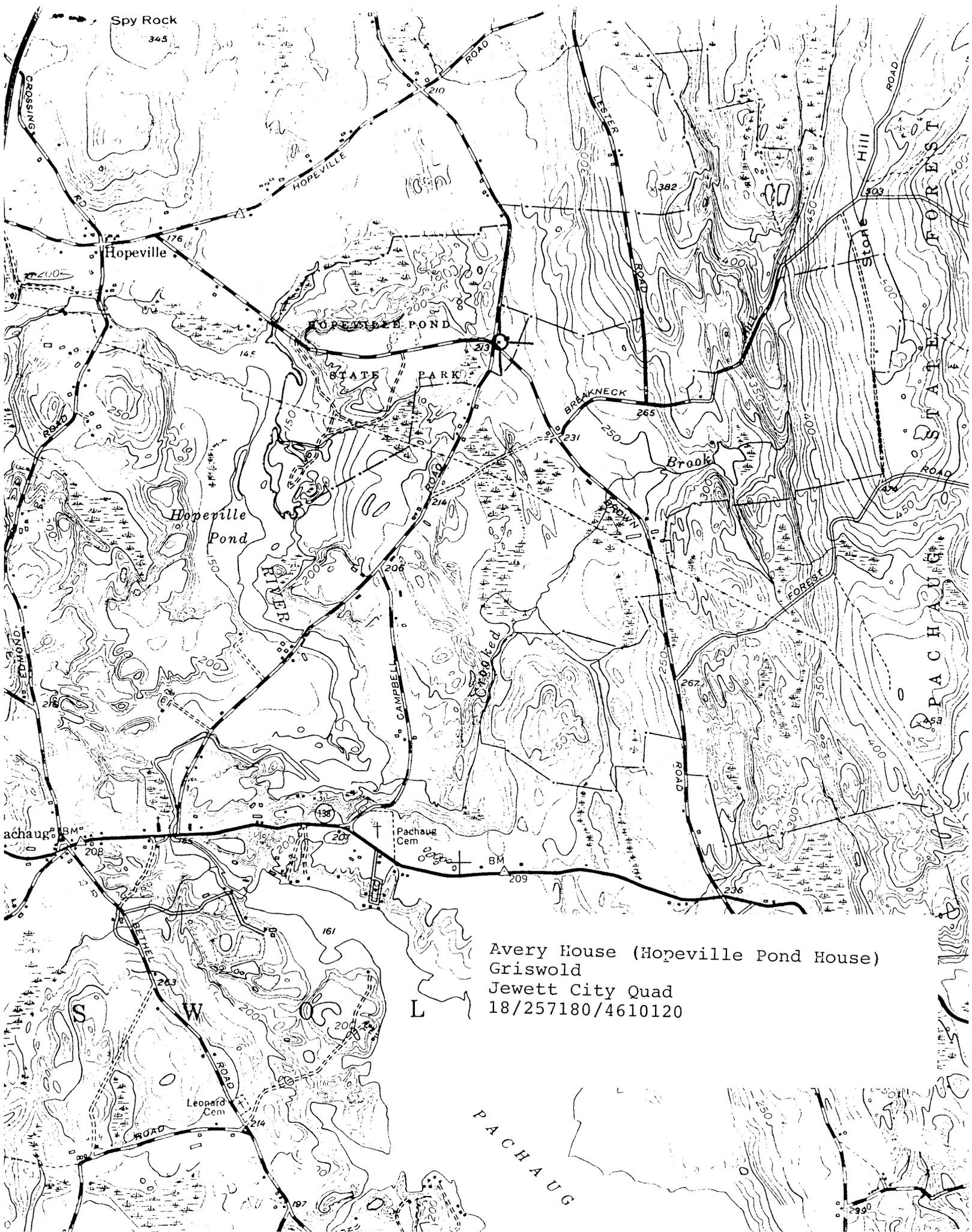
Griswold: Avery House

Acreage: 6.5 acres

Correction: Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The house is located in a 554-acre park. Included in the nomination is the structure situated in the center of a circle with a 300' radius which provides a representation of its historic setting.

This correction has been made because it was determined that the reduction of acreage would adequately represent the historic setting of the subject property.



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