

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
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Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM 1: 8   6   8   5   6   3   0   4   6   2   7   6   0   0	
QUAD: Avon	
DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	IF NR, SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
West Hartford		Samuel Farnsworth House	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
West Hartford		Hartford	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
537 Mountain Road 1.6 acres Vol. 490, p. 462.			
4. OWNER(S)			
David E. Krum <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Residence		Residence	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Two Room Cottage		c.1790	
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 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 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	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
1	34 x 23		
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
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13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ?	(Alterations)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			minimal
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	very large trees close to house
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" 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			

House sited on rise of land, with brownstone embankment at edge of road. Embankment is freelaidd. Busy highway.

House continues ambiance of street, Fits site, recalls early 19th C. (OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

one story center chimney 2 room cottage with flared roof at rear which covers more of first floor. Thin overhangs with molded board at eaves in gable end. Entrance at street facade and at south side. exterior cellar way.

Has sign "Built in 1807, under the administration of T. Jefferson".

SIGNIFICANCE

18 ARCHITECT

N/A

BUILDER

Unknown

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

One of few remaining 2 room cottages typical of the vernacular building of the time, and typical of the underdeveloped area that was the West Division of Hartford.

This type of house is being researched by Kevin Sweeney.

SOURCES

Collier, C. The Literature of Connecticut History. Middletown, Ct. 1983. p.127-128. "Lewis, Thomas...The Cottage as a Dominant Folk House in Connecticut before 1900." p.23.

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ORGANIZATION

Noah Webster Foundation & Hist. Soc. of West Hartf

ADDRESS

227 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known
- Highways
- Vandalism
- Developers
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Renewal
- Private
- Deterioration
- Zoning
- Explanaton \_\_\_\_\_

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number 20 Date May 30, 1984

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
TOWN NO.:		SITE NO.:	
UTM: 18	/	/	/
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	B	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

House built by Samuel Farnsworth about 1790 on property he got from his father-in-law, Morgan Goodwin. Titus Goodwin bought 1 acre with dwelling house and buildings from Farnsworth in 1797. He was a brother-in-law of Farnsworth. Morgan Goodwin, Jr., brother of Titus Goodwin bought from the estate of Titus in 1808 and 1812 and continued to own it for many years. Shown on 1854 and 1869 maps.

Information from Elizabeth Hatheway, May 30, 1984