

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

For Buildings and Structures

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
TOWN NO.:		SITE NO.:	
UTM: 18	/	/	/
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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Blackberry River Inn Historic: Moseley House, Farm
2. TOWN/CITY: Norfolk VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Litchfield
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Greenwoods Road West, north side
4. OWNER(S): George W. Meyer, Sr., et al
Blackberry River Inn, Greenwoods Road West, Norfolk, CT 06058 PUBLIC PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Restaurant and inn Historic: Residence
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain Is a restaurant no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Georgian Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1920/21 Alterations
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 clapboard asbestos siding brick
 wood shingle asphalt siding fieldstone
 board & batten stucco cobblestone
 aluminum siding concrete: type: _____ cut stone: type: _____
 other: _____
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam balloon
 load bearing masonry structural iron or steel
 other: _____
10. ROOF: type:
 gable flat mansard monitor sawtooth
 gambrel shed hip round other _____
 material:
 wood shingle roll asphalt tin slate
 asphalt shingle built up tile other: _____
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2+ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 26x80', with 20/42' e11
12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
 Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
 Alterations: no yes, explain: Older house was altered in 1920/21.
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: _____
 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 axis of the building is parallel to and near the highway (Route 44) in a semi-commercial section.

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

The plan of the house is a long oblong with a long perpendicular ell running back from the center. The house is two stories high under a hipped roof, in the Georgian Revival style. The front door is under a gabled porch roof and fanlight with flanking sidelights and pilasters. To left and right, after a band of three windows, are two-story shallow bays. There are two-story pilasters on both sides of the bays, and at the corners of the house. The final section on the right is an enclosed porch, and on the left a porte-cochère. A molded cornice at the eaves is part of the entablature of the pilasters. The ell to the rear is terminated by gambrel cross gables with fanlights.

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SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: Taylor & Levi, Comm. 227 Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

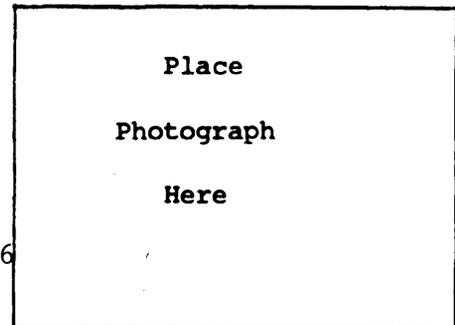
There is no indication of what this house was before the alterations by Taylor, but it is thought to have been old, perhaps an 18th century house. The presence of round floor joists tends to confirm this idea. The drawings for the alterations show several details different from the present condition. The drawings show a wide front porch and west entry that do not exist, while the existing brick entrance porch and west porte cochere do not show in the drawings. The doorway as executed is wider than shown in the drawings, and colonettes and sidelights have been added. The bays show in the drawings at the first floor only, and closer to the entrance.

The living room paneling and high fireplace are typical of work Taylor & Levi did in New York City. The firm is known to have done large scale alterations of old houses for others, notably for Alfred A. Cook, at Mt. Kisco, New York.

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PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: D. Ransom
date: October 1978 view: Northeast
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19. SOURCES:

Prints of construction drawings for the alterations are in the Taylor Collection. Prints of construction drawings for Cook House, Mt. Kisco, are in the Taylor Collection.

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

Verbal boundary description: NLR 57/528, 9 acres in Norfolk; one acre in North Canaan.

UTM Reference: 18/645640/4651770

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known highways vandalism developers other: _____
 renewal private deterioration zoning explanation: _____

