

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM**

For Buildings and Structures

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TOWN NO.:		SITE NO.:	
UTM: 18	/	/	/
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			POTENTIAL

**IDENTIFICATION**

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

**DESCRIPTION**

- STYLE OF BUILDING: Georgian Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1920/21 Alterations
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_
- STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:  
 wood frame:  post and beam  balloon  
 load bearing masonry  structural iron or steel  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER OF STORIES: 2+ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 26x80', with 20/42' e11
- CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  
Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
- INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alterations:  no  yes, explain: Older house was altered in 1920/21.
- RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 barn  shed  garage  other landscape features or buildings: \_\_\_\_\_  
 carriage house  shop  garden \_\_\_\_\_
- SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  
 open land  woodland  residential  scattered buildings visible from site  
 commercial  industrial  rural  high building density
- 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:

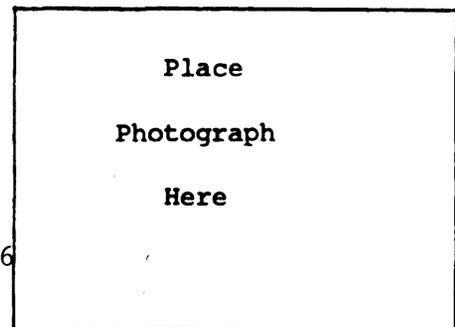
There is no indication of what this house was before the alterations by Taylor, but it is thought to have been old, perhaps an 18th century house. The presence of round floor joists tends to confirm this idea. The drawings for the alterations show several details different from the present condition. 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  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

