

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic: Rockwell House
2. TOWN/CITY: Norfolk VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Litchfield
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Laurel Way, west side
4. OWNER(S): Estate of Manice deForest Lockwood, Laurel Way, Norfolk, CT 06058 PUBLIC  PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: \_\_\_\_\_ Vacant \_\_\_\_\_ Historic: Residence
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_  no

**DESCRIPTION**

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Adamesque DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1928
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: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 42x52' wing, 26x39; porch, 16x 24
12. CONDITION: Structural: \_\_\_\_\_ excellent  good \_\_\_\_\_ fair \_\_\_\_\_ deteriorated  
 Exterior: \_\_\_\_\_ excellent  good \_\_\_\_\_ fair \_\_\_\_\_ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site \_\_\_\_\_ moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alterations:  no  yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
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 house is sited in well-kept grounds.

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

The principal section of the house is a rectangular block facing southwest toward the garden. There is a service wing at an angle to the north, and a porch on the south. The garden front is 2½ stories in white clapboards under a slate roof, 5 bays wide. Four pilasters divide the bays and two more are at the corners. The pilasters are two stories high, fluted, with Ionic capitals and full entablatures. Each pilaster has an urn in its frieze. Under the corona modillion blocks are in front of a molding enriched with a spiral pattern of grooves and holes. The doorway has a gabled roof with dentil course. The Dutch door, glazed in the upper half,

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SIGNIFICANCE

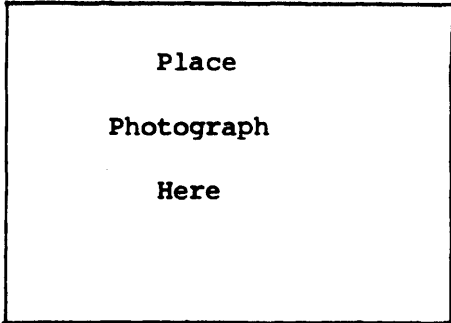
Architect: Taylor & Levi, Comm. 322 Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is more than Georgian Revival. It is baroque in the manner of Robert Adam and shows evidence of serious effort to be correct in proportions and in details of embellishment. There are, nonetheless, some Taylorisms, including the stairway rising over the entrance, first seen at Rubly, and the dumbwaiter for the firewood, an eccentricity that would appeal to Taylor. The roof has proved troublesome over the years with leaks developing at some of the joints and angles. Two dormers are in the attic, indicating that some changes have been made in the roofline.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: D. Ransom  
date: October 1978 view: A. Northeast; B. Northwest  
negative on file: Connecticut Historical Commission



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19. SOURCES:

Prints of construction drawings in possession of owner.

20. ~~SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:~~

Verbal boundary description: NLR 37/22, 5 acres.

UTM Reference: 18/649720/4650410

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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

