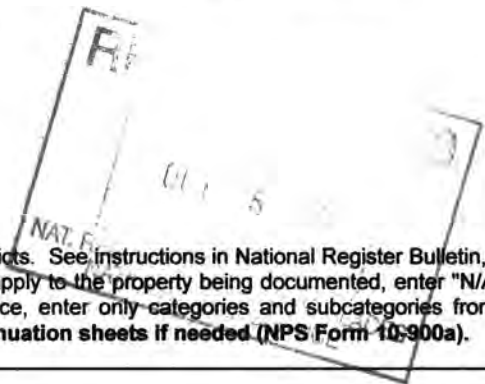


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

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1. Name of Property

historic name Oysterman's Row

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Roughly bounded by Pond Street, Rowayton Avenue, Cook Street and Roton Avenue not for publication

city or town Norwalk vicinity

state Connecticut code CT county Fairfield code 01 zip code 06853

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national statewide local

[Signature] 8-9-10
Signature of certifying official/Title SHPO Date

CT / SHPO
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official Date

Title State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register determined eligible for the National Register

determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register

other (explain: _____)

[Signature]
Signature of the Keeper

11-17-10
Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
 (Check as many boxes as apply.)

Category of Property
 (Check only one box.)

Number of Resources within Property
 (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal

<input type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
38	13	buildings
		district
		site
		structure
		object
38	13	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
 (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

DOMESTIC/secondary structure

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/fishing facility

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/animal facility

GOVERNMENT/fire station

Current Functions
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

DOMESTIC/secondary structure

COMMERCE/specialty store

COMMERCE/restaurant

7. Description

Architectural Classification
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

Mid-19th century

other: Italian Villa

Late Victorian

other: Stick

other: Queen Anne

Materials
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: stone

walls: shingle, clapboard

roof: asphalt shingles, slate

other:

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

The Oysterman's Row Historic District is significant under Criterion A because it demonstrates the development pattern of a Connecticut maritime village. The village began as a small fishing and ship-building area, evolved into a center of the oyster business, served as a summer retreat for city dwellers and then became a year-round suburban community. It is also significant under Criterion C for its collection of residential and commercial buildings dating from the middle of the nineteenth century to the first quarter of the twentieth century. Many of these buildings were built by or for families directly involved in the oyster business in Rowayton. They are well-maintained and most of them retain their historic integrity.

Narrative Description

The district is now a mixed use neighborhood of small to medium-sized domestic and commercial buildings dating from the middle of the 19th century to the first quarter of the 20th century. This area was, as the district's name implies, originally settled by families of oystermen who needed to be close to the waterfront. It is located on the eastern bank of the Five Mile River in the Village of Rowayton in the City of Norwalk. A map is attached. (Figure 1)

The district follows Rowayton Avenue as it runs south along the river from Pond Street towards Long Island Sound; It extends east from Rowayton Avenue along Pond Street, Logan Place and Crockett Street and continues south from Crockett Street to 14 Craw Avenue (Photo 23) and 1 Drum Street (formerly 9 Craw Avenue)(Photo 24). The district's boundaries are based on the historic development patterns of the area and include many of the oystermen's homes. A section of the 1867 Beers map of Norwalk (Figure 2) shows the

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oystering families of Raymond, Millspaugh, Bell, Crockett, Knowlton and Boerum already living in the area. Some of these homes survive and they are included in the district. This map shows early streets in the area including Logan Place, named for Major General John A. Logan of Ohio, first commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Union Veterans' Association.¹

Rowayton Avenue is the commercial heart of the Village of Rowayton, but, In the District, all commercial properties are on the east side of the street and many are boat yards or other water-dependent businesses. The only properties contributing to the District on the east side of the street are the large, wooden vernacular barn at 99 Rowayton Avenue (Photo 10) and the building at 101 Rowayton Avenue (Photo 11) which has historically been a commercial building and now serves as a restaurant. 101 Rowayton Avenue faces east. It is a two and a half story Vernacular Victorian wood frame building with its gable end toward the street. It is clad in shingles and has a storefront with large glass windows on its first floor façade. There is an enclosed porch on the second story of the façade that extends slightly over the first story. The enclosed porch has a band of windows around the top and the stern of a small boat has been mounted in the center of it. Above the porch, there is a small window with a triangular top. The gable has a small kingpost stick element.

The west side of Rowayton Avenue is entirely residential in this area. It is lined with the surviving oyster captain's homes that once gave it the name, Oysterman's Row. A good example is the Captain John Monsell House at 86 Rowayton Avenue. (Photo 8) It is a two and a half story wood-frame cross gable Queen Anne house which faces west, toward the Five Mile River. It has a full width porch with turned spindle supports which wraps halfway around the house on both sides with a rectangular extension on the north corner. These houses often have fences and landscaping that is designed to screen them from traffic on this well-traveled street.

Pond Street is a short, dead end street with residences on only the north side. There is one contributing building, 3 Pond Street which is a two and one half story Folk Victorian wood frame building with a full width porch. (Photo 1) The south side of the street has a few utility structures on it (Photos 2 and 3) which are accessory buildings for houses on Logan Place.

Logan Place is also a short, dead end street, but it is lined on both sides with historic homes (Photo 37), most of which are contributing buildings. They are simple Vernacular Victorian or slightly more elaborate Folk Victorian homes. Many of the houses have picket fences and they have informal plantings and mature trees. This landscape approach continues on Crockett Street and Craw Avenue.

The longest side street in the district is Crockett Street, which also has historic homes on both sides of the street (Photo 38) for its entire length, from Rowayton Avenue on its east end to Roton Avenue on the west. It includes the district's oldest house, the Greek Revival, 1854 Lowndes House at 2 Crockett Street (Photo 25) and 15 of its 24 houses contribute to the district. The styles on this street also include Vernacular Victorian and Folk Victorian.

Only a short section of Craw Avenue and one house on the corner of Craw Avenue and Drum Street is included in the district, but contributing buildings on this street include the district's most striking and elaborate, high style home, the 1872 Italian Villa built for oyster captain William J. Craw (Photo 21).

The area developed along with the success of the oyster business. Most of the houses in the district were built in the years from 1884 to 1890 which corresponds to the peak period of that industry.

A list of the district's assets follows:

¹ F. W. Beers, *Atlas of Fairfield County, Connecticut* (1867: Philadelphia)

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Oysterman's Row Inventory

	Address	Contribute	Date built	style
5	Craw Av	NC		
8	Craw Av	NC		
10	Craw Av	C	1899	Folk Victorian
11	Craw Av	C	1872	Italianate Villa
13	Craw Av	C	c. 1867	Vernacular Victorian
14	Craw Av	C	1884	Vernacular Victorian
1	Crockett St	NC		
2	Crockett St	C	1854	Greek Revival
3	Crockett St	C	c. 1875	Vernacular Victorian
4	Crockett St	NC		
6	Crockett St	C	1891	Queen Anne
7	Crockett St	NC		
8	Crockett St	C	1863	Vernacular Victorian
9	Crockett St	NC		
10	Crockett St	C	c.1895	Vernacular Victorian
11	Crockett St	C	1869	Vernacular Victorian
12	Crockett St	C	1869	Vernacular Victorian
13	Crockett St	NC		
14	Crockett St	C	1869	Vernacular Victorian
15	Crockett St	NC		
16	Crockett St	NC		
17	Crockett St	NC		
18	Crockett St	C	1875	Vernacular Victorian
19	Crockett St	NC		
20	Crockett St	C	1869	Vernacular Victorian
21	Crockett St	C	1888	Vernacular Victorian
22	Crockett St	C	c.1889	Vernacular Victorian
23	Crockett St	C	1889	Vernacular Victorian
24	Crockett St	C	1867	Vernacular Victorian
1	Drum Rd	C	c.1890	Queen Anne
1	Logan Pl	C	1864	Vernacular Victorian
2	Logan Pl	C	1889	Folk Victorian
3	Logan Pl	C	1870	Folk Victorian
4	Logan Pl	C	c. 1880	Vernacular Victorian
5	Logan Pl	C	1863	Vernacular Victorian
6	Logan Pl	C	1872	Folk Victorian
7	Logan Pl	C	1880	Vernacular Victorian
8	Logan Pl	C barn in rear	1887	Vernacular Victorian
9	Logan Pl	C	1863	Vernacular Victorian
10	Logan Pl	C	1902	Vernacular Victorian

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1	Pond St	NC		
3	Pond St	C	1869	Folk Victorian
3 A	Pond St	NC		
50	Rowayton Av	C	1888	Folk Victorian
74	Rowayton Av	C	c. 1890	Folk Victorian
78	Rowayton Av	C	c. 1890	Folk Victorian
82	Rowayton Av	C	c.1890	Queen Anne
84	Rowayton AV	C	c.1890	Vernacular Victorian
86	Rowayton Av	C	c.1885	Queen Anne
94	Rowayton Av	C	1886	Queen Anne
97-99	Rowayton Av	C barn in rear	c. 1892	Vernacular Victorian
101	Rowayton Av	C	c. 1885	Vernacular Victorian

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Period of Significance (justification)

While oystering had been important in Rowayton from the time it was first settled, it did not become a major source of income until the 1850's when a local captain developed a method for farming oysters. By 1920, the oyster business in Rowayton had ceased to exist due to dwindling catches caused by pollution and overfishing. The few oyster businesses that survived moved to South Norwalk.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

N/A

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Community planning and development

Maritime history

Period of Significance

1850-1920

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Crockett, William G. (builder)

L'Hommedieu, Richard (builder)

Millspaugh, Edward (housewright)

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)

The Oysterman's Row Historic District is locally significant under Criterion A because it demonstrates the development pattern of a Connecticut maritime village. The village began as a small fishing and ship-building area, evolved into a center of the oyster business, served as a summer retreat for city dwellers and then became a year-round suburban community. It is also locally significant under Criterion C for its collection of residential and commercial buildings dating from the middle of the nineteenth century to the first quarter of the twentieth century. These buildings are well-maintained and most of them retain their historic integrity.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

Criterion A

The Oysterman's Row historic district is locally significant under Criterion A. Before the arrival of Europeans in the middle of the 17th century, this area was known by the local Native Americans for its abundance of seafood.² Rowayton's earliest European settlers also looked to the river and sound for fish, oysters, salt hay, and transportation. Coastal trade, shipbuilding, fishing and oystering expanded in the area around the Five Mile River in the 18th century and this increase in activity led to an increasing population. In the mid to late 19th century, many of the new residents were drawn by the success of the oyster trade.³

Oystering was so important to the local economy that the Town of Norwalk had already begun to regulate it and to protect local oyster beds as early as 1721.⁴ In 1851, Rowayton resident Captain Henry Bell, for whom Bell Island is named, discovered a method of farming oysters and by the 1860s the business of oystering had become the source of a comfortable living for many in the Village. By the 1880s Norwalk was known as the

² Frank E. Raymond, *Rowayton on the Half Shell*, (West Kennebunk, Maine: Phoenix Publishing, 1990) 71.

³ *Ibid.*, 75.

⁴ Deborah Wing Ray and Gloria Stewart. *Norwalk : being an historical account of that Connecticut town*(Canaan, New Hampshire: Phoenix Publishing, 1979), 138.

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"Oystering Capital of the World." There were thirty-five oyster firms in Rowayton alone which operated twenty-eight vessels during this period.⁵ These families used some of their new wealth to build houses in the area of the proposed district and that section of Main Street (now Rowayton Avenue) came to be known as Oysterman's Row. In fact, in the late 19th century, almost the entire waterfront side of the street across from the oystermen's homes was devoted to the business of harvesting and selling Long Island Sound bivalves.⁶ But oystering was a seasonal, cold weather business and many of the oystermen had other occupations that contributed to family income in the summer.⁷ Some of them were: Richard L'Hommedieu who was also a builder,⁸ William G. Crockett who also worked as a silver plater and ⁹ Edward Millspaugh who was a housewright.¹⁰

The oystering industry in Rowayton and in the rest of the state, which had once been among the most prosperous in the nation, began to slow after the end of the 19th century. The 1919-1920 report of the Connecticut Shellfish Commissioners states the facts bluntly: "Since the beginning of the present century, the decline in the industry has been startling, so that today we have but little production, no prosperity, and we have lost our rank as leaders."¹¹ Probably as a result of these issues, there were no oyster businesses listed in the Norwalk City Directory with a Rowayton address in 1919.¹² By 1920, all of the surviving businesses had moved to South Norwalk¹³ and the 1922 Sanborn Insurance Map shows, instead of many buildings devoted to oystering, only one structure on the river's edge that is specifically connected with the industry and it is labeled "Dilapidated."¹⁴ The oyster business has vanished from this beautiful seaside village, but the houses built by the village's oystering families survive to tell its story.

A photograph from c.1891 (Figure 4), which appears to be taken looking north from Captain Craw's house at 11 Craw Avenue, shows three houses included in the district. They are the 1 Drum Road (formerly 9 Craw Avenue) (c. 1890, Photo 25) in the foreground, the John S. L'Hommedieu House (1891, Photo 28) at 6 Crockett Street at left center and The Crockett House (1863, Photo 29) at 8 Crockett Street behind 1 Drum Street. Also visible in the center of the frame is a white, two-story barn, which is now a residence at 84 Rowayton Avenue (c. 1890, Photo 7). By the time the 1922 Sanborn map (Figure 5) is published, all of Crockett Street and Logan Place had been built out, but only one house, 3 Pond Street, had been constructed on Pond Street.¹⁵

In 1847, about the same time that the oyster business began to flourish, the New York Central Railroad made its way up the coast of Connecticut. Shoreline towns like Rowayton became summer resorts for New Yorkers looking to escape the hot city. Rowayton boasted an amusement park, Roton Point Park, and several hotels and boarding houses catering to summer travelers. The Village was also served by excursion boats sailing from New York. Some city dwellers decided to buy or build summer homes in the Village and the number of summer residents increased throughout the early 20th century. Oystermen and summer residents coexisted in the

⁵ Ibid.,139.

⁶ Raymond, *Rowayton*, 74-78.

⁷ Ibid. ,86.

⁸ Rowayton Historical Society, *Historic Rowayton*, (St. Louis: Reedy Press, 2009), 17

⁹ Ibid., 20.

¹⁰ Ibid., 24

¹¹ Connecticut Shell-Fishing Commissioners, "Biennial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 1919-'20," 5.

¹² *Norwalk City Directory* (New Haven: Price and Lee, 1919) 256.

¹³ *Norwalk City Directory* (New Haven: Price and Lee, 1920) 252.

¹⁴ *Norwalk, Connecticut* (New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1922) Sheet 59.

¹⁵ Ibid., sheet 57.

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district for many years, but Rowayton eventually became more of a year-round residential community with a distinct historic character than a summer destination or a working maritime village.¹⁶

Criterion C

The district is significant under Criterion C because of its many well-preserved buildings which reflect the maritime history of the community and its later evolution. Most of the homes are uniformly set back from the street and streetscapes evoke an earlier time with their welcoming front porches and well tended cottage gardens. The majority of the buildings in the district are variants of vernacular styles common to the area. There are a few examples of high style architecture such as the Italianate Villa at 11 Craw Avenue and several Queen Anne homes Rowayton Avenue, which were also built for oyster captains.¹⁷ The majority of these are end gable, two and one half story, wood frame houses with peaked roofs although there are a few side gable designs. The houses at 10 Craw Avenue (1899, Photo 21) 2 Logan Place (1899, Photo 13), and 23 Crockett Street (1889, Photo 36) are good examples of the end gable type, while 11 Crockett Street (1869, Photo 30) and 13 Craw Avenue illustrate the side gable types.

There are a few examples of high style architecture such as 11 Craw Avenue (1872, Photo 22), which was built on a hilltop site for one of the district's most successful oystermen. It was built by Richard L'Hommedieu who was the brother of Craw's business partner, Samuel L'Hommedieu.¹⁸ This house is the most elaborate in the district. It is designed in the Italianate Villa style made popular by pattern books of the era such as Calvert Vaux's *Villas and Cottages* (1857) or A. J. Bicknell's *Village Builder* (1870).¹⁹ It is a wood frame two and one half story, asymmetrical building with a full width, one story, wraparound porch and a three story tower on its north side. The main building has an end gable peaked roof and relatively simple trim around its windows, while the tower has more ornate trim, double windows on the second and third stories (third story windows have rounded arch tops) and a mansard roof with iron cresting. Other oysterman built Queen Anne homes on Rowayton Avenue such as Captain John Monsell's house at 86 Rowayton Avenue (1885, Photo 8) and Charles W. Bell's home at 94 Rowayton Avenue (1886, Photo 9).²⁰ Most of these buildings retain a considerable amount of integrity, but a few of them have been altered by enclosing porches or adding wings or siding.

The working days of the District are represented by the Charles W. Bell barn (1892, Photo 10) at 99 Rowayton Avenue, the vernacular Victorian building at 101 Rowayton Avenue (c. 1885, Photo 11) which has served as a succession of stores as well as Rowayton's first library²¹ and the former barn behind 8 Logan Place (c. 1887, Photo 18) which was Rowayton's first fire house.²²

Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

¹⁶ Raymond, Rowayton, 139-150.

¹⁷ Ibid., 85-87.

¹⁸ Rowayton Historical Society, *Historic Rowayton*, (St. Louis: Reedy Press, 2009)12-13.

¹⁹ Daniel D. Reiff, *Houses from Books*, (University Park: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2000) 70-72.

²⁰ Rowayton Historical, 85-87.

²¹ Ibid, 89.

²² Ibid., 56.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: Rowayton Historical Society

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 16

(Do not include previously listed resource acreage.)

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

A map of the district is included as Figure 1.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries of this district were chosen to include as many of the existing homes and other buildings as possible which were related to oystermen and the oyster business during the period of significance. Boundaries follow property lines.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

Name of Property:

City or Vicinity:

County:

State:

Photographer:

Date Photographed:

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

1 of ____

Property Owner:

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name _____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Oysterman's Row
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: CONNECTICUT, Fairfield

DATE RECEIVED: 10/05/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/29/10
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/15/10 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/19/10
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 10000927

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

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ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 11.17.10 DATE

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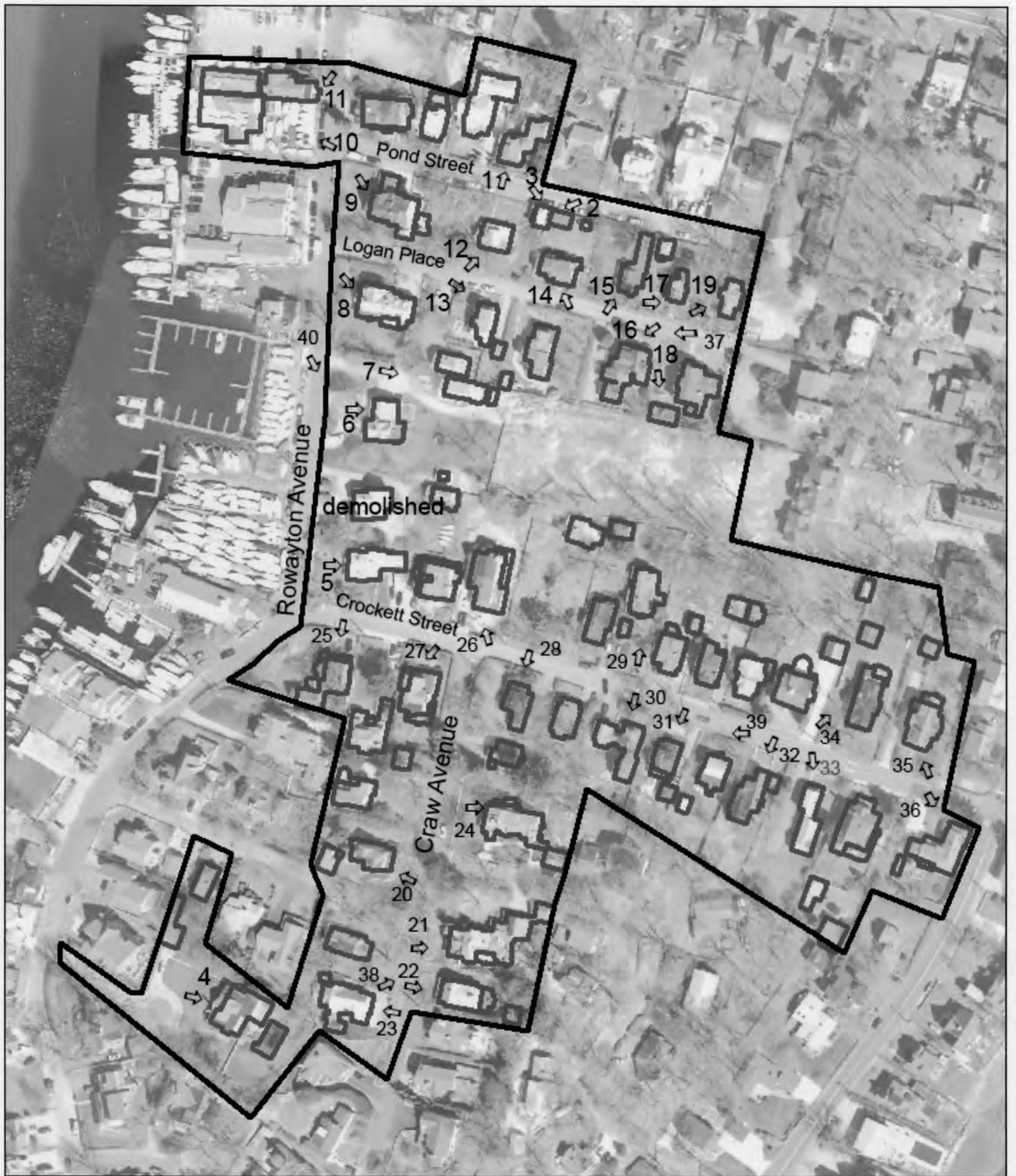
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REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



**Oysterman's Row Historic District
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut**

Historic District is
approximately 16 acres.

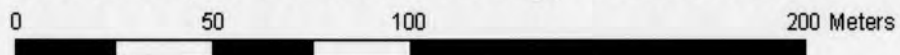


Figure 1. Map of district and photo key



Figure 2. Detail of 1867 Beers map showing names of oystering families in the district.

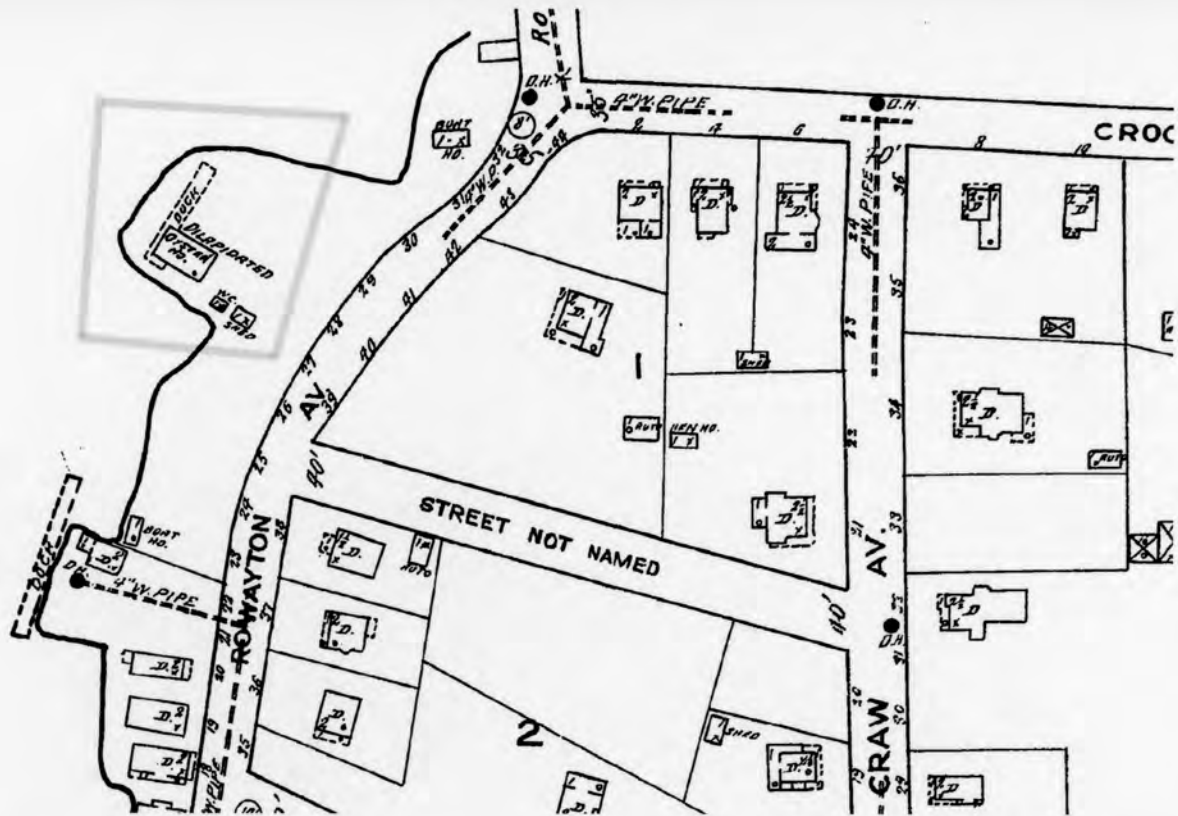


Figure 3. Detail of sheet 59, 1922 Norwalk Sanborn insurance map showing "dilapidated" oyster house.



Figure 4. View north from Captain Craw's house circa 1891 showing (left to right) 6 Crockett Street cross gable, 84 Rowayton Avenue (white barn) 8 Crockett Street and 1 Drum Road (9 Craw Avenue. Photographer unknown.

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Five Mile River

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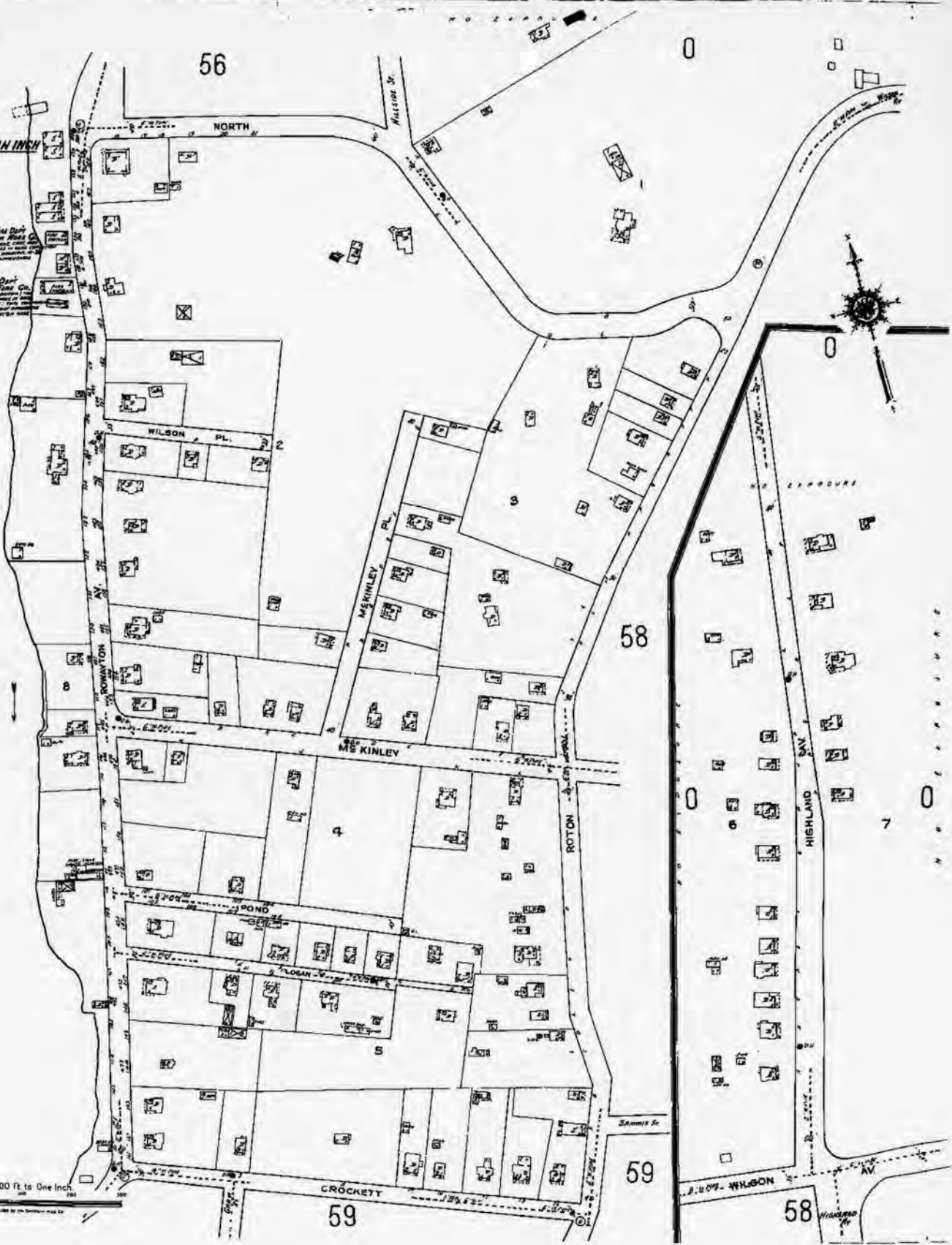


Figure 5. 1922 Norwalk Sanborn insurance map. sheet 57.

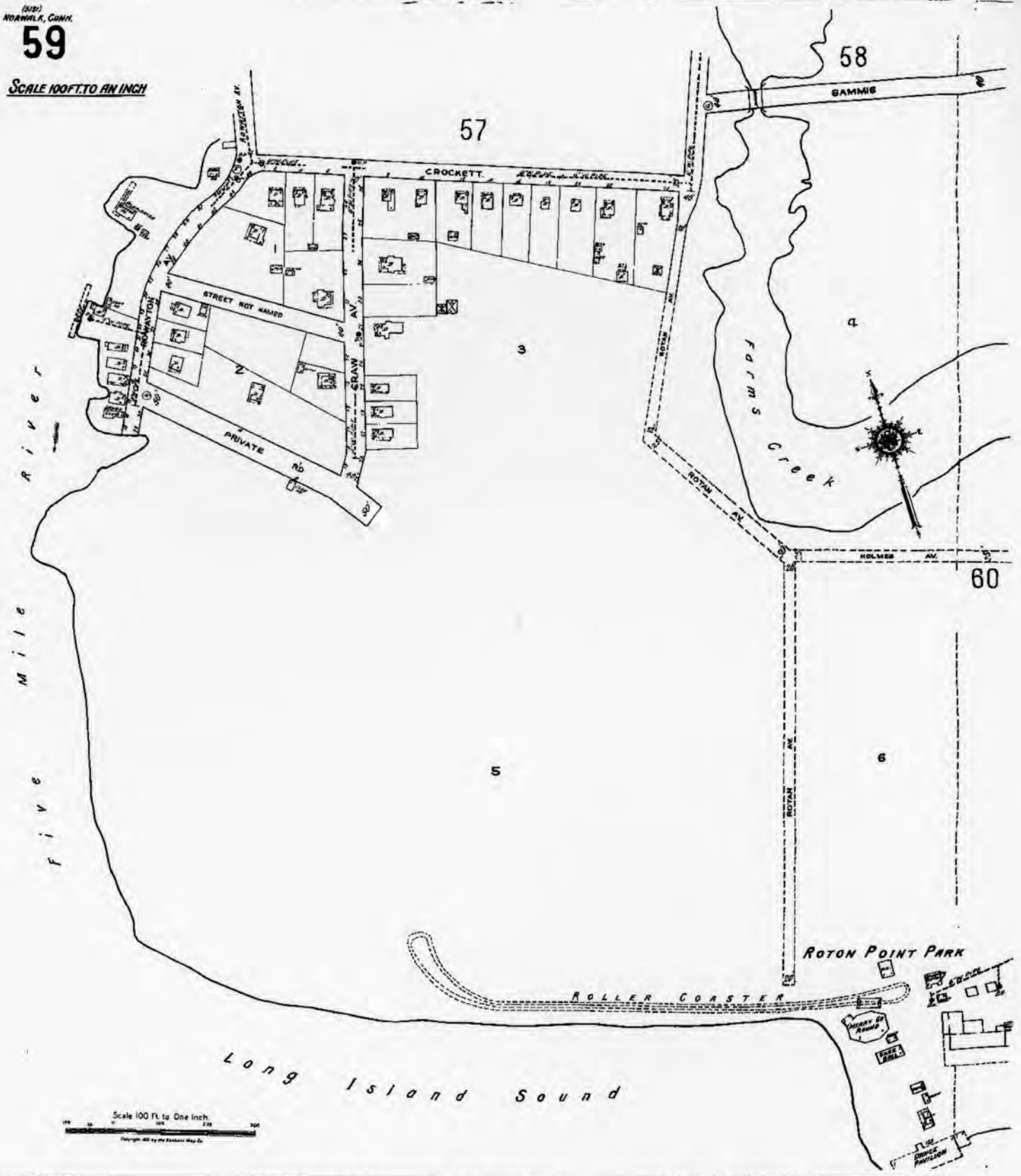


Figure 6. 1922 Norwalk Sanborn insurance map, sheet 59.



Photo 1. 3 Pond Street: William Moore Homestead, 1869
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view north, September 6, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 2. One story shed/garage (former barn for 3 Logan Place) c. 1870
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view southwest, May 20, 2009 Tod Bryant



Photo 3. Two story garage with apartment. (former barn for 1 Logan Place) c. 1900
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view southeast, May 20, 2009 Tod Bryant



Photo 4. 50 Rowayton Avenue, The Hickson and Arabella Cole House c.1888
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view east, May 20, 2009, Tod Bryant



Photo 5 78 Rowayton Avenue c. 1890.
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view northeast, May 20, 2009, Tod Bryant



Photo 6. 82 Rowayton Avenue: Capt. Stanley Lowndes House, c.1890
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view east, May 20, 2009, Tod Bryant



Photo 7. 84 Rowayton Avenue c.1890 former barn
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view east, May 20, 2009, Tod Bryant



Photo 8. 86 Rowayton Avenue: Capt. John Monsell House, c.1885
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view southeast, September 7, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 9. 94 Rowayton Avenue: Charles W. Bell Homestead, 1886
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view southeast, September 7, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 10. 99 Rowayton Avenue: The Charles W. Bell Barn, c.1892
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view northwest, August 26,, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 11. 101 Rowayton Avenue: Henry W. Wells' Wharf Place, c.1885
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view southwest, May 18, 2006 Rick Pank



Photo 12. 1 Logan Place: Samuel Boerum House, 1864
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view north, May 20, 2009, Tod Bryant



Photo 13. 2 Logan Place: Charles N. Raymond House, 1889
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view north, May 20, 2009, Tod Bryant



Photo 14. 3 Logan Place: Charles H. Millspaugh House, 1870.
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view northwest, September 6, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 15. 5 Logan Place: Erastus E. Millspaugh House, 1863.
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view northeast, September 6, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 16. 6 Logan Place: William A. Cushman House, 1872
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view northwest, September 6, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 17. 7 Logan Place: Millspaugh/L'Hommedieu House, c.1880
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view northwest, September 24, 2005 Rick Pank



Photo 18. 8 Logan Place: William A. Cushman Barn, c. 1887
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view southeast, May 26, 2002 Rick Pank



Photo 19. 9 Logan Place: Edward Millspaugh House, 1863
. Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view north, September 6, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 20. 10 Craw Avenue: John H. Crockett House, 1899
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view west, September 6, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 21. 11 Craw Avenue: William J. & Josephine Craw House, 1872
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view northeast, May 20, 2009, Tod Bryant



Photo 22. 13 Craw Avenue c. 1867
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view east, May 20, 2009, Tod Bryant



Photo 23. 14 Craw Avenue: Elizabeth & Daniel Wicks House, 1884
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view west, September 6, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 24. 1 Drum Road (formerly 9 Craw Avenue) c. 1875
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view east, May 20, 2009, Tod Bryant



Photo 25. 2 Crockett Street: The Lowndes House, 1854.
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view south, September 6, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 26. 3 Crockett Street: John H. Lowndes Barn, c.1875.
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view north, May 6, 2002 Rick Pank



Photo 27. 6 Crockett Street: John S. L'Hommedieu House, 1891
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view south, September 6, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 28. 8 Crockett Street: The Crockett House, 1863.
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view south, September 6, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 29. 11 Crockett Street: Martin W. Knowlton House, 1869
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view north, September 6, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 30. 12 Crockett Street: Susan & John Crockett House, 1869
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view north, September 6, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 31. 14 Crockett Street: William G. Crockett House, 1869.
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view south, September 6, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 32. 18 Crockett Street c.1875
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view south, December 15, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 33. 20 Crockett Street: John D. Plander House, 1869
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view south, September 6, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 34. 21 Crockett Street: Edward & Sarah Millspaugh House, 1888
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view north, September 6, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 35. 23 Crockett Street: Henry & Elmer E. Case House, 1889.
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view north, September 7, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 36. 24 Crockett Street: Catherine & Henry Case House, 1867
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view south, September 6, 2008 Rick Pank



Photo 37. Logan Place
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view southeast, January 7, 2010 Tod Bryant



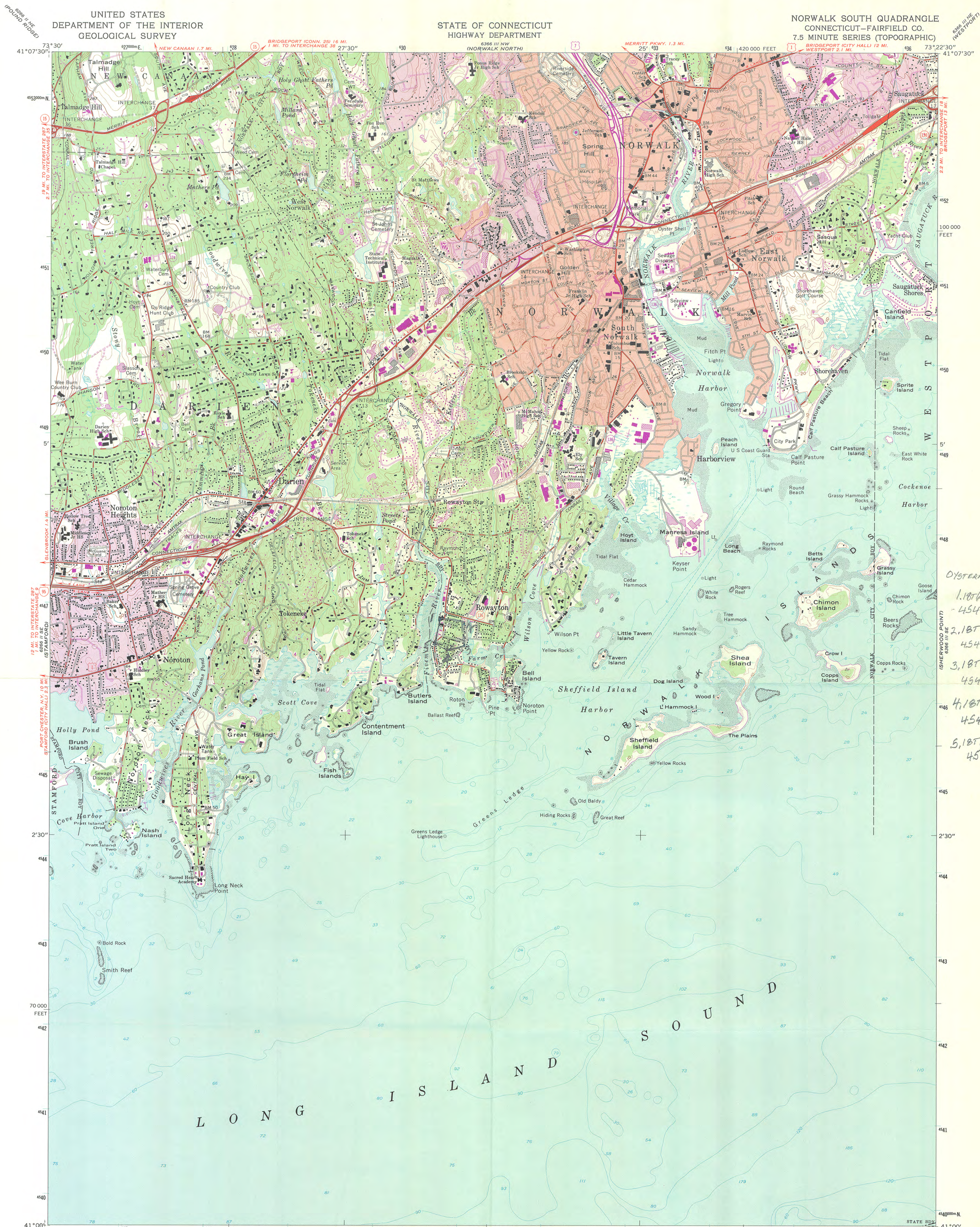
Photo 38. 11Craw Avenue and 13 Craw Avenue
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view northwest, January 7, 2010 Tod Bryant



Photo 39. Crockett Street
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view southeast, January 7, 2010 Tod Bryant

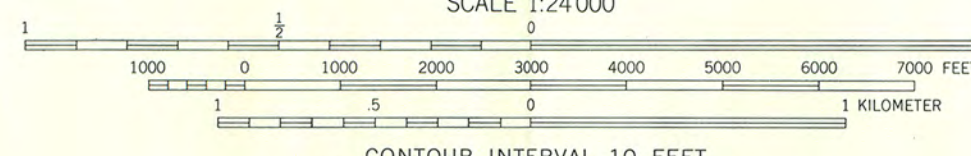


Photo 40. 82 Rowayton Avenue and 78 Rowayton Avenue
Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut
view east, January 7, 2010 Tod Bryant



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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
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CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 24, 2010

Ms. Karen Senich
State Historic Presentation Officer
Commission on Culture & Tourism
One Constitution Plaza, Second Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

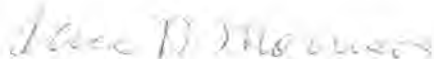
Re: My Home: 1 Pond Street
Rowayton (Norwalk), Connecticut 06853
Proposed: Oysterman's Row Historic District

Dear Ms. Senich:

Receipt of Mr. David Bahlman's letter of January 19, 2010 regarding the proposed "Oysterman's Row Historic District" is acknowledged. I am the sole owner of 1 Pond Street, Rowayton, Connecticut, which is located within the proposed district.

I attach hereto my notarized objection to the listing of my property in the historic district or in the National Register of Historic Places.

Very truly yours,



Alice B. Morrison

Letters/MORRISON-Senich Ltr

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
)
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD)

ss: Norwalk

February 24, 2010

OBJECTION TO LISTING

The undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and understand the meaning of an oath.

2. I am the sole owner of the residential premises known as, and located at, 1 Pond Street, Rowayton (Norwalk), Connecticut 06853.

3. I hereby object to my property being listed in the proposed Oysterman's Row Historic District and in the National Register of Historic Places.

Alice B. Morrison

Alice B. Morrison

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of February, 2010.

Eleanor E. Capuano

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: *October 31, 2012*

LAW OFFICES
MARK F. KATZ
196 NORTH STREET
P.O. BOX 3548
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT 06905-0548

203-357-9252
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March , 2010

CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED: 70081140000149105838

Ms. Karen Senich
State of Historic Preservation Officer
Commission on Culture & Tourism
One Constitution Plaza
Second Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

Re: **Objection to Nomination of 82 Rowayton Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut to
the National Register of Historic Places**


Please be advised that I represent Keith L. Cavanagh, Leslie A. Cavanagh, Willis F. Cavanagh and Jacqueline G. Cavanagh with regard to the proposed Oysterman's Row Historic District application to be heard on March 18, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. I enclose herewith a survey map showing the properties owned by the Cavanaghs which generally consists of premises known as 82 Rowayton Avenue and 50 Roton Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. You will please note that these two properties are equal to or greater in size then the eight (8) abutting properties.

In addition, I enclose herewith a proposed sub-division map showing the planned sub-division of the premises. My clients object to the designation of their premises as an Historic District. Such designation shall limit and interfere with their ability to maximize the fair market value of their properties and accordingly will constitute an inverse condemnation to some extent.

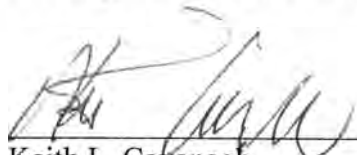
My clients dispute the claim that the subject properties as listed in the notice of January 19, 2010 constitute or qualify as buildings, districts or sights of historical significance. The subject properties do not possess any historical, architectural, or landmark significance sufficient to warrant being placed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned for further information or otherwise.

Sincerely yours,


Mark F. Katz

I hereby attest to the above captioned statements:



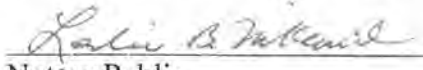
Keith L. Cavanagh

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)

) At Norwalk

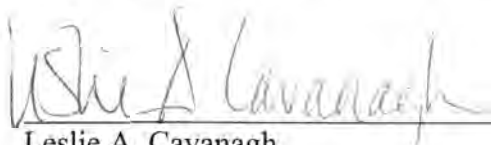
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD)

On this 5 day of March, 2010, at Norwalk, before me personally appeared Keith L. Cavanagh, who executed the foregoing and swore to the truth thereof.



Notary Public
My Commission Expires on: 10-31-13

I hereby attest to the above captioned statements:



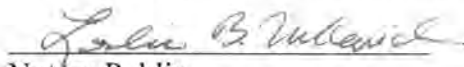
Leslie A. Cavanagh

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)

) At Norwalk

COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD)

On this 5 day of March, 2010, at Norwalk, before me personally appeared Leslie A. Cavanagh, who executed the foregoing and swore to the truth thereof.



Notary Public
My Commission Expires on: 10-31-13

Ms. Karen Senich
State Historic Preservation Officer
Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism
One Constitution Plaza, Second Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Ms. Senich:

We heartily endorse the nomination of the Oysterman's Row Historic District in Rowayton to the National Register. The district is like a reward for all the work that we've put into our house and will also help to keep Rowayton's history alive. It's great to have our neighborhood's history recognized by the National Park Service and it is a tribute to all the hard-working oystermen who built these homes years ago! We are so happy to be included in this district, as we are so proud of our neighborhood. We have lived in our home for over 20 years.

In fact, while the district was being researched, we learned that our house played a part in the story of the oystering business, and we have decided to apply for an historic plaque and learn more about it. We're excited to be able to add more details of the story to Oysterman's Row.

Sincerely,



Babette and Kirk Stirland
13 Craw Avenue
Rowayton, CT 06853

Cavanagh Properties LLC
P.O. Box 243
Rowayton, CT 06853
(203) 943-0287

March 9, 2010

Ms. Karen Senich
State Historic Preservation Officer
Commission on Culture & Tourism
One Constitution Plaza
2nd Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Ms. Senich:

We, Keith and Kevin Cavanagh, property owners at property located at 78 Rowayton Avenue, Rowayton, CT 06853, hereby object to having our property registered under the proposed Oysterman's Row Historic District.

This letter is to also inform you that Mr. Keith Cavanagh will appear to make an oral presentation at the meeting of the State Historic Preservation Board which is scheduled to be held at 9:30 am on March 18, 2010.

Very truly yours,

Keith L. Cavanagh

Kevin B. Cavanagh

STATE OF Connecticut, COUNTY OF Fairfield, ss.:

On this day, personally appeared before me

[Signature]
to me known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he/she signed the same as his/her voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand and official seal hereto affixed

this 10th day of March, 2010.

[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of CONNECTICUT

My commission expires 01/31/2013

Brian E. Skinner
P. O. BOX 1161 • DARIEN, CONNECTICUT 06820

March 9, 2010

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Karen Senich
State Historic Preservation Officer
Commission on Culture & Tourism
One Constitution Plaza
Second Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

Re: 9 Crockett Street
Rowayton, CT 06853

Dear Ms. Senich:

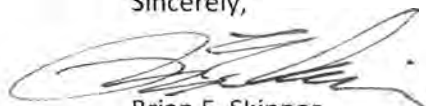
I am the sole owner of the above property listed in the Commissions' letter of January 19, 2010 referring to a proposal to list the property in the National Register of Historic Places.

I object to this listing and understand that by so doing, the property will not be listed.

Please acknowledge this by return mail.

I hereby certify the above to be true and correct.

Sincerely,



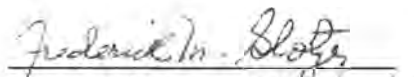
Brian E. Skinner

STATE OF Connecticut}

ss. Darien, March 9, 2010

COUNTY OF Fairfield}

Personally appeared Brian E. Skinner, signer and sealer of the foregoing instrument and acknowledge the same to be his free act and deed, before me



My commission expires 3/30/11
Frederick M. Glotzer

(Seal)

TO: J. Paul Loether, Chief
National Register of Historic Places

FROM: Stacey Vairo, National Register Coordinator

SUBJECT: National Register Nomination

The following materials are submitted on this 4 day of
October

2008, for nomination of the Oysterman's Row Historic District, Norwalk, Connecticut

to the National Register of Historic Places:

- Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form
- Multiple Property Nomination form
- Photographs
- Original USGS maps
- Sketch map(s)/figure(s)/exhibit(s)
- Pieces of correspondence
- Other CD of images

COMMENTS:

- Please insure that this nomination is reviewed
- This property has been certified under 36 CFR 67
- The enclosed owner objections do do not constitute a majority of property owners.
- Other: _____



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