

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Town No.:	Site No.:		
UTM	1 8	6 8	7 5
	4 0	4 6	2 3
	6 4	0	
QUAD:	Hartford South		
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY		
<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	<input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)		Beardsley-Mix House		
	2. TOWN/CITY		VILLAGE		COUNTY		
	West Hartford				Hartford		
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)						
	81 Rockledge Drive approx. .6 acres Vol. 966, p. 294.						
4. OWNER(S)							
Bansavage, William C. & Marsh M. <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private							
5. USE (Present)							
residence (Historic) residence							
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No							
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					
7. STYLE OF BUILDING					DATE OF CONSTRUCTION		
Center Chimney Colonial					c. 1775		
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate)							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick chimney <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <sup>fdn</sup>							
<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 checked="" 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					
2		36 x 28; rear addn 22 x 24					
12. CONDITION (Structural)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated							
13. INTEGRITY (Location)							
<input type="checkbox"/> On original site		WHEN ?		(Alterations)		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved		c. 1935		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES							
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden							
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT							
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site							
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density							
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS							

In a residential area of 20th century single family homes one block east of South Main Street. Nearby on South Main Street are #245, #253 and #272, in the survey.

**DESCRIPTION (Continued)**

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

This is a center chimney double overhang style house, with gable roof, ridge to street, and 5 bays across. Windows have replacement panes, being 6/6 double hung sash. The door is surrounded by a pedimented frontispiece, with dentil trim. Contained within this, over the door itself, is another pediment. This curious double pediment may be the result of fitting a smaller door into the larger space of the pediment. Foundation of the house is fieldstone, mortared, and represents a good attempt to retain as much as possible of the original appearance of this relocated 18th century house.

18. ARCHITECT *N/A* BUILDER *Unknown*

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house is one of the surviving 18th century houses in West Hartford, and is a fine example of the double overhang center chimney style. The house was moved from its original location on South Main Street to Rockledge Drive in the late 1930's, when the farms along South Main Street were being turned into housing subdivisions. The house was probably built c. 1774, when the land was transferred from Noah Webster, Sr., to Abram Webster. This was another farmhouse in the 19th century, when West Hartford supplied Hartford with vegetables and dairy products. Elisha Mix bought the farm in 1810, and later sold it to Jeremiah Beardslee. After Jeremiah's death the land eventually went to his son-in-law, Henry Mix. By the end of the 19th century Miss Frances Mix and 2 other sisters were living in the house. In 1901 they sold the house to John D. Browne, a wealthy Hartford banker who was acquiring land in West Hartford for future investment.

**SOURCES**

Hartford Land Records 13:309; 17:361; 17:382; 20:85; 21:119; 28:337; 56:568;  
 Hartford Probate Records : Jeremiah W. Beardsley; Angeline Beardsley Mix; Edward L. Mix  
 West Hartford Land Records 17:61  
 Maps 1854, 1869  
 1896, 1909, 1923 Atlases

**PHOTO**

PHOTOGRAPHER K. Cruse DATE May 1983

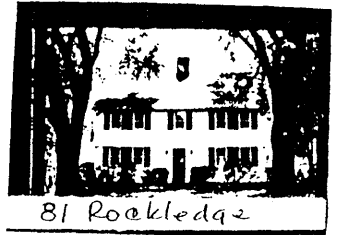
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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known  Highways  Vandalism  Developers  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal  Private  Deterioration  Zoning  Explanon \_\_\_\_\_