INVENTORY FORM OLD SAYBROOK, CONN., HISTORIC BUILDINGS
RECORDED BY J.A. THOMPSON AND P.M THOMPSON, 500 MAIN ST., OLD SAYBROOK, CONN.

ADDRESS Boston Post Rd. at intersection of Old [redacted] Post Rd
ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE Probably a dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Ben Costa
PRESENT USE Motel
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 3

NAME William Chalker House

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1803
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE No

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Deteriorating Interior Unknown

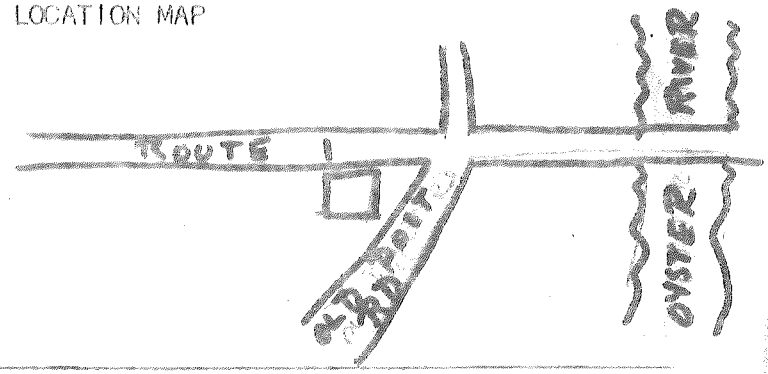
Future Prospects: Poor

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This house, like another in Old S
has the general facade and propo
of a center hall colonial house,
seems incongruous with its mansa
There are dacorati e brackets un
mansard roof and the windows in
wooden cornicas much more elabor
anything on the two lower floors
house. Mr. Clark's notes state
house was moved from across the
its present location when the r
straightened and the additions w
at that time. This has been com
the D.C. Spencer place and this
appear in the present location o
map. The 1853 map, however, doe
to have a house on this spot and
Chalker is across the street. A
this house taken about 1900 shows
present location with all porches
etc. as they are today. Daniel C. Spencer who had become quite rich, starting out as a peddlar with a wagon, owned a great deal of property including greenhouses across the street when he lived in this house. In the 20th Century, it became the home of Mrs. Pat Wightman, a show business personality.

PHOTO

LOCATION MAP



SOURCES 1874 map, 1853 map, Clark's notes,

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ADDRESS 1250 Boston Post Road (Route 1)
ORIGINAL OWNER George Henry Chapman
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Van Epps
PRESENT USE Stores
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME George Henry Chapman House

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1815
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE No

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Poor Interior Completely altered

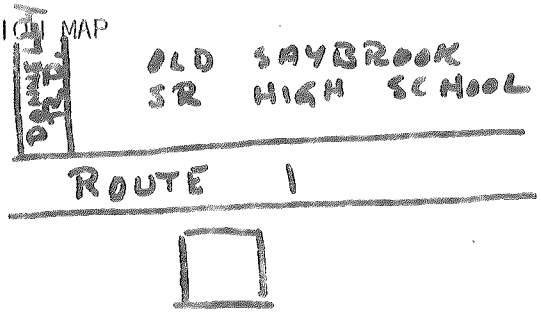
Future Prospects: Poor - zoned commercial - owned by developer

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION
According to Mr. Clarke's notes the house was built in 1815 by George Henry Chapman a direct descendant of the first Chapman in Saybrook. For a number of years it has been put to various commercial uses and is now owned by a developer who has requested further zoning variances for the area to the rear of the house. It is shown on both the 1874 and 1853 maps as G.H. Chapman.

PHOTO

Negative is in main file with the only print made of photo

LOCATION MAP



SOURCES Clarke's notes, maps

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[illegible] SAYBROOK, CONN. [illegible]
[illegible] OLD SAYBROOK, CONN.

[illegible] Route 1 [illegible]
ORIGINAL [illegible] Road
ORIGINAL [illegible]
[illegible] Miller
PRES[illegible] Dwelling & [illegible] Shop
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

[illegible] CHE[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] 750 [illegible] 1730
[illegible]
ARCHITECT
BUILDER [illegible] Hubbard Ely
[illegible] No

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Good

Interior unknown but reputed to have much original panelling left

Future Prospects: Endangered due to Heavy Commercial Zoning - stands Commercial Strip

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

PHOTO

This is not a very good [illegible] but the main file [illegible] an old p[illegible] and other old pictures doexist. It [illegible] size, shape, [illegible] chimney, [illegible] five bay facade reveal its 18th [illegible] origin. The addition [illegible] a verandah [illegible] two windows, and [illegible] recent [illegible] diminished its [illegible] importance [illegible] parison with other similar houses [illegible] Saybrook. However, it is reputed [illegible] much original work [illegible] on the inte[illegible] it would be worthwhile to investiga[illegible] if possible. The house is probably [illegible] for demolition if the present [illegible] development continues along route [illegible] without any strict standards which [illegible] current local practise.

Although the house is sketchily re[illegible] present, it has been connected with [illegible] family which was very important in Saybrook history. Erastus Clarke calls this the Hubbard Ely house and says that his son Amos also lived there. In later years Francis Harvey, a Mr. Sisson and a Mr. Tompkins. The 1853 map shows it as Ch. King and the 1874 map shows F.J. Harvey. It is generally called the home of Col. Robert Ely of the 1st Conn. Volunteers (Revolutionary War). The Ely family connections are well documented on the East side of the Conn. River and the same should be done in Old Saybrook. Through marriage Richard Ely came into possession of much of [illegible]'s lands; during the Revolution Ely's established smallpox centers; fought and were taken prisoner; later members of the family were important in religious and political affairs.

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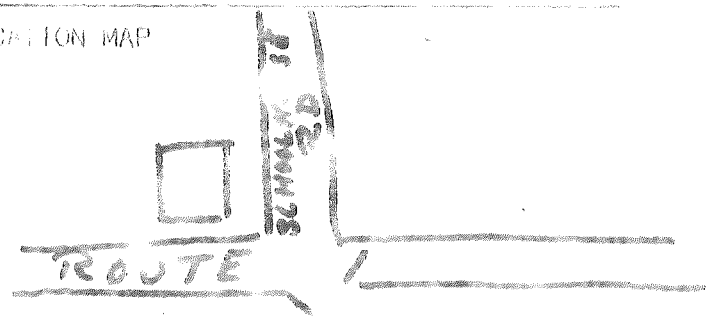

SOURCES
Colonial Dames Report, State Inventory, Clarke's notes, maps

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ADDRESS Route 1
ORIGINAL OWNER ELISHA BUSHNELL II
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Richard H. Olpphant
PRESENT USE Museum (and/or dwelling)
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2

NAME OLDER BUSHNELL HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD 1678
STYLE Saltbox
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Not yet

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Good Interior Good

Future Prospects: Fair - has a very l rge lot, but adjoining lots are under pressure to rezone for commercial

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

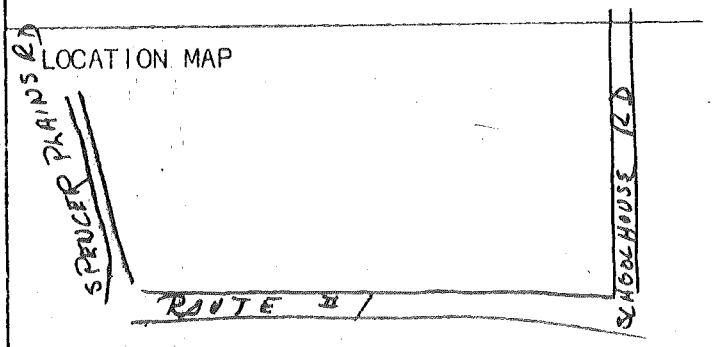
This house was built in about 1678. It was originally a two room structure with wattle and daub walls. The roof was thatched. In the early 1700's the roof was raised and it was replaced with shaingles. The back of the roof was extended to form a saltbox. The living room fireplace is one of the largest in Connecticut. The noted architectural historian J. Frederick Kelly lived in the house and documented its early date by finding several rare methods of construction.

Probably the house shown as Miss L. Bushnell on the 1874 map - unclear on the other maps

PHOTO

Photo in Main File

LOCATION MAP



SOURCES Older Bushnell House Museum folder, maps, Historical Society, Colonial Dames, Early Connecticut Houses, by Frederick J. Kelly
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ELSEWHERE RECORDED Colonial Dames Report, Conn. State Survey 1967, Yale Survey in Library of Congress 1962, Kelly's books

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ADDRESS 48 Cromwell Place
ORIGINAL OWNER Capt. Charles Williams
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Philip Roos
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME CAPT. CHARLES WILLIAMS HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD ~~1842~~ c1855
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Not yet

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Excellent Interior probably excellent

Future Prospects: Excellent as a dwelling provided commercial ~~encroachment is halted at west end of property~~

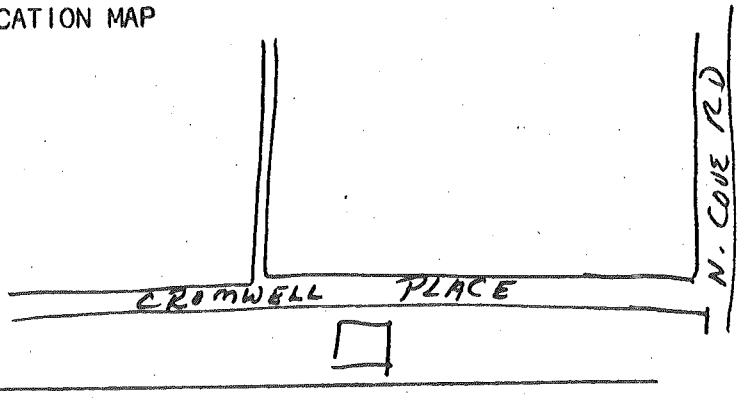
NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

PHOTO

The house was built by a sea ca[p] was in the hands of sea captain[s] great many years. The first of carpenter and the house which h[e] his ability. The grandson of t[h] also Capt. Williams died this y[e] having been a river pilot on th[e] River for many years. The hous[e] during the Greek Revival period features show the age. The gabl[e] the front street. It has simpl[e] and a window in the center of t[h] The pediment is visually support corner pilasters. The front wi[n] arrangement is five windows wit[h] entrance on the right side. Th[e] porch is an attempted reproducti[on] entire structure.

This house was dated as 1842 by Historical Society, but since it does not show on the 1853 map, it probably was built at a slightly later date. A precise chain of title can probably be secured with time, and without too much difficulty. It is Capt. C. Williams on the 1859 and 1874 maps.

LOCATION MAP



SOURCES maps, historic district study

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ADDRESS N.W. Corner Old Boston Post Rd. & Lynde Street
ORIGINAL OWNER Lord
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Demolished
PRESENT USE Demolished
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME The LORD HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1665
STYLE Center Chimney, Lean-to
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Interior
[illegible]
Future Prospects.

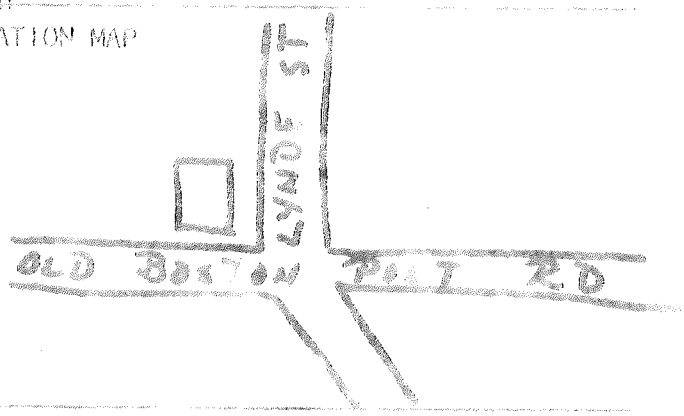
NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

There are several old pictures of this house in existence as well as a report prepared by the Colonial Dames after the house had been demolished. A postcard made in the early 20th Century shows it to be a center chimney house with lean-to in back. The exterior walls are finished with clapboards and there is a wood-shingled roof. It has a five bay facade with center entrance door. All windows are double hung sash the upstairs having 8 over 12 panes and the downstairs having 12 over 12. It is painted, stained or weathered to a dark greenish-brown color (post card colors cannot be considered to be accurate, of course), windows have no shutters, a light blue paneled door has architrave trim with crosette shoulders. The Colonial Dames report states that the house was demolished by Mr. Henry Kelsey, a descendant of the builder. Mr. Kelsey built in its place the house which presently stands. On the Cheesebrough map this is designated as Christopher Lord, on the 1850 and 1853 maps it is Wm. Lord and in 1874 it is H. Kelsey. The information which remains should be of interest to students of Saybrook architecture.

PHOTO

See Attached

LOCATION MAP



SOURCES Colonial Dames, Erastus Clarke's notes, Maps

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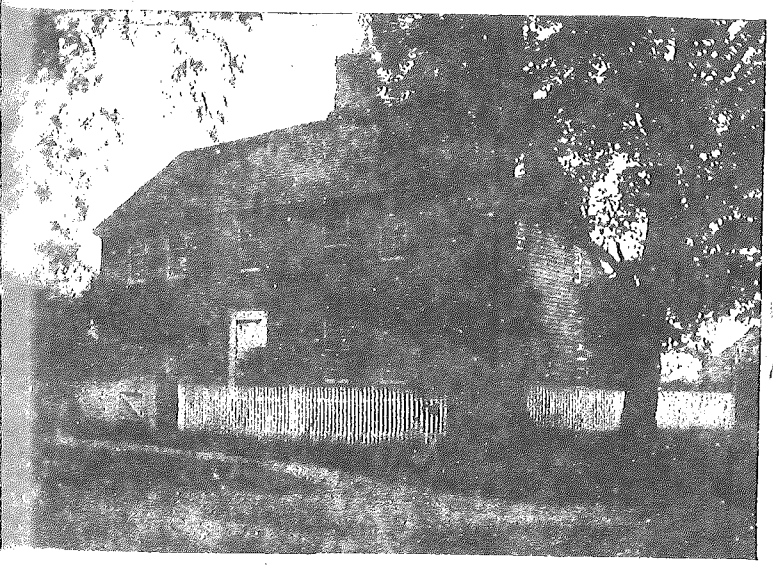
the Town of Westbrook, informed the Governor and Coun- at he had a plan for blowing the entire British Navy on merican coast, out of water. The Governor and Council ed every necessity for the construction and trial of the nvention. Building operations were begun at the "Ferry", ushnell having first proved that gun powder could be ex- under water.

Connecticut coast was more or less troubled with Tories, who gave comfort and assistance to the British ships on Long and Sound, by furnishing them with supplies. This was par-



THE LORD HOUSE, BUILT IN 1665.

descendants of the builders, Dr. Kelsey and his mother, who is a granddaughter am Lord, a soldier of the Revolution who was with Washington on his retreat the Delaware.

true of the settlements and villages on the lower Con- and especially at its mouth, where the Tories tried to aband out to the ships in the sound. But Saybrook h one eye open and the other eye on the watch. The Rev. dward Bushnell, minister of the Fairfield Congregational — but a native of Old Saybrook — gave so delightfully

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ADDRESS 322 Main Street
ORIGINAL OWNER J. Shipman
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER M. Kirtland
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME J. SHIPMAN HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1836
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE ~~No~~ Yes

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Good Interior Unknown

Future Prospects: Probably good now that Humphrey Pratt Tavern is on Register - on assumption that the town will give some protection - otherwise commercial zone will overtake this house

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This house was built in about 1 J. Shipman. The architectural corroborates this date. The ge proportions are Greek Revival. Especially characteristic of th style is the slope of the roof. slope is more gradual than the architecture. Further evidence early 19th Century date is the attic window and the porticos f the front door. The fron porch probably a later addition.

1853 map shows J. Shipman. 185 maps show G. Dowd.

Deed of 1859 mentions this dwel shares in New Haven & New Londor and 2 of Jackson Bushnell's Belo Estate Bonds. Deed of 1875 mentions dwelling house and shop shop

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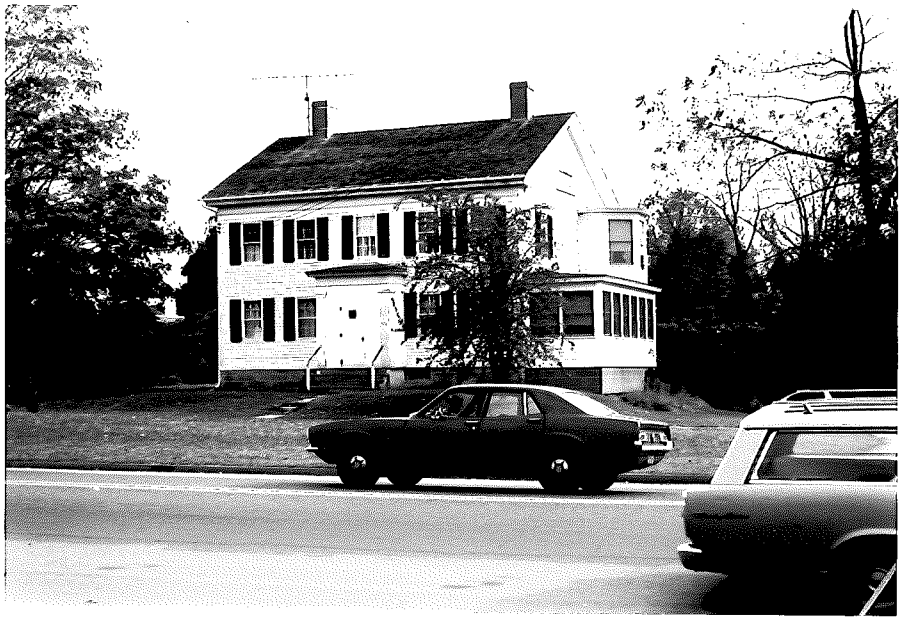

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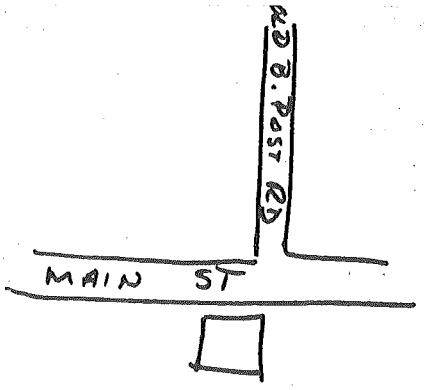

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ADDRESS 425 Main Street
ORIGINAL OWNER S. Kirtland
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER F. Koehler
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME S. KIRTLAND HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1800
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Not yet

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior good Interior renovation has been done but much original work remains

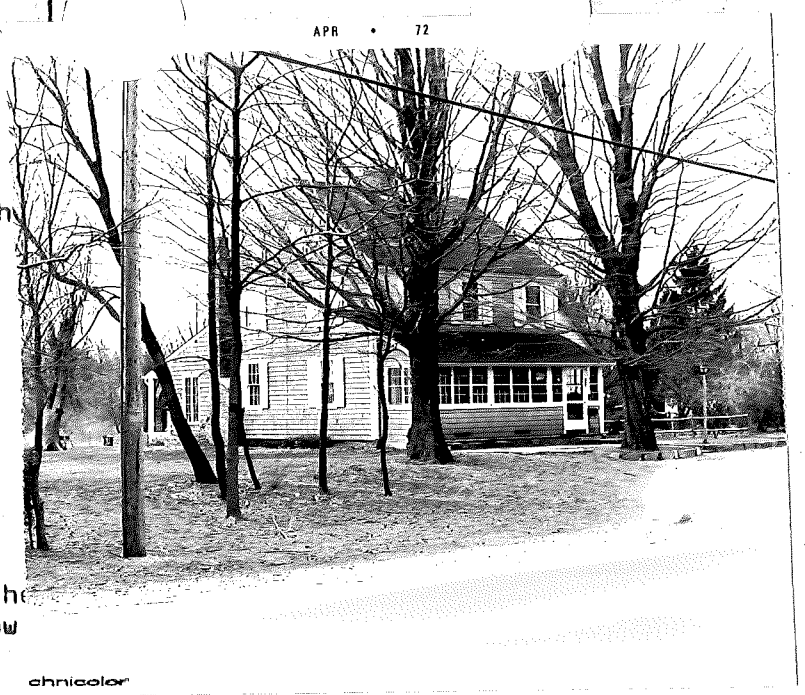
Future Prospects: good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This house was probably built in the late 18th Century. Its architectural features indicate a Georgian half house. The slope of the roof and the regularity of the windows are two such features. The front porch and the chimney on the side are probably later additions.

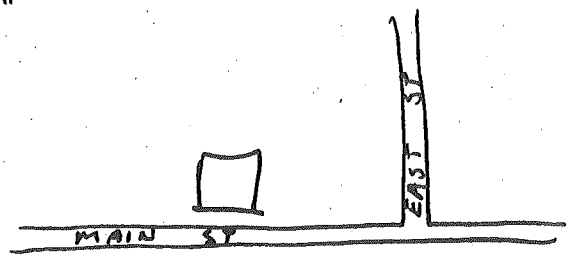
Although we do not yet have chain of title, hearsay tells us that this has been in the same family since it was built – nothing we know would contradict this.

Shown as Kirtland on 1853, 1859 and 1874 maps. There was apparently another Kirtland house beside it, which is now gone.



This house has an unusually beautiful location with a large lot in back overlooking the South Cove.

LOCATION MAP



SOURCES conversations with owner, maps

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ADDRESS 135 North Cove Road
ORIGINAL OWNER William Tully
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Elizabeth Buron
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME WILLIAM TULLY HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD 1750
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Not yet

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Excellent Interior Excellent

Future Prospects: Excellent as a dwelling

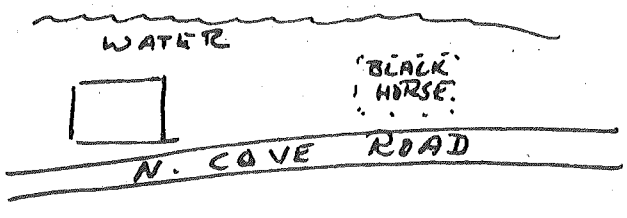
NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

PHOTO

This house was built by the fathe
William Tully who participated in
War during the Revolution about w
is some talk in Saybrook but not
substantiation. Tully and some T
engaged in a musket battle over c
good which Tully was trying to ge
Revolutionary forces. One of the
was killed in the Tully house. T
itself is colonial architecture w
unusual feature of a large chimne
off center doorway. There are se
double hung with six over nine pa
four windows on the left of the b
and two on the right the house is
like a Georgian half house. The
has plain pilasters flanking the
Over the door is a plain frieze a
cornice of classical moulding.

Shown on 1853, 1859 and 1874 maps
Whittlesey

LOCATION MAP



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ADDRESS 174 N. Cove Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Willoughby Lynde & S.Doty
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling; ell:Bake shop
PRESENT OWNER Miss Margaret Cox & Mrs. Laura Cox Beard
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME CAPT. WILLOUGHBY LYNDE HOUSE
ELL: CAPT. SAMUEL DOTY
DATE OR PERIOD house 1799; ell 1645
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE No - but much research has been done

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Excellent Interior Excellent

Future Prospects: Excellent as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

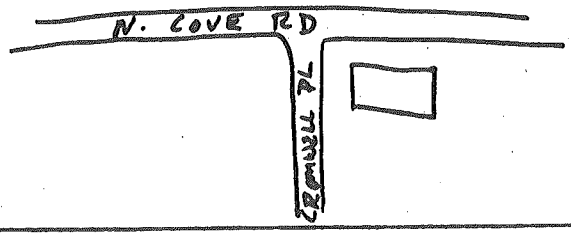
This house was built at about three times. The ell has been traced to ! Doty in the late 1600's. The secon and the roof are about mid 1700's. floor which was added to provide a the Capt. Dickinson House was added time soon after the building date o Dickinson House. Since the raising roof is not definitely verified, on look at the building as a whole. Th second floor has a hewn overhang whi fairly common for the late 18th Cent street side has a nine window facad front entrance at the center. It ha architrave, ~~with thin fan transom~~ ~~and~~ ~~sidelights~~. ~~It has a coin~~ The frieze and cornic supported by square pilasters. The a gambrel type and the dormers were much later.

PHOTO

Building shows with name unclear on 1853 and 1859 maps. Shown as Rankin on 1874 map

Probably one of Saybrook's very best houses - if not the best in terms of location, resboration, upkeep, etc.

LOCATION MAP



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RECORDED BY J. A. THOMPSON - OLD [illegible] MAIN ST., OLD SAYBROOK, CONN.

ADDRESS 375 North Cove Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Capt. John Burrows
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER John A. Innocenti
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME Black Horse Tavern

DATE OR PERIOD c. 1704
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE No

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Excellent Interior Assume excellent

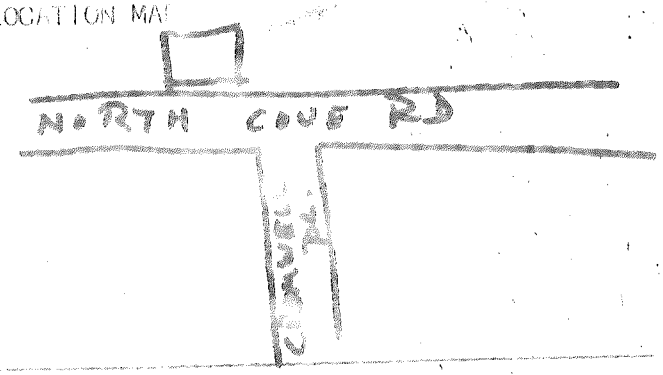
Future Prospects: Excellent as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

According to the Historic District study the house was probably built between and 1707 when Capt. John Burrows married Elizabeth Glague whose father lived the street. The shape of the main indicates its early 18th Century or It has a center chimney and the fou facade seen on several houses of th in Saybrook. It is generally consi have been a tavern in the early 18t It is shown as Kirtland on the 1857 as Potter on the 1874 map. Potter a store here at the time with a com wharf. The Potters sold the busine 1890 to Burns and Young who moved Main Street. A number of old pict house exist and the main section ha been substantially changed, althou have been altered during the years main house windows are double hung 8 over 12 lights. The location and exterior of the house make it one of the focal points of the North Cove area and a chain of title and additional research should be done.

PHOTO

LOCATION MAP



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ADDRESS 116 Old Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Uncertain
ORIGINAL USE Probably a dwelling
PRESENT OWNER
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 1½

NAME JAMES CHAPMAN HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1790
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE No

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Excellent Interior Assume very good

Very good as a dwelling, unless the local zoning [illegible] Commission [illegible] Route 1 [illegible] commercial development [illegible] called the [illegible] Chapman [illegible] Shipping [illegible]

NOTABLE FEATURES, [illegible] AND DESCRIPTION

This is a very attractive and well maintained small center chimney house. Restoration work has been done fairly recently. The construction is interesting and might be earlier than the date of 1790 which has been attributed to it. It has 6 over 6 windows, steeply pitched room and second story overhang. It seems to be designated as James Chapman on the 1874 map and is unclear on the 1853 map. One local authority (Mrs. Buck) has said that it was built by R. Denison for their farmer and his family.

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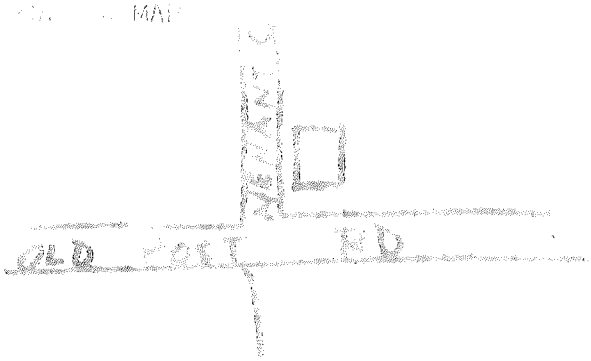

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ADDRESS 101 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Attributed to Dr. Samuel Carter
ORIGINAL USE dwelling
PRESENT OWNER
PRESENT USE dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION wood
NO. OF STORIES $2\frac{1}{2}$

NAME Dr. Samuel Carter House
DATE OR PERIOD O.S. Hist. Soc. says 1805
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE to 1854

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Good Interior Unknown

Future Prospects: Good as a dwelling

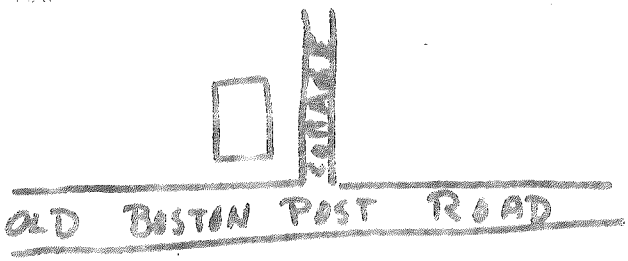
NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This house is reputed to have bei in 1805 by Dr. Samuel Carter who Killingworth in 1779 and who cam as a physician. The exterior has greatly changed through the years building still retains the roof l cornice returns typical of the e Century. The gable end facing th Post Road with the door at one si appears to have been the original as it is today. The position of would indicate that this was prob the original main building. It h six windows and a spacious porch South and East sides. The latter probably added at the end of the Century. The chain of title has back to 1854 and at that date the dwelling on the property, then ow Chalker or Lord families. The pr was later owned by Thomas Acton, Jr., the son of the benefactor of the Acton Library.

1874 map shows Acton
1853 map shows ~~Lord~~ Chalker
Cheesebrough map shows Samuel Carter

PHOTO

LOCATION MAP



SOURCES Maps listed above, Old Saybrook Land records, In the Land of the Patentees, Clark's list, Grace Pratt's notes
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ADDRESS 102 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Probably Henry Hart
ORIGINAL USE Probably a country cottage
PRESENT OWNER Mrs. Muriel F. Lord
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME HART COTTAGE ON OLD BOSTON POST RD.

DATE OR PERIOD C. ~~XX~~ 1880
STYLE Country cottage
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Back to 1890

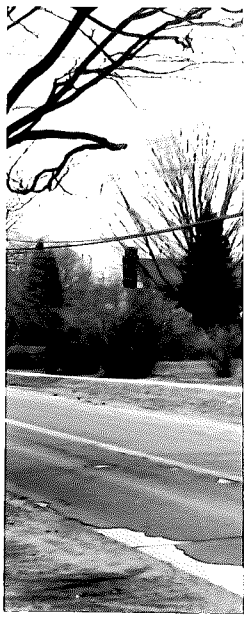
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Very good Interior Assume good

Future Prospects: Very good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNI
AND DESCRIPTION
On Jan. 28, 1890 as per the land re
Henry Hart sold to Rev. Samuel Hart
Hartford 35 acres with houses and b
one of which is undoubtedly this ho
After that time the property stayed
the Hart/Bailey family for some tim
part of the 35 acres now being occu
the Kathleen Goodwin School, Old S
elementary school.

So far we do not have much informat
about this house, but it is similar
Vaux's designs for country cottages
second half of the 19th Century. T
are not many of this type in Old Sa
although there are many stick and s
larger houses in the Borough of Fen
There have probably been a number o
alterations on this little house bu
foundation is 19th Century and the lacy
trim over the windows is probably original

Investigation of the Hart/Bailey family records would probably reveal the actual builder and original use of the house.



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OLD BOSTON POST RD

SOURCES land records

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ADDRESS 108 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Reputedly John Pratt
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER V. Harrington
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 1½

NAME John Pratt House

DATE OR PERIOD C.1720
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE No completely verified

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Very good Interior Assume to be very good

Future Prospects: Very good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

More research should be done on t
and records of previous research
made available in Old Saybrook.
a local student, Mike Smith was
this project and probably has mor
than anyone else in the community.
one of the few 1½ storey, 18th Ca
remaining in Old Saybrook. The C
prepared a report on this house u
of Pratt-Henderson which shows it
Victorianized state. Since that
been respired to its present stat
exception of the Bay window which
It is attributed to John Pratt, o
sons of Mt. William Pratt. Some
owners have been Mrs. Lama Cone,
Sanford, a Redfield.

Lt. Wm. Pratt came to the Potapaug
from Hartford, his home now being
museum in Essex which is owned by the
Society for the Preservation of New England
Antiquities. This is an extremely
important family in early Saybrook history.

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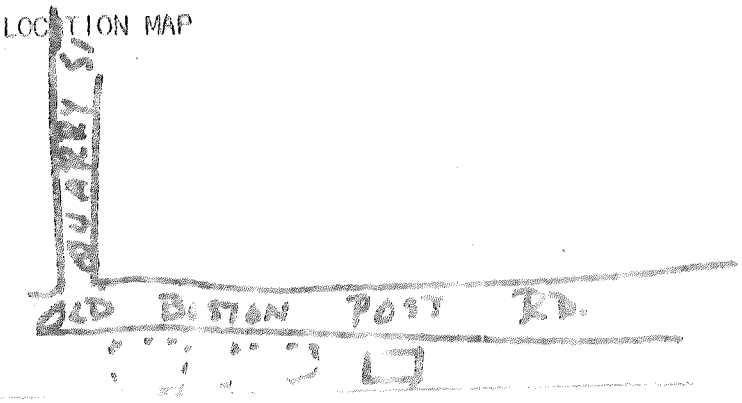

SOURCES Erastus Clark, Colonial Damas, Maps

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ADDRESS 113 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Russell Ford
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER George Petry
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME THE RUSSELL FORD PLACE

DATE OR PERIOD Circa 1800
STYLE Colonial
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Not yet

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Good Interior Good

Future Prospects: Good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This house was built in about 1800 has architectural features which a characteristic of that date. In g it is a Georgian Half house . If house of equal proportions were ad the south it would be like many of mansion houses of the double chimn which one sees so many of in Old S The windows are regularly arranged 12 over 12 panes. The doorway has pilasters and cornice. The ell wa added about 1812.

On the 1853 map this is shown as R The house is on the 1874 map but i difficult to determine the name.

In 1972 it is the home of the autho Ann Petry

PHOTO

LOCATION MAP

SOURCES Hist. Society; maps; Erastus Clark

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ELSEWHERE RECORDED Colonial Dames report, 1930's; Conn. State inventory, 1967

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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
PRESENT [illegible]
WALL CONSTRUCTION [illegible]
NO. OF STORIES [illegible]

NAME DEACON [illegible] BUSHNELL HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1873
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER For Augustus Bushnell
CHAIN OF TITLE Yes

PHYSICAL CONDITION Exterior Excellent

Interior Adapted for medical offices

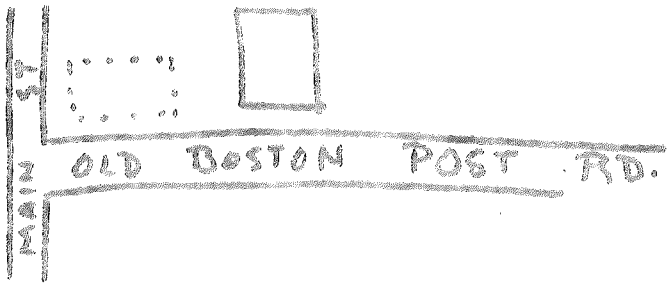
Future Prospects: [illegible] as medical offices

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This house has been called the Augustus Bushnell house, but no evidence has been found yet that Augustus was [illegible]. In July, 1872, Gilbert and Eliza sold the land on which it stands to Eliza Deane, wife of John Deane, who then sold it to Miles Bushnell who sold it to Augustus Bushnell of Centerbrook January, 1875. When Augustus' estate was distributed in 1890 this property is referred to as the Homestead. In Augustus' children it went to Gilbert Bushnell, Jr. and was eventually sold by Herbert and Frederick Bushnell.

Its structure [illegible] was built shortly before Augustus purchased the property. It is similar to a number of Victorian houses in Old Saybrook. The [illegible] of the main house faces the street, it has a clapboard exterior and dressed stone foundation. There are brackets under the cornice and gable and a [illegible] decorative cornice tops all the windows. The door and its trim are certainly not original, but much of the other woodwork appears to be unchanged. It is now painted a bright yellow with white trim and dark green shutters.

LOCATION MAP



SOURCES Old Saybrook Land Records, Clerk's notes

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ADDRESS 134 Old Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER William Bushnell
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Dr. Daniel M. Terray
PRESENT USE Dwelling & Doctor's Office
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood - shingle now being covered wit clapboards
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME Lt. William Bushnell House

DATE OR PERIOD c. 1680
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Not yet

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Good Interior Good

Future Prospects: Good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This house has been dated in late 1 and early 18th Centuries. The lea box construction points it more to late 17th. The center chimney is particularly at the base where it measures 11ft. by 14 ft. There ar fireplaces coming out of the chimn From the second floor landing ther twin stairways rising on both side the tapered chimney leading to the floor. Under the lean to roof acr back of the house is a parlor whic the kitchen added early after the was built.

shown as G. Denison on 1874 map
shown as Bushnell on 1853 map
This appears to bbethe ho se shown Levi Chapman on the Cheesebrough M

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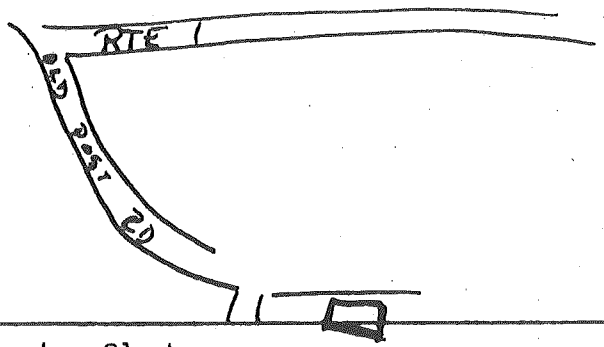

SOURCES Hist. Soc., Colonial Dames, Maps, Erastus Clarke

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ADDRESS Old Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Not certain
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Charles Nuhn
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME Pendleton House

DATE OR PERIOD Probably C. 1850
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE No

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Good as a Dwelling Interior Assume to be good as a dwelling

Future Prospects: Good

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

No serious research has been done on this house, but its general proportions are appropriate to the 1850 date attributed by Erastus Clark. No further search. The house now (in 1920's) owned by Mrs. Ingham Martin, dughter of the late Mr. Ingham, was formerly the Pendleton House. This was built about 1850. It has been remodeled". It is shown on the 1857 map as Ingham.

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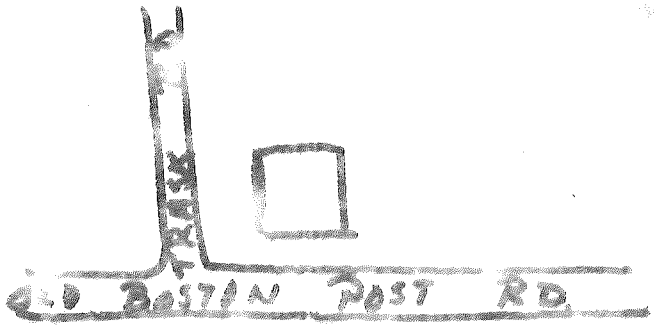

SOURCES Clark's notes, 1874 map

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ADDRESS 16 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Grace Episcopal Church
ORIGINAL USE Church
PRESENT OWNER
PRESENT USE Commercial - shops
WALL CONSTRUCTION Originally wood - now aluminium siding
NO. OF STORIES Two

NAME EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Original Building)

DATE OR PERIOD c. 1830
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Back to 1871 when sold by Grace Church

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Poor Interior Poor

Future Prospects: Questionable

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

In its present condition, this bui bears little resemblance to its or appearance. It is interesting, ho as a link in putting together the of Grace Episcopal Church which is important part of the history of O This is the only early 19th Centur (non-Congregational) church to be in Old Saybrook which survived to the present day. According to Cla built by Richard and Augustus Chal about 1830 and as shown on the map and 1859 it stood on the west side Street about where the SNETCO buil in 1974. In 1871 as the Grace Chu Congregation expanded, it sold 1/8 which the church stood to Mrs. Eli The building was sold to James H. moved it to its present location b house then used as the Episcopal P which he also purchased. Mr. Day used the old church building as a store and on the 1874 map it appears as "Store, D.C. Spencer and Day". By this time Spencer and Day had become business partners and from this point on, these two names are frequently encountered in land and business transactions in Saybrook and the Borough of Fenwick. This building was the Post Office in 1928 and has housed a variety of shops since then. A good picture of the church as it looked originally is in the booklet Peace Flag Day in Old Saybrook and on a steriopticon slide owned by the Historical Society.

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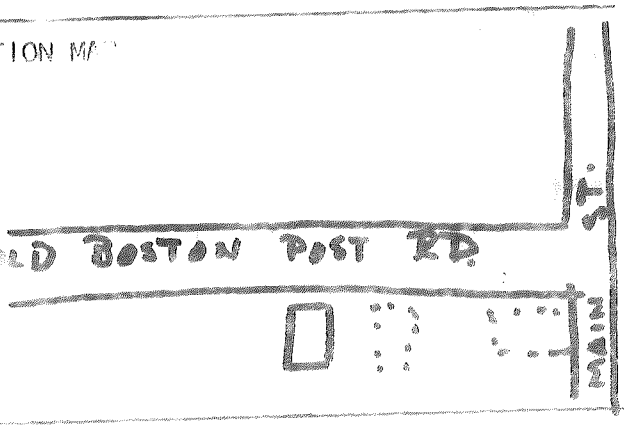

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ADDRESS 194 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Ezra Ingham
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER J. Pierini
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME EZRA INGHAM HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD 1838
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Not yet

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Good Interior Good

Future Prospects: Good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

The date assigned to the house is 1 the architecture seems right for th The proportions are Greek Revival; noticeable is the front porch with columns and gradual slope to the ro main roof of the house also has a g slope to the roof. The corners of building look particularly classica of the width of the pilasters. The has dentil work.

Seems to be the house shown as E. I on the 1853 and 1874 maps.

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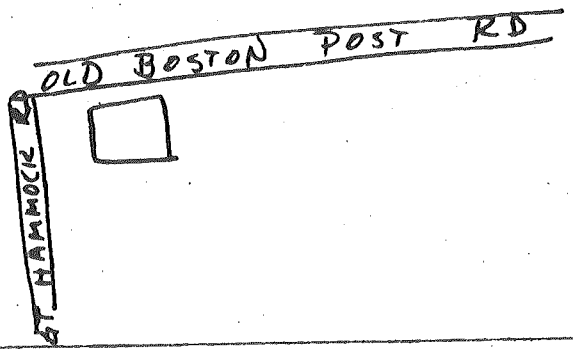

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ADDRESS 20 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Probably a Pratt
ORIGINAL USE Probably a dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Mr. & Mrs. David
PRESENT USE Shops on 1st floor; Apt. above
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME EPISCOPAL PARSONAGE (Original One - not original owner)
DATE OR PERIOD Probably a Pratt
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Back to 1855

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Well-maintained Interior Completely altered

Future Prospects: Fair as shops

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

The general size and lines of this house indicate 18th Century origins although it has been completely altered to house shops on the first floor. The first floor fireplaces have been removed although there is still a chimney emerging through the roof. The four bay facade is seen on a number of "3/4 houses" in Old Saybrook. This house, like the building beside it is of interest partly because of its connection with the Episcopal Church. On the maps of 1853 and 1859 it is shown as the Episcopal Parsonage. The land records show that it was sold by Richard E. Pratt to Grace Church in 1855. The deed includes the statement that the church is to maintain a good and sufficient fence on the East Side forever. In 1871 the building was sold by Grace Church to James H. Day and is referred to as the Rectory House. At about this time James Day also purchased the old Episcopal Church building which he moved from Main Street to stand alongside the Rectory Building on the Old Boston Post Road. The Old Boston Post was then called Parsonage Street, obviously because it was the street where this parsonage stood. The following year, Day sold a one half interest in the property to Daniel C. Spencer beginning the partnership of Spencer and Day. On the 1874 map the former Parsonage house is shown as a Seminary, which should be investigated further.

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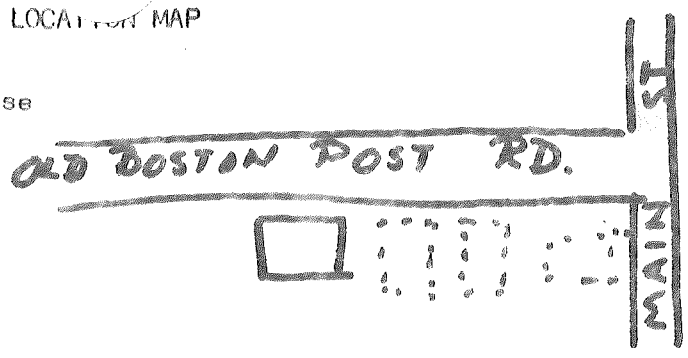

SOURCES Land Records, Maps

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ADDRESS 223 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Attr. to William Cadwell
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER A & K Apartments
PRESENT USE Apartments
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME William Cadwell House

DATE OR PERIOD c. 1849
STYLE Altered Greek Revival
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE No

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Fair Interior unknown

Future Prospects: Dim - encroaching heavy commercial area

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

Erastus Clark states in his notes this house was built by William (in 1849. It seems to show on the map with the name Ingham. The ho been altered considerably and the addition on the first floor which probably first a porch addition a then later closed in to make room engulfed the original character o house. However, one can still se features typical of so many small Revival type houses built in Sayb mid-19th Century: pedimented gab toward the street, chimney emergi the peak of the roof in the cente house, and a decorative window in pediment. In this case the windo small arches at the top.

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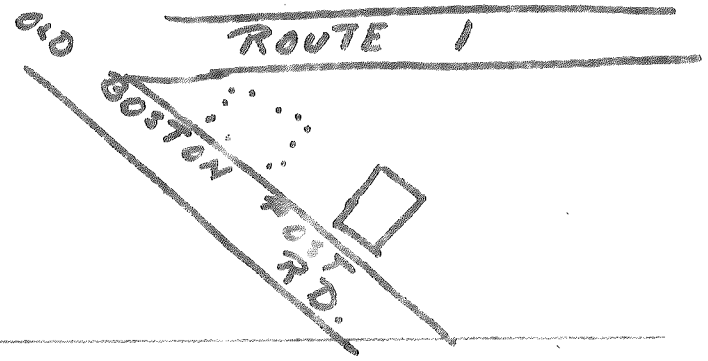

SOURCES 1853 map, 1874 map, Clark's notes

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ADDRESS 34 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Henry S. Chapman
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Mr & Mrs. Daniel Miglio
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME HENRY S. CHAPMAN HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1837
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Yes to 1860's

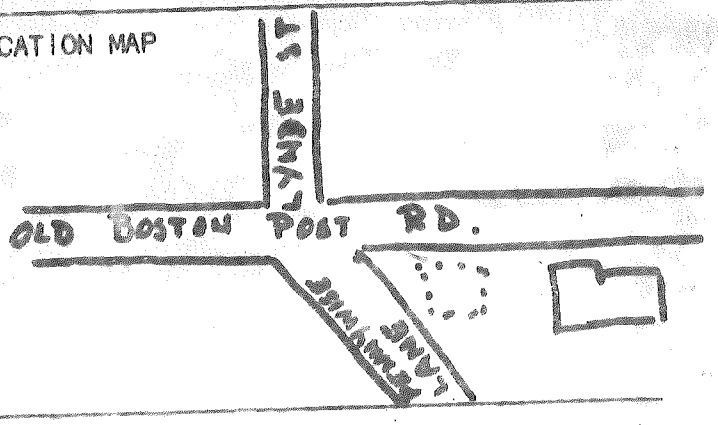
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Excellent Interior Excellent

Future Prospects: Excel'ent

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNI
AND DESCRIPTION
According to the present owner, wh
considered to have accurate inform
much of the interior work in this
was done in the ~~20~~ 1930's by the
Mrs. Annie L. Bennett who owned the house
time. This includes a very nice s
corner cupboard in the present din
wainscoting and other woodwork. I
present state the house is a good
of how improvements and additions
blend into and enhance the original
The original structure with its ga
to the street was built by Henry S.
in about 1837. He sold it in 1850
Pratt and it remained in the Pratt
until 1936. One of the early owne
a one story store ~~which at one time
Post Office~~ from Main Street and at
to the Main House as the present el
second story was added later. At the present
time the owners are having a new ell added
on the West rear of the house. The present
owner has the deed for the sale of the
property from Henry S. Chapman to Pratt in
1850. The house is shown on the maps of
1853, 1859 and 1874 as Pratt.

office for Old Saybrook at that time.

LOCATION MAP



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RECORDED BY J.F. THOMPSON AND P.M. THOMPSON, 500 MAIN ST., OLD SAYBROOK, CONN.

ADDRESS Old Boston Post Road at corner of Honeywater Lane
ORIGINAL OWNER Acton Library Association
ORIGINAL USE Library
PRESENT OWNER Robert Wendler
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 1½

NAME OLD ACTON LIBRARY

DATE OR PERIOD 1873
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Yes

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Excellent Interior Good adaptation to dwelling

Future Prospects: Good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGN AND DESCRIPTION

The Old Acton Library was built first occupied in 1873 on land was deeded to the Trustees of t Library Association by Mr. Thom Acton. The Library was an outg the earlier "Ladies Circulating which had been started by a gr Saybrook women in 1854. Mr. Ac given them space to store their building which previously stood present structure. In 1904 the became free to the inhabitants town. It also served as a smal for the community and housed ma artifacts which now belong to t Saybrook Historical Society.

The library is now housed in a building further west on the Ol Post Road and the town sold this structure to Robert Wendler for $15,000. in 1971. Mr. Wendler converted the building to a dwelling without altering its exterior. It originally had a metal roof cresting. It has a painted brick foundation and its clapboards are painted a fawn color with brown louvered shutters. The six over six windows, and large window on the west side as well as the frontispiece doorway, wooden steps with handrail and newel posts appear unchanged from earlier pictures of the building. - Courtesy Louise Thatcher of Old Saybrook for some details

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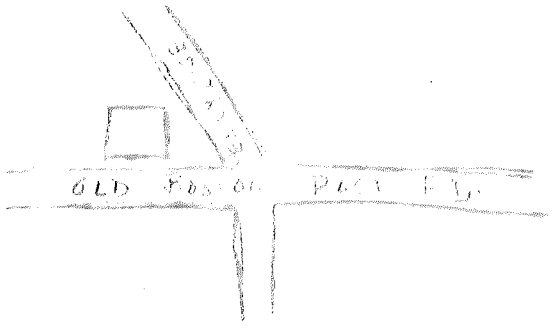

SOURCES Hist. Society papers, Old Saybrook Land Records

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INVENTORY FORM OLD SAYBROOK
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ADDRESS 45 Old Boston [illegible] Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Probably [illegible]
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER [illegible]
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

[illegible] CLARKE HOUSE

ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Not yet

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior In need of [illegible] Probably similar to exterior
Future Prospects Endangered [illegible] a large lot, zoned for Condominiums, occupied by one person only

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This two chimney house [illegible] central [illegible] has undergone many exterior and [illegible] alterations, the most interesting [illegible] feature probably being a [illegible] under the main cornice. It [illegible] has five bay facade [illegible] of this type [illegible] house, but the windows on the first fl[illegible] are long, later additions. The other [illegible] now have two over two panes and [illegible] many interior changes. The Colonial [illegible] report on the house states that the [illegible] porch was added in 1869 or 70 by [illegible] Acton although it appears to be a bit [illegible] than that date. Interior mantle firep[illegible] and other changes were undoubtedly mad[illegible] Mr. Acton when he moved to Old Saybrook [illegible] New York.

On the maps of 1853 the house is shown [illegible] Capt. William Clarke and on the maps of 1859 and 1874 it is shown as T.C. Acton. The Colonial Dames report quotes a deed of July 8, 1811 from Degrasse Shipman in which he sells his half of the house and land to William Clarke. It was [illegible] owned by T.C. Acton who had been the President of the N.Y. Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners. A very large ceremony took place in Old Saybrook on Sept. 3, 1869 when Mr. Acton was presented with a testimonial. N.Y. Police Supt. [illegible] attended [illegible] had earlier helped [illegible] suppressing the draft riots in N.Y. during the Civil War. For the past 100 years members of the Acton family have [illegible] in [illegible]. The Acton [illegible] is [illegible] T.C. Acton who gave the land on which the first library stood. ([illegible] Old [illegible])

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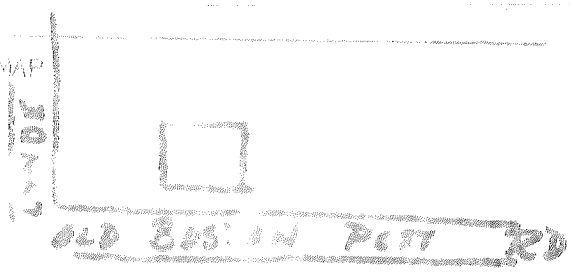

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ADDRESS 50 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Probably Congreg. Church
ORIGINAL USE Carpenter's house/shop
PRESENT OWNER Siloam Masonic Lodge
PRESENT USE Meeting hall
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 1½

NAME MASONIC HALL

DATE OR PERIOD c. 1830 originally
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Partial

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Excellent Interior Good for present use

Future Prospects: Probably good

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This building gives every appearan being a fine example of Greek Revi architecture appropriate to the da it was built; 1830's. The gable e the street, it has a three bay fac four pilasters and a sunrise windo pediment which is trimmed with mod brackets and dentils.

It is stated by Clark and is gener accepted that this building was or a one-story workshop used by the c working on the present Congregatio Church during the 1830's. After t was finished, the building was sup moved from the green across from t church to the site East of the Old Library. On this site the second was added. The land records show 1870, Richard F. Pratt sold the bu and land on which it was standing to Thomas C. Acton of New York. At about this time Mr. Acton also purchased the house directly across the street for his home. The former church workshop was rented by Thomas C. Acton to the Siloam Lodge #32 in 1903 and by this time the Mid Acton Library stood to the East of the Masonic Hall. An old post-card of the very early 20th Century shows a building in this spot, but with no trim on the facade. On Feb. 13, 1908 the articles of Association of Masonic Lodge names the following as subscribers: Irwin Graniss, Wm. S. Clark, Wm. H. Smith, Sidney L. Chappell and Erwood C. Spencer. We have not discovered a record of when the building was moved but on Feb. 21, 1908, the land on which it now stands was sold by William H. Smith to Siloam Lodge Company, Inc. "together with the 2 story wooden building now standing on said land known as Masonic Hall conveyed to me acting for Siloam Lodge by Thomas Acton, on Dec. 7, 1907"

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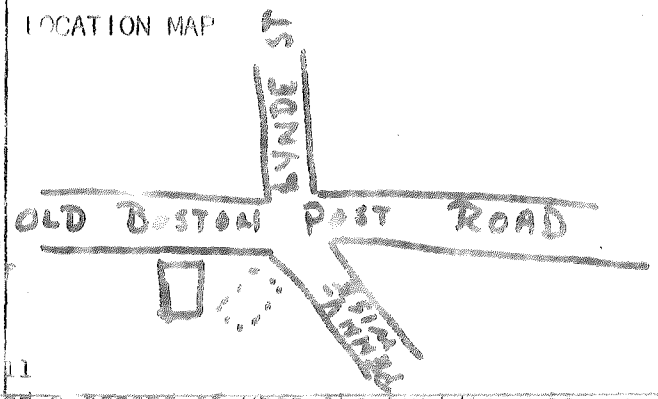

SOURCES Land records, Clerk's notes
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ADDRESS 64 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Mrs. Mercy Hart
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Miss Elizabeth Bailey
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES $2\frac{1}{2}$

NAME MRS. MERCY HART HOUSE
DATE OR PERIOD 1840
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Not yet

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Good Interior Very Good - few changes

Future Prospects: Probably good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This double chimney through hall house has the proportions of a Georgian house of the 18th Century. The regularity of the window arrangement along with the situation of the house in relation to the road is more that of an 18th Century house also. The land records indicate that the house was built in 1840. The house is now owned by Miss Elizabeth Hart Bailey, a direct descendant of the Hart family which owned the old William Hart House and the Samuel Hart House .

Appears as Hart on the 1853 map, unclear on the 1859 and 1874 maps.

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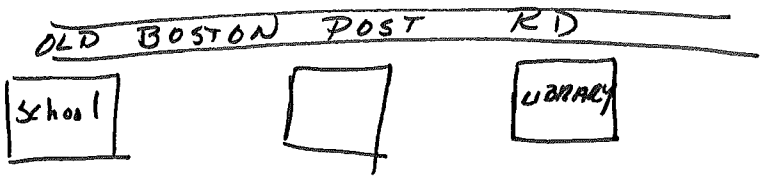

SOURCES Maps, Erastus clarke, land records

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ADDRESS 75 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Probably a Major Hart
ORIGINAL USE dwelling
PRESENT OWNER recently Vincent Osley
PRESENT USE dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME MAJOR HART HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD c. 1843-45
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER probably Mr. Treadway
CHAIN OF TITLE back to 1856

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Very Good Interior Unknown - not visited

Future Prospects: Very good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

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This rather large house has its gable to the street and the gable pediment trimmed with mutules. There is a window in the gable. The windows have been changed at sometimes and at present those on the second floor are smaller than those on the first floor which have a cornice over them. The main entrance at the side of the three facade. A frontispiece entrance with two pilasters supporting a plein frieze and a segmental pediment.

The appearance of the house seems to substantiate Erastus Clark's statement that it was built about 1843. We do not know why this is called the Major Hart House but the land records indicate that it was sold by James Treadway to Russel Spencer in 1856, and the name Spencer appears on the house on the 1859 map. Spencer sold it to Rufus Shepard who sold it to Giles A. Bushnell and the latter name appears on the 1874 map. In the 20th Century it has been owned by Joseph Pratt, Ellen M. Bushnell and William R. Bushnell. In 1941 William left the property to his widow, Eloise W. Bushnell. Eloise was the daughter of Rev. White of the Congregational Church and had been a pioneer in teaching blacks and she had gone to Georgia for this reason. The land records show that Eloise W. Bushnell Randolph sold the property to Robert J. Schlag and Marcella Hayden Schlag and it has also been owned by Clarice Humeston, John F. Hayes and Milo and Gretchen Ketchum.

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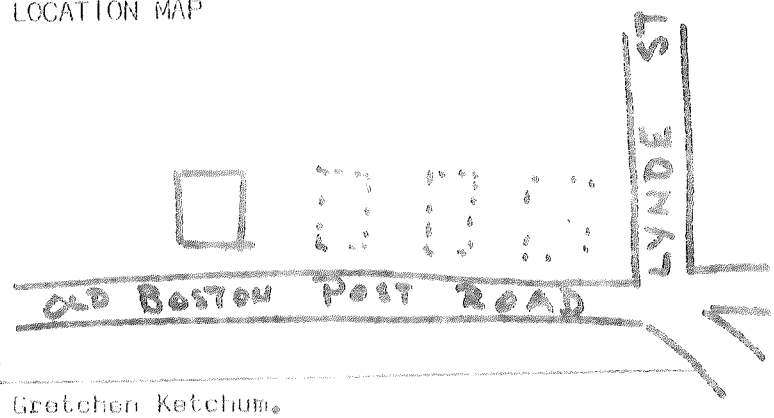

SOURCES Clark's notes, Old Saybrook Land Records, Maps

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FURTHER RESEARCH to know exact

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ADDRESS 85 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Rufus C. Shepherd
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER M. Beardsworth
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME RUFUS C. SHEPHERD HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1847
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE back to Rufus Shepherd

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior excellent Interior Assur good

Future Prospects: Very good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This two chimney house has the more sloping roof of the mid-nineteenth It has a five bay facade with a cen entrance. The door and sidelights recessed under the trim which consi pilasters carrying an entablature. motif is repeated in the pilasters corners topped by a frieze under th cornice.

Rufus Shepherd was a deacon of the gational Church from 1850 to 1904 a the land records have been traced b 1903 1903 when he divided this prop between John B. Shepherd, Mary W. D and Frances C. Shepherd. Mr. Clark state that Rufus C. Shepard built t in 1847 and that is probably correc the 1853 map and the 1874 map it ap to be marked as Shepard.

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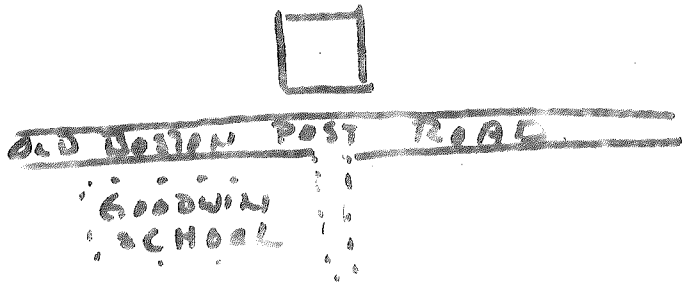

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ADDRESS 97 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER John H. Tileston
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Bessie Tileston Ayer
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME John Tileston House

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1875-80
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER John Tileston
CHAIN OF TITLE Yes

PHYSICAL CONDITION Exterior Very good Interior Assume good

Future Prospect [illegible] good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

The property on which this house [illegible] was sold to John H. Tileston in 1[illegible] Thomas C. Acton and no dwelling i[illegible] until the estate of John H. Tiles[illegible] settled in 1905. We can assume th[illegible] house was built C. 1875-1880 becau[illegible] its style and also because John Ti[illegible] built other houses in Saybrook at [illegible] time. The gable end to the stree[illegible] cornice returns and three bay face[illegible] appears on a number of houses in S[illegible] of this era, with most having more [illegible] trim. It appears that much of the [illegible] trim may have been removed from th[illegible] when the triangular pediment and t[illegible] pilasters were added around the do[illegible] The two over two windows are proba[illegible] original ones. Since Tileston did [illegible] houses and this was his own, it mi[illegible] interesting to [illegible] more detail.

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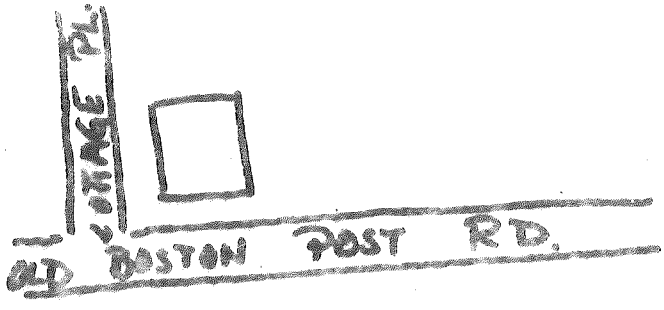

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ADDRESS 170 Old Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER PROBABLY Phineas Bushnell
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER D.C. Ryan
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2

NAME PHINEAS BUSHNELL HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD c. 1790 (or 1740?)
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Not yet

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Good Interior Good

Future Prospects: Good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

Built in about 1790 this house is t typical gambrel roofed house of the late 18th Century in Old Saybrook. The outside is clapboard. The fron has classical pilasters. There is overhang to the shingled roof.

This is s own as Dickinson on the 1 Map. On the 1874 map it is shown a C. Dickinson. It is shown as "Phine Bushnell, 1740" on the Cheesebrough

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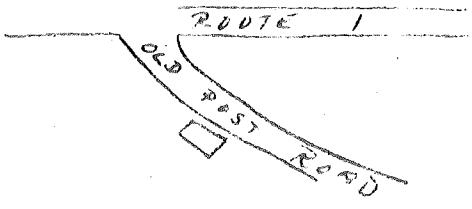

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ADDRESS 96 Old Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Richard Lord Chapman
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME RICHARD LORD CHAPMAN HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD 1811
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER Richard Lord Chapman
CHAIN OF TITLE No

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Excellent Interior Excellent

Future Prospects: Good

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This house has the normal proportions of a center chimney house with a five bay facade. The frontispiece entrance has pilasters on each side of the door over which is a pediment. Double doors are topped with a fan light.

Mr. Erastus Clarke who made many notes on the old houses of Saybrook during the 1920's owned this house, and most information on it comes from him. It was built in 1811 by Rochard Lord Chapman on the north side of what is now route 1 near its present intersection with Donnelly Road. It was moved to its present location on the Old Post Road in 1962 when the new Route 1 was put it. This accounts for the new looking foundation on the house. Erastus Clark bought it in 1840 and it is shown on the 1853 map as E. Clarke. The 1874 map also shows it as Clarke.

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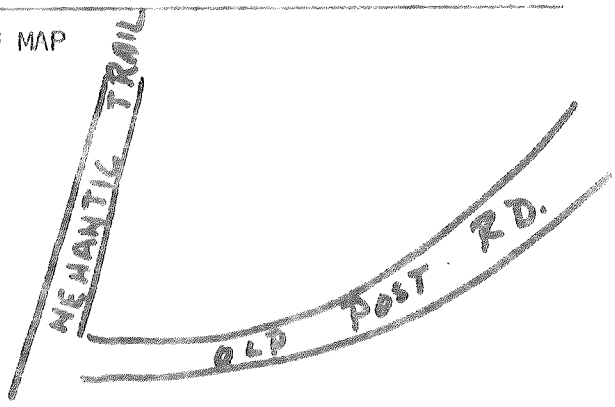

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ADDRESS 16 Pennywise Lane
ORIGINAL OWNER Methodist (or Meth.-Epis.Chch)
ORIGINAL USE Parsonage
PRESENT OWNER Philip Rosenthal
PRESENT USE dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2

NAME Methodist Parsonage
DATE OR PERIOD C. 1825
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE back to 1854

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Good Interior Unknown

Future Prospects: Very good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIF[illegible] DATES AND DESCRIPTION

This house is fairly unusual for S[illegible] and at present with its irregu[illegible]ar bay windows, porches and variety o[illegible] heights resembles the country "cot[illegible] the second half of the 19th Centur[illegible]y notes attribute the 1825 date to i[illegible] may have been a different shape wh[illegible] built. Clarke says it was built a[illegible] Methodist parsonage and the land r[illegible] substantiate this. In 1854 J. Edw[illegible] Dudley had a mechanics lien for la[illegible] and material upon the dwelling hou[illegible] Methodist Parsonage so-called. He[illegible] apparently not paid and in 1856 fo[illegible] abainst the trustees of the Method[illegible] Episcopal Church. The history of [illegible] Medthodist-Episcopal church in Con[illegible] the dissenting religions (that is, [illegible] than Congregationalism) is relevan[illegible] history of this house. The Congregational Church records of Old Saybrook note the date of the founding of the Methodist-Episcopal Church here and Connecticut in Transition by Richard J. Purcell states that a church was established here between 1810 and 1820. The church building itself originally stood beside the parsonage, but not traces of it remain.

On the 1859 map, this is house is shown as Wm. Dudley and on the 1874 map it is shown as G.F. Ward.

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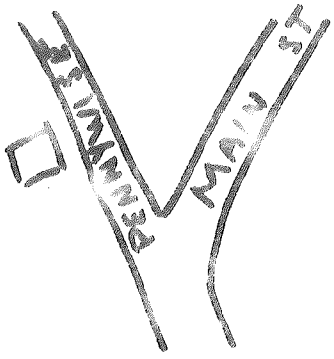

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ADDRESS 28 Pennywise Lane
ORIGINAL OWNER Azubah Clarke Shepherd
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER D.S. Ludlow
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME AZUBAH CLARKE SHEPHERD HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1825
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Not yet

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Very Good Interior Can assume it is good

Future Prospects: Good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

The date of 1825 is attributed to t by Erastus Clarke's notes and seem for its style and proportions. Th end of the house faces the street a is a sunrise window in the center o pediment. The chimney is in about center of the front portion and the entrance is at the side of the thre facade. The present two over two w are probably replacements and the e is now covered with modern siding.

The house is shown as Mrs. A. Pratt maps of 1853, 1859 and 1874 and Mc refers to it as the former house of Ann Augusta Prati, mother of the 1928) Joseph M. [illegible] Clarke furt states that it was built [illegible] mother Shepherd with the front being Deacon Rufus C. Shepherd who was a of the Congregational church from 185[illegible] to 1904.

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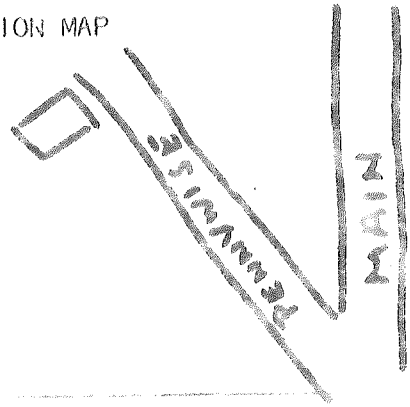

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ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
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NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME AZUBAH CLARKE SHEPHERD HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1825
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Not yet

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Very Good Interior Can assume it is good

Future Prospects: Good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

The date of 1825 is attributed to t by Erastus Clarke's notes and seem for its style and proportions. Th end of the house faces the street a is a sunrise window in the center o pediment. The chimney is in about center of the front portion and the entrance is at the side of the thre facade. The present two over two w are probably replacements and the e is now covered with modern siding.

The house is shown as Mrs. A. Pratt maps of 1853, 1859 and 1874 and Mc refers to it as the former house of Ann Augusta Prati, mother of the 1928) Joseph M. [illegible] Clarke furt states that it was built [illegible] mother Shepherd with the front being Deacon Rufus C. Shepherd who was a of the Congregational church from 185[illegible] to 1904.

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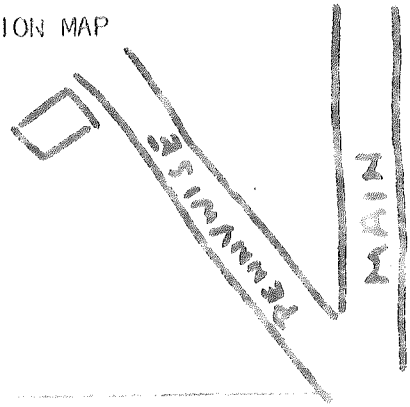

SOURCES Maps, Clarke's notes, Congregational Church file

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INVENTORY FORM OLD SAYBROOK, CONN., HISTORIC BUILDINGS
RECORDED BY J.A. THOMPSON AND P.M. THOMPSON, 500 MAIN ST., OLD SAYBROOK, CONN.

ADDRESS 322 Main Street
ORIGINAL OWNER J. Shipman
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER M. Kirtland
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME J. SHIPMAN HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1836
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE ~~No~~ Yes

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Good Interior Unknown

Future Prospects: Probably good now that Humphrey Pratt Tavern is on Register - on assumption that the town will give some protection - otherwise commercial zone will overtake this house

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This house was built in about 1 J. Shipman. The architectural corroborates this date. The ge proportions are Greek Revival. Especially characteristic of th style is the slope of the roof. slope is more gradual than the architecture. Further evidence early 19th Century date is the attic window and the porticos f the front door. The fron porch probably a later addition.

1853 map shows J. Shipman. 185 maps show G. Dowd.

Deed of 1859 mentions this dwel shares in New Haven & New Londor and 2 of Jackson Bushnell's Belo Estate Bonds. Deed of 1875 mentions dwelling house and shop shop

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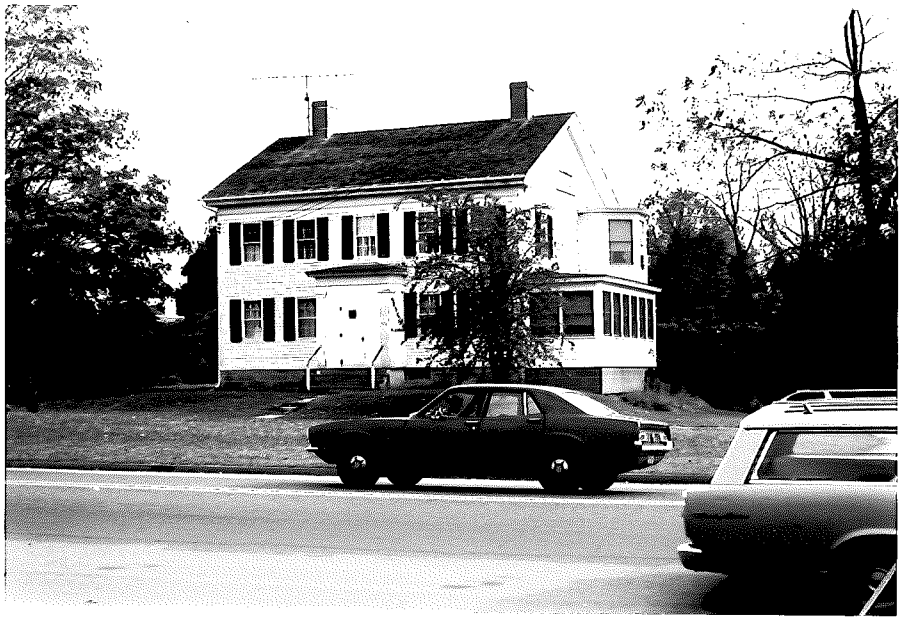

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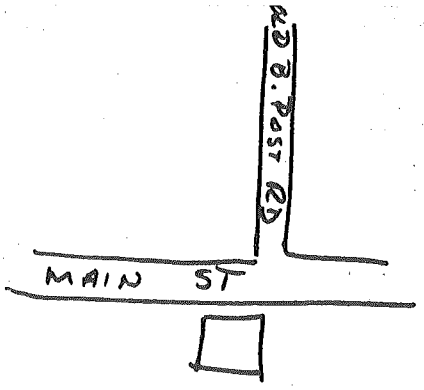

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ELSEWHERE RECORDED No known record

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RECORDED BY J.A. THOMPSON AND P.M. THOMPSON, 500 MAIN ST., OLD SAYBROOK, CONN.

ADDRESS 16 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Grace Episcopal Church
ORIGINAL USE Church
PRESENT OWNER
PRESENT USE Commercial - shops
WALL CONSTRUCTION Originally wood - now aluminium siding
NO. OF STORIES Two

NAME EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Original Building)

DATE OR PERIOD c. 1830
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Back to 1871 when sold by Grace Church

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Poor Interior Poor

Future Prospects: Questionable

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

In its present condition, this bui bears little resemblance to its or appearance. It is interesting, ho as a link in putting together the of Grace Episcopal Church which is important part of the history of O This is the only early 19th Centur (non-Congregational) church to be in Old Saybrook which survived to the present day. According to Cla built by Richard and Augustus Chal about 1830 and as shown on the map and 1859 it stood on the west side Street about where the SNETCO buil in 1974. In 1871 as the Grace Chu Congregation expanded, it sold 1/8 which the church stood to Mrs. Eli The building was sold to James H. moved it to its present location b house then used as the Episcopal P which he also purchased. Mr. Day used the old church building as a store and on the 1874 map it appears as "Store, D.C. Spencer and Day". By this time Spencer and Day had become business partners and from this point on, these two names are frequently encountered in land and business transactions in Saybrook and the Borough of Fenwick. This building was the Post Office in 1928 and has housed a variety of shops since then. A good picture of the church as it looked originally is in the booklet Peace Flag Day in Old Saybrook and on a steriopticon slide owned by the Historical Society.

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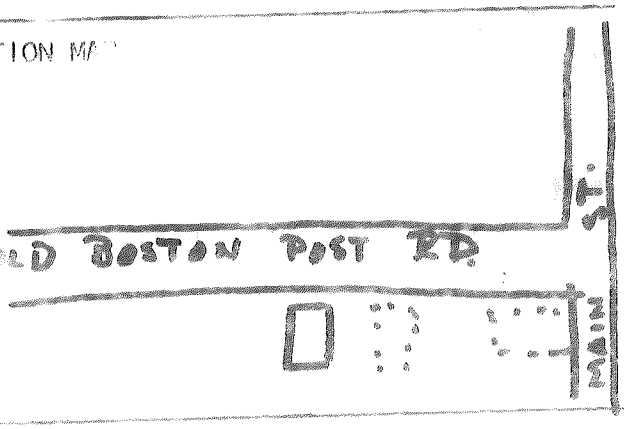

SOURCES Land Records, Clark's notes, maps, Connecticut in Transition by Richard J. Purcell.
OPEN TO PUBLIC Yes as stores
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ADDRESS 20 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Probably a Pratt
ORIGINAL USE Probably a dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Mr. & Mrs. David
PRESENT USE Shops on 1st floor; Apt. above
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME EPISCOPAL PARSONAGE (Original One - not original owner)
DATE OR PERIOD Probably a Pratt
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Back to 1855

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Well-maintained Interior Completely altered

Future Prospects: Fair as shops

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

The general size and lines of this house indicate 18th Century origins although it has been completely altered to house shops on the first floor. The first floor fireplaces have been removed although there is still a chimney emerging through the roof. The four bay facade is seen on a number of "3/4 houses" in Old Saybrook. This house, like the building beside it is of interest partly because of its connection with the Episcopal Church. On the maps of 1853 and 1859 it is shown as the Episcopal Parsonage. The land records show that it was sold by Richard E. Pratt to Grace Church in 1855. The deed includes the statement that the church is to maintain a good and sufficient fence on the East Side forever. In 1871 the building was sold by Grace Church to James H. Day and is referred to as the Rectory House. At about this time James Day also purchased the old Episcopal Church building which he moved from Main Street to stand alongside the Rectory Building on the Old Boston Post Road. The Old Boston Post was then called Parsonage Street, obviously because it was the street where this parsonage stood. The following year, Day sold a one half interest in the property to Daniel C. Spencer beginning the partnership of Spencer and Day. On the 1874 map the former Parsonage house is shown as a Seminary, which should be investigated further.

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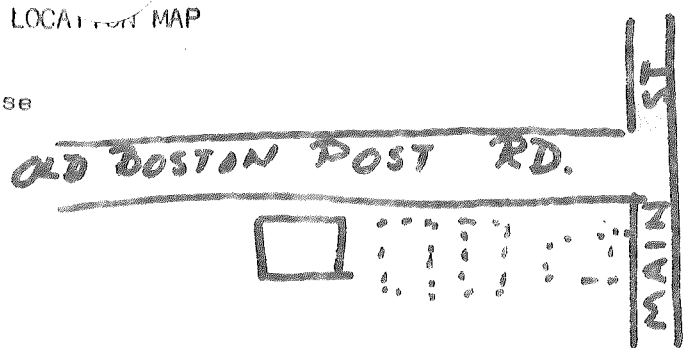

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ADDRESS 34 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Henry S. Chapman
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Mr & Mrs. Daniel Miglio
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME HENRY S. CHAPMAN HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1837
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Yes to 1860's

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Excellent Interior Excellent

Future Prospects: Excel'ent

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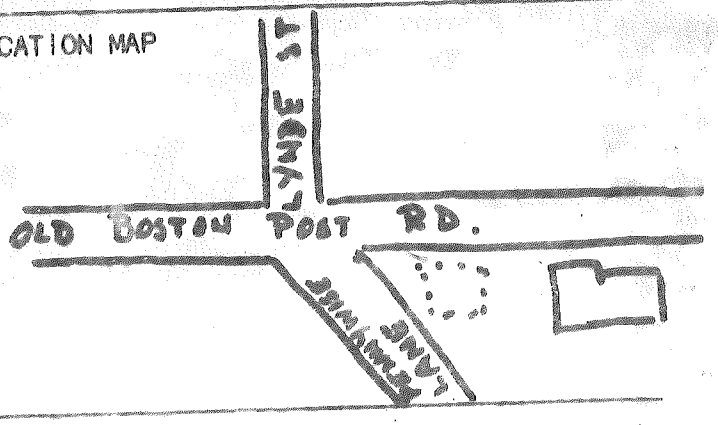

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PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME HENRY S. CHAPMAN HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1837
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Yes to 1860's

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Excellent Interior Excellent

Future Prospects: Excel'ent

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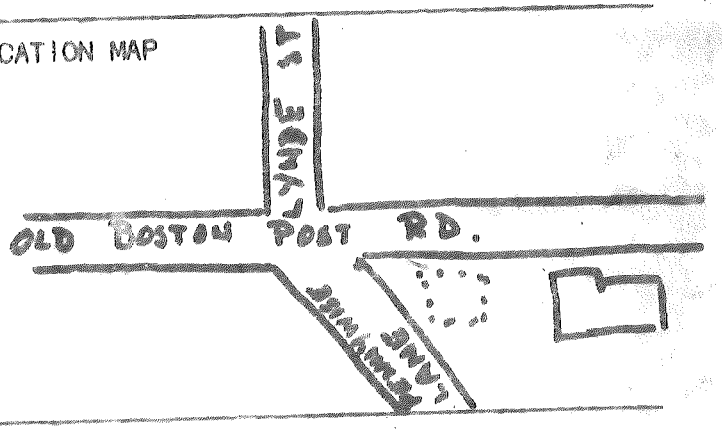

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ADDRESS Old Boston Post Road at corner of Honeywater Lane
ORIGINAL OWNER Acton Library Association
ORIGINAL USE Library
PRESENT OWNER Robert Wendler
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 1½

NAME OLD ACTON LIBRARY

DATE OR PERIOD 1873
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Yes

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Excellent Interior Good adaptation to dwelling

Future Prospects: Good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGN AND DESCRIPTION

The Old Acton Library was built first occupied in 1873 on land was deeded to the Trustees of t Library Association by Mr. Thom Acton. The Library was an outg the earlier "Ladies Circulating which had been started by a gr Saybrook women in 1854. Mr. Ac given them space to store their building which previously stood present structure. In 1904 the became free to the inhabitants town. It also served as a smal for the community and housed ma artifacts which now belong to t Saybrook Historical Society.

The library is now housed in a building further west on the Ol Post Road and the town sold this structure to Robert Wendler for $15,000. in 1971. Mr. Wendler converted the building to a dwelling without altering its exterior. It originally had a metal roof cresting. It has a painted brick foundation and its clapboards are painted a fawn color with brown louvered shutters. The six over six windows, and large window on the west side as well as the frontispiece doorway, wooden steps with handrail and newel posts appear unchanged from earlier pictures of the building. - Courtesy Louise Thatcher of Old Saybrook for some details

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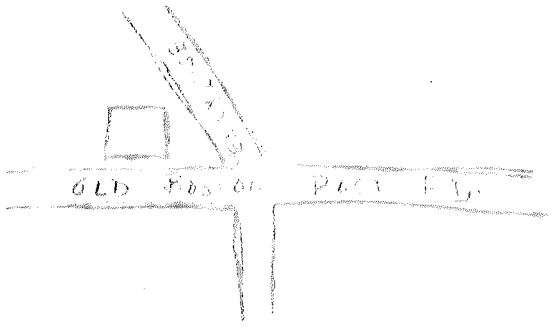

SOURCES Hist. Society papers, Old Saybrook Land Records

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INVENTORY FORM OLD SAYBROOK
RECORDED BY J.A. THOMPSON AND [illegible] SAYBROOK, CONN.

ADDRESS 45 Old Boston [illegible] Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Probably [illegible]
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER [illegible]
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

[illegible] CLARKE HOUSE

ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Not yet

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior In need of [illegible] Probably similar to exterior
Future Prospects Endangered [illegible] a large lot, zoned for Condominiums, occupied by one person only

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This two chimney house [illegible] central [illegible] has undergone many exterior and [illegible] alterations, the most interesting [illegible] feature probably being a [illegible] under the main cornice. It [illegible] has five bay facade [illegible] of this type [illegible] house, but the windows on the first fl[illegible] are long, later additions. The other [illegible] now have two over two panes and [illegible] many interior changes. The Colonial [illegible] report on the house states that the [illegible] porch was added in 1869 or 70 by [illegible] Acton although it appears to be a bit [illegible] than that date. Interior mantle firep[illegible] and other changes were undoubtedly mad[illegible] Mr. Acton when he moved to Old Saybrook [illegible] New York.

On the maps of 1853 the house is shown [illegible] Capt. William Clarke and on the maps of 1859 and 1874 it is shown as T.C. Acton. The Colonial Dames report quotes a deed of July 8, 1811 from Degrasse Shipman in which he sells his half of the house and land to William Clarke. It was [illegible] owned by T.C. Acton who had been the President of the N.Y. Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners. A very large ceremony took place in Old Saybrook on Sept. 3, 1869 when Mr. Acton was presented with a testimonial. N.Y. Police Supt. [illegible] attended [illegible] had earlier helped [illegible] suppressing the draft riots in N.Y. during the Civil War. For the past 100 years members of the Acton family have [illegible] in [illegible]. The Acton [illegible] is [illegible] T.C. Acton who gave the land on which the first library stood. ([illegible] Old [illegible])

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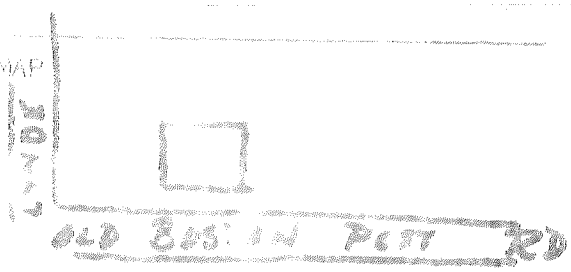

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ADDRESS 50 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Probably Congreg. Church
ORIGINAL USE Carpenter's house/shop
PRESENT OWNER Siloam Masonic Lodge
PRESENT USE Meeting hall
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 1½

NAME MASONIC HALL

DATE OR PERIOD c. 1830 originally
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Partial

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Excellent Interior Good for present use

Future Prospects: Probably good

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This building gives every appearan being a fine example of Greek Revi architecture appropriate to the da it was built; 1830's. The gable e the street, it has a three bay fac four pilasters and a sunrise windo pediment which is trimmed with mod brackets and dentils.

It is stated by Clark and is gener accepted that this building was or a one-story workshop used by the c working on the present Congregatio Church during the 1830's. After t was finished, the building was sup moved from the green across from t church to the site East of the Old Library. On this site the second was added. The land records show 1870, Richard F. Pratt sold the bu and land on which it was standing to Thomas C. Acton of New York. At about this time Mr. Acton also purchased the house directly across the street for his home. The former church workshop was rented by Thomas C. Acton to the Siloam Lodge #32 in 1903 and by this time the Mid Acton Library stood to the East of the Masonic Hall. An old post-card of the very early 20th Century shows a building in this spot, but with no trim on the facade. On Feb. 13, 1908 the articles of Association of Masonic Lodge names the following as subscribers: Irwin Graniss, Wm. S. Clark, Wm. H. Smith, Sidney L. Chappell and Erwood C. Spencer. We have not discovered a record of when the building was moved but on Feb. 21, 1908, the land on which it now stands was sold by William H. Smith to Siloam Lodge Company, Inc. "together with the 2 story wooden building now standing on said land known as Masonic Hall conveyed to me acting for Siloam Lodge by Thomas Acton, on Dec. 7, 1907"

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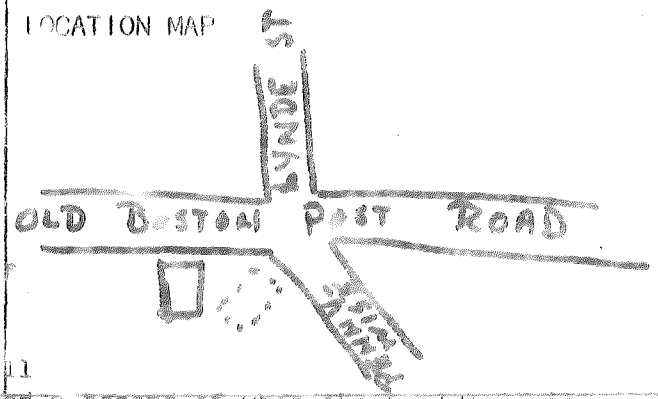

SOURCES Land records, Clerk's notes
maps

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[illegible] HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
PRESENT [illegible]
WALL CONSTRUCTION [illegible]
NO. OF STORIES [illegible]

NAME DEACON [illegible] BUSHNELL HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1873
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER For Augustus Bushnell
CHAIN OF TITLE Yes

PHYSICAL CONDITION Exterior Excellent

Interior Adapted for medical offices

Future Prospects: [illegible] as medical offices

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This house has been called the Augustus Bushnell house, but no evidence has been found yet that Augustus was [illegible]. In July, 1872, Gilbert and Eliza sold the land on which it stands to Eliza Deane, wife of John Deane, who then sold it to Miles Bushnell who sold it to Augustus Bushnell of Centerbrook January, 1875. When Augustus' estate was distributed in 1890 this property is referred to as the Homestead. In Augustus' children it went to Gilbert Bushnell, Jr. and was eventually sold by Herbert and Frederick Bushnell.

Its structure [illegible] was built shortly before Augustus purchased the property. It is similar to a number of Victorian houses in Old Saybrook. The [illegible] of the main house faces the street, it has a clapboard exterior and dressed stone foundation. There are brackets under the cornice and gable and a [illegible] decorative cornice tops all the windows. The door and its trim are certainly not original, but much of the other woodwork appears to be unchanged. It is now painted a bright yellow with white trim and dark green shutters.

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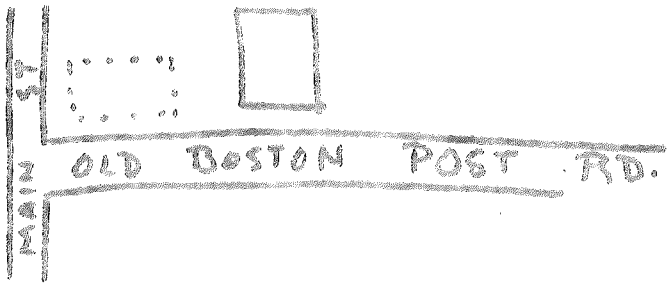

SOURCES Old Saybrook Land Records, Clerk's notes

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ADDRESS 64 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Mrs. Mercy Hart
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Miss Elizabeth Bailey
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES $2\frac{1}{2}$

NAME MRS. MERCY HART HOUSE
DATE OR PERIOD 1840
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE Not yet

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Good Interior Very Good - few changes

Future Prospects: Probably good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

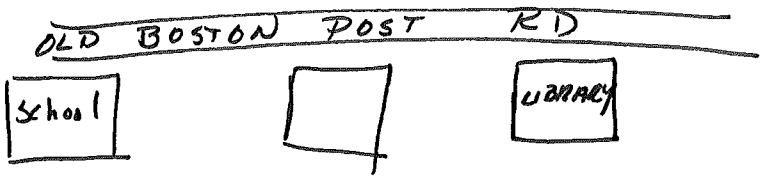
This double chimney through hall house has the proportions of a Georgian house of the 18th Century. The regularity of the window arrangement along with the situation of the house in relation to the road is more that of an 18th Century house also. The land records indicate that the house was built in 1840. The house is now owned by Miss Elizabeth Hart Bailey, a direct descendant of the Hart family which owned the old William Hart House and the Samuel Hart House .

Appears as Hart on the 1853 map, unclear on the 1859 and 1874 maps.

PHOTO

Photo & negative in original file

LOCATION MAP



SOURCES Maps, Erastus clarke, land records

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ADDRESS 75 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Probably a Major Hart
ORIGINAL USE dwelling
PRESENT OWNER recently Vincent Osley
PRESENT USE dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME MAJOR HART HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD c. 1843-45
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER probably Mr. Treadway
CHAIN OF TITLE back to 1856

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Very Good Interior Unknown - not visited

Future Prospects: Very good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

PHOTO

This rather large house has its gable to the street and the gable pediment trimmed with mutules. There is a window in the gable. The windows have been changed at sometimes and at present those on the second floor are smaller than those on the first floor which have a cornice over them. The main entrance at the side of the three facade. A frontispiece entrance with two pilasters supporting a plein frieze and a segmental pediment.

The appearance of the house seems to substantiate Erastus Clark's statement that it was built about 1843. We do not know why this is called the Major Hart House but the land records indicate that it was sold by James Treadway to Russel Spencer in 1856, and the name Spencer appears on the house on the 1859 map. Spencer sold it to Rufus Shepard who sold it to Giles A. Bushnell and the latter name appears on the 1874 map. In the 20th Century it has been owned by Joseph Pratt, Ellen M. Bushnell and William R. Bushnell. In 1941 William left the property to his widow, Eloise W. Bushnell. Eloise was the daughter of Rev. White of the Congregational Church and had been a pioneer in teaching blacks and she had gone to Georgia for this reason. The land records show that Eloise W. Bushnell Randolph sold the property to Robert J. Schlag and Marcella Hayden Schlag and it has also been owned by Clarice Humeston, John F. Hayes and Milo and Gretchen Ketchum.

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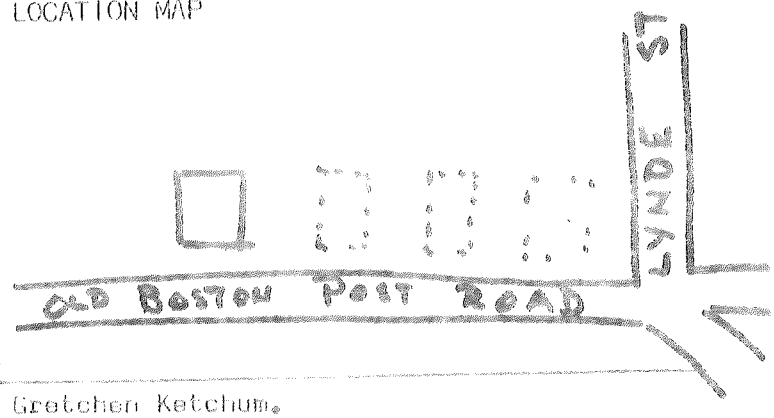

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ADDRESS 85 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Rufus C. Shepherd
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER M. Beardsworth
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME RUFUS C. SHEPHERD HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1847
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE back to Rufus Shepherd

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior excellent Interior Assur good

Future Prospects: Very good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This two chimney house has the more sloping roof of the mid-nineteenth It has a five bay facade with a cen entrance. The door and sidelights recessed under the trim which consi pilasters carrying an entablature. motif is repeated in the pilasters corners topped by a frieze under th cornice.

Rufus Shepherd was a deacon of the gational Church from 1850 to 1904 a the land records have been traced b 1903 1903 when he divided this prop between John B. Shepherd, Mary W. D and Frances C. Shepherd. Mr. Clark state that Rufus C. Shepard built t in 1847 and that is probably correc the 1853 map and the 1874 map it ap to be marked as Shepard.

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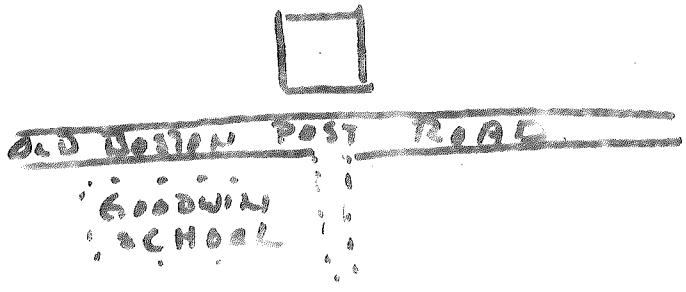

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ADDRESS 96 Old Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER Richard Lord Chapman
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME RICHARD LORD CHAPMAN HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD 1811
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER Richard Lord Chapman
CHAIN OF TITLE No

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Excellent Interior Excellent

Future Prospects: Good

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

This house has the normal proportions of a center chimney house with a five bay facade. The frontispiece entrance has pilasters on each side of the door over which is a pediment. Double doors are topped with a fan light.

Mr. Erastus Clarke who made many notes on the old houses of Saybrook during the 1920's owned this house, and most information on it comes from him. It was built in 1811 by Rochard Lord Chapman on the north side of what is now route 1 near its present intersection with Donnelly Road. It was moved to its present location on the Old Post Road in 1962 when the new Route 1 was put it. This accounts for the new looking foundation on the house. Erastus Clark bought it in 1840 and it is shown on the 1853 map as E. Clarke. The 1874 map also shows it as Clarke.

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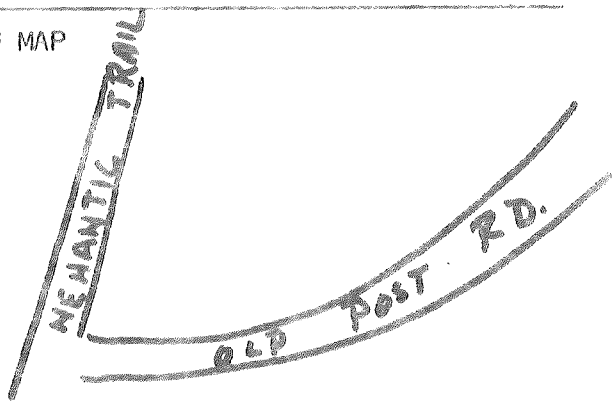

SOURCES Colonial Dames Report, Clarke's notes, Conn. State Inventory, maps

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ADDRESS 97 Old Boston Post Road
ORIGINAL OWNER John H. Tileston
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Bessie Tileston Ayer
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME John Tileston House

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1875-80
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER John Tileston
CHAIN OF TITLE Yes

PHYSICAL CONDITION Exterior Very good Interior Assume good

Future Prospect [illegible] good as a dwelling

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

The property on which this house [illegible] was sold to John H. Tileston in 1[illegible] Thomas C. Acton and no dwelling i[illegible] until the estate of John H. Tiles[illegible] settled in 1905. We can assume th[illegible] house was built C. 1875-1880 becau[illegible] its style and also because John Ti[illegible] built other houses in Saybrook at [illegible] time. The gable end to the stree[illegible] cornice returns and three bay face[illegible] appears on a number of houses in S[illegible] of this era, with most having more [illegible] trim. It appears that much of the [illegible] trim may have been removed from th[illegible] when the triangular pediment and t[illegible] pilasters were added around the do[illegible] The two over two windows are proba[illegible] original ones. Since Tileston did [illegible] houses and this was his own, it mi[illegible] interesting to [illegible] more detail.

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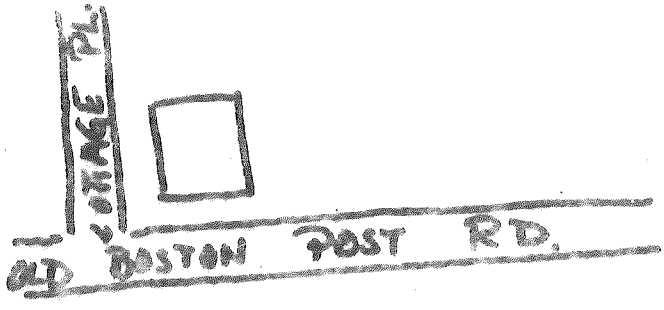

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ADDRESS Pennywise Lane
ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE DEMOLISHED
PRESENT OWNER
PRESENT USE
WALL CONSTRUCTION
NO. OF STORIES

NAME WILLIAM WILLARD HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Interior

DEMOLISHED

Future Prospects:

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

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Alt ough we do not even have a description of what this house might have looked like, we do know its location and because of the prominence of the Willard family, it seems important to include it in our inventory for possible future reference. The following comments are made about this house:

1) by Erastus Clarke: Next came the William Willard house which stood near the fence which marks the visision line between the Crane place (now C.D. Ellis and Dr. Wolfe's. This was the home of Miss Harriet and John Willard. In 1838, Miss Lucy Willard, sister of William who at that time was an old lady live upstairs and Abram Cadwell a shoemaker by trade and a sexton of the church lived downstairs. The old house was in a delapidated condition in the early 80's and was torn down and the property taken over by the owners of the Crane place.

2) by Mabel Cassine Holman in The Western Neck: p. 36 There are two other family names connected with the early history of Lynde's Neck. East of Cornfield point lies Willard's Bay. In the vessel sent to Saybrook in the fall of 1635 by John Winthrop soon after his arrival in Boston, was Sergeant Samuel Willard. If this bay was named in his honor or why it was so called, is not known, but it seems probably....Major Simon Willard, the noted Indian fighter who founded the settlement of Concord, Mass was the ancestor of the Saybrook Willard family. He had two sons, Samuel, who was president of Harvard College 1701-7 and pastor of the Old South Church in Boston until his death and Joshua of Wethersfield, Conn whose grandson, Rev. Joseph Willard was graduated from the Collegiate School in 1714, settled in Saybrook and married Susannah, a daughter of Nathaniel Lynde in 1718. Another Samuel Willard built the historic Elisha Hart House in 1736....It was Solomon Willard of the same family who designed and built Bunker Hill monument and Mary of the childhood poem, Mary and Her Little Lamb" was in real life a member of this family by marriage.

LOCATION MAP

Maps of 1853 and 1859 show Wm. Willard on Pennywise Lane - map of 1874 shows Est. of Wm. Willard with J. Crane next door. The 1874 map shows Willards Bay between Cornfield Point and Guardhouse Point.

SOURCES The Western Neck, Clarke's notes, Maps

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ADDRESS 66 Pennywise Lane
ORIGINAL OWNER Mr. Hogsdon
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Salvatore Peruccio
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Wood
NO. OF STORIES 2½

NAME HOGSDON HOUSE

DATE OR PERIOD C. 1811
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE No

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior Very Good Interior unknown

Future Prospects: Very good

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

The main section of the house has its gable end toward the street. The gable is pedimented and has a small sunrise window. It has a three bay facade which on the first floor includes the main entrance with a one-bay porch. There is a rather la chimney in the center of this section. The two over two windows are an obvious later addition but otherwise this has what was a fairly common arrangement for the gable-front house in Old Saybrook. Accordi to Erastus Clark, the house was built in about 1811 by a Mr. Hogsdon who sold it after 1838 to Mr. Galen Dowd. It was later occupied by the mother and sister of Mr. Gil Ward, President of the New Haven and New London Railroad. It has also been owned by Mr. Jesse Hall and Rev. Robert Kreitler. On the 1853 and 1859 mapes the name G. Dowd is shown on the house and the name Jesse Hall appears on the 1874 map.

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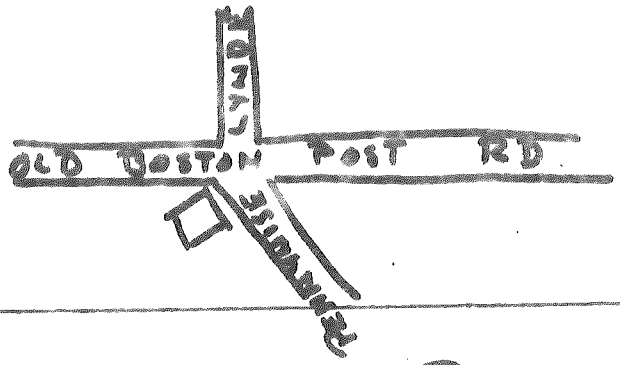

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ADDRESS Pennywise Lane & Main St.
ORIGINAL OWNER Methodist Church
ORIGINAL USE Church
PRESENT OWNER DEMOLISHED
PRESENT USE
WALL CONSTRUCTION
NO. OF STORIES

NAME METHODIST (OR METHODIST-EPISCOPAL) CHURCH

DATE OR PERIOD Pre-1853
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
CHAIN OF TITLE

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Exterior DEMOLISHED in 1912 Interior
Future Prospects:

NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

According to Mr. Erastus Clarke, the Methodist Church stood between what we call the Methodist Parsonage at 10 Pennywise Lane and the adjacent "Store for the Humphrey Pratt Tavern. The 1853 and 1859 maps show the Methodist Church in this spot and another Methodist Church near Essex on the Middlesex Turnpike. The 1874 map shows a Methodist Episcopal Church near Essex, but shows the location on Pennywise Lane as Vogel Hall. A booklet published about the Congregational Church in 1959 states: "At this time (1875) the church had no building suitable for conferences or social activities. When the need arose it had access to the hall on the second floor of a building across the street at the entrance to Pennywise Lane. This had originally been erected as a Methodist meeting house and later converted with store and post office on ground floor and a "Town Hall" finished off above. It stood on the north side of and immediately adjacent to the present James Pharmacy. Mr. Zabriski started the drive to build a parish hall for the Congregational Church. The Methodist Church building was owned at one time by Mr. W.E. Clark (shown on the 1874 map) who used it for a store and it was torn down in about 1912. Connecticut in Transition by Richard J. Purcell includes information about early Methodist Episcopal churches in Connecticut and mentions that there was one in the early 19th Century in Saybrook.

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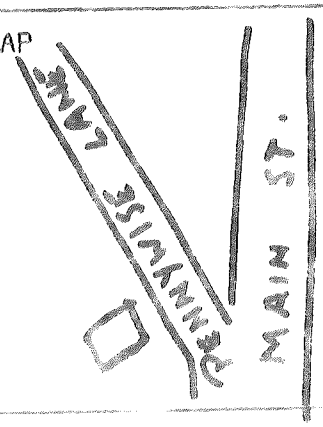

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