## HISTORIC RESOURCES

### BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Please send completed form to: Stacey Vairo, National Register and State Register Coordinator,
State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Economic and Community Development,
One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor, Hartford CT 06103

* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

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### PROPERTY INFORMATION

**Present Use:** Agriculture/Subsistence: agricultural outbuilding; Domestic: single dwelling

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**Accessibility to public:** Exterior visible from public road?  Yes  No

**Interior accessible?**  Yes  No

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**Style of building:** Extended English barn, Vernacular style

**Date of Construction:** 19th c.

**Material(s):** (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

- **Clapboard**
- **Asbestos Siding**
- **Brick**
- **Wood Shingle**
- **Asphalt Siding**
- **Fieldstone**
- **Board & Batten**
- **Stucco**
- **Cobblestone**
- **Aluminum Siding**
- **Concrete (Type: poured, block masonry)**
- **Cut Stone (Type: _______________)**
- **Other: vertical wood board siding**

**Structural System**

- **Wood Frame**
- **Post & Beam**
- **Balloon**
- **Load bearing masonry**
- **Structural iron or steel**

**Other: _______________**

**Roof (Type):**

- **Gable**
- **Flat**
- **Mansard**
- **Monitor**
- **Sawtooth**
- **Gambrel**
- **Shed**
- **Hip**
- **Round**
- **Other: _______________**

**Roof (Material):**

- **Wood Shingle**
- **Roll Asphalt**
- **Tin**
- **Slate**

**Asphalt Shingle**

**Other: _______________**

**Number of Stories: 1 1/2**

**Approximate Dimensions: 80' x 30', additions**

**Structural Condition:**

- **Excellent**
- **Good**
- **Fair**
- **Deteriorated**

**Exterior Condition:**

- **Excellent**
- **Good**
- **Fair**
- **Deteriorated**

**Location Integrity:**

- **On original site**
- **Moved**
- **When? _______________**

**Alterations?**

- **Yes**
- **No**

**If yes, explain:** removal and construction of additions

**FOR OFFICE USE:**

- **Town #**
- **Site #**
- **UTM**

- **District:**

  - **S**
  - **NR**
  - **If NR, Specify:**

  - **Actual**
  - **Potential**

- **Record No.** 13737
PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT’D)

Related outbuildings or landscape features:
☑ Barn ☑ Shed ☐ Garage ☐ Carriage House ☐ Shop ☐ Garden
☑ Other landscape features or buildings: _______________________________________________________

Surrounding Environment:
☑ Open land ☑ Woodland ☑ Residential ☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Rural
☐ High building density ☐ Scattered buildings visible from site

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

See continuation sheet.

• Other notable features of building or site (Interior and/or Exterior)

See continuation sheet.

Architect ________________________________ Builder ________________________________

• Historical or Architectural importance:

See continuation sheet.

• Sources:


See continuation sheet.

Photographer ________________________________ Date 4/2/2013
View Multiple Views Negative on File CTHP
Name ________________________________ Date 6/20/2013
Organization Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation
Address 940 Whitney Avenue, Hamden CT 06517

• Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude, Longitude: 41.51393, -72.391105

Threats to the building or site:
☑ None known ☐ Highways ☐ Vandalism ☐ Developers ☐ Renewal ☐ Private
☐ Deterioration ☐ Zoning ☒ Other ________________ ☐ Explanation ________________
• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

The barn sits on 300 acres of land on the east side of Beebe Road in East Haddam. A long driveway extends to the east, running up a hill, and leads to the buildings on the property. A parking area is just to the east of the barn. To the northwest of the barn is the house and slightly to the northeast is a shed (Shed I). To the east of the barn is another shed (Shed II) and a Quonset hut. Surrounding the buildings is open land used for agriculture. Wooded land is located along the east of the property, and a lake is to the north of the buildings.

Located in the northern part of East Haddam, this property is within a mile of the southern border of Colchester, and approximately three and a half miles west of the border of Salem. Directly to the north is Babcock Pond Wildlife Management Area which is half in East Haddam, half in Colchester, and directly to the south is Moodus Reservoir. Approximately five miles to the west is East Haddam Center, and Devil’s Hopyard State Park is three miles to the southeast. There are numerous National Register Historic Districts in the town of East Haddam, all located to the south of this property. The Wickham Road National Register Historic District is the closest to this property, and is located a half a mile to the southeast.

• Other notable features of building or site (Interior and/or Exterior):

Architectural description:

Inventory of structures (C – contributing, NC – non-contributing):

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Barn:

This is a six bay, seven bent, approximately 80’ x 30,’ 1 ½-story, gable-roof, extended English barn with three additions. Two additions have been removed from the south side of the barn and from a gable-roof addition, referred to later as Addition II. The barn is sheathed in vertical wood board siding painted red with green doors. The roof is metal and the foundation is concrete. Starting on the east and proceeding to the west, the bays are referred to as Bay 1 (the easternmost bay), to Bay 6 (the westernmost bay).

Exterior:

The north eave-side has three entries, each consisting of a pair of exterior-hung sliding doors. The doors in the eastern bay are shorter than the other two doors, which are full height. The center doors have a 12-pane transom light above. Visible along this side is the concrete foundation. There are no other features on the north eave-side of the barn.

A louvered vent is in the gable attic of the east gable-end of the barn. The roof of the gable-roof addition referred later as Addition I is attached to this side, creating an overhang. Wood support columns help to hold up the roof. There are no other features on this side.

Attached to the east corner of the south eave-side of the barn and encompassing Bays 1 and 2 is a gable-roof addition (Addition I) which appears to have been a ground level stable barn. This addition extends to the south and has vertical wood board siding painted red with a metal roof. A series of windows are along the east side of Addition I with a pass-through door near the south corner. A large opening is on the south end of Addition I, with a pass-through door near the west corner. Along the west side of Addition I are a series of windows and a pass-through door near the south corner. Continuing on the south eave-side of the barn, just to the west of Addition I, is the remains of the track of an exterior-hung sliding door. There are no other features on this side. The south side has unpainted vertical wood siding partially covered by hexagonal asphalt siding.
Another gable-roof addition (Addition II) is attached by a breezeway to the south corner of the west gable-end of the barn, and extends to the west. This once functioned as the milk house before dairy operations ceased in the 1980s. This addition is of concrete block construction with an asphalt shingle roof. In the east end of Addition II is a window opening. A pass-through door is located near the east corner of the south side of Addition II, and a gable-roof addition (Addition III) is attached to the west corner. In the west end of Addition II is a pair of side-hinged doors near the north corner. In the bottom of each leaf is diagonal bracing. A nine-pane window is to the south of the doors, and a two-pane rectangular window is near the south corner of the west end of Addition II. A side-hinged hay door is in the west gable-attic, flanked by two four-pane windows. A nine-pane window is near the west corner of the north side of Addition II and two two-pane windows are near the east corner.

Above Addition II, in the gable attic of the west gable-end of the barn is a louvered vent. The concrete foundation is visible along this side. There are no other features on the west gable-end of the barn.

Interior:

The interior of the main barn is accessed by the three pairs of doors on the north eave-side. The two large, double-height doors open into the barn that has seven bents and six bays, each bay appearing to be of a different measurement. The floor is of slatted wood and the walls are of wood planks. Square rule post and beam construction is seen throughout the barn with mortise and tenon joints with tree nails. Sash saw and hand hewn marks are found on the timbers throughout the barn. A plywood wall separates the first two bays on the eastern end of the barn from the remaining four bays. Above this wall is a loft. The rest of the barn is open to the peak. In the western bays the bents have dropped tie-girts and a single interior post below the tie-girt. Canted queen posts with diagonal bracing toward the outside walls support purlin plates at the mid-span of the rafters. In the eastern end, each bent has a pair of full-height posts supporting the purlin plates, forming a central aisle and two side aisles. A high tie-girt connects the posts over the center aisle and a lower tie braces each post to the outer wall. Common rafters meet at the peak with no ridge-board or pole. The roof deck is made of random width wood planks. Running the length of the ridge is a hay track.

- Historical or Architectural importance:

Applicable Connecticut State Register Criteria:

1. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
2. Embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction.

This barn is an outstanding example of an extended English barn from the 19th century that remains in its original location with an intact frame. It continues to be used for agriculture and the land around it has changed little through time. The Quonset hut is a rare survivor of a functional building type re-purposed following World War II. The property gains significance through its association with Caleb Sherman Beebe, a well-known citizen of East Haddam.

Historical background:

Originally owned by Job Hurlburt, Caleb Sherman Beebe purchased this land from him c. 1866. Caleb S. Beebe was born in East Haddam c. 1824. According to tradition, in 1859, during the Gold Rush, Caleb S. Beebe traveled to California to make a fortune. Instead of searching for gold, he began a mercantile business to sell supplies to those tirelessly looking for gold. Four years later, after making his fortune, he returned to East Haddam. There he met and married Mary Jane Hurlburt, daughter of Job Hurlburt. The land Caleb S. Beebe originally purchased from Job Hurlburt included 1,300 acres. He became one of the wealthiest men and largest land owners in East Haddam. During his life he served as First Selectman in town and as Director of the National Bank of New England.

In 1899, Caleb Sherman Beebe died and left his land to two of his nine sons, Frederick F. Beebe and Harry Beebe. Belle Beebe, Frederick F. Beebe's wife, inherited the land after his death in 1938. In 1943, William and Gustaf Dill purchased the land from Belle Beebe. The Dill family continue to own the land to this day. Originally this farm was a general farm that raised different types of livestock and produce, but also included dairy farming.
Addition I was built during the 1930s and included stanchions for dairy cows. When the Dill family acquired the property, they exclusively focused on dairy farming. The Quonset hut was erected sometime during the 1950s. In the 1960s, the milk house (Addition II) was added to the barn. Also during this time the carriage barn and farmhouse were demolished and the house that is seen today was built. A silo that was once attached to the east gable-end of the barn is no longer extant. Dairy farming continued until the late 1980s when the Dill family ceased operations. Today, the farm focuses on raising hay and sweet corn.

**Architectural significance:**

This barn is an outstanding example of an extended English barn from the mid-19th century. The different structure at the two ends may suggest that the western bays are older, with the eastern bays added in the later 19th century. Still used for agricultural purposes, this barn is sited in its original surrounding that has experienced little development.

It gains significance through its association with the Beebe family. Caleb Sherman Beebe was not only a descendant of Jonathan Beebe, one of the area’s first settlers, but he was also a prominent citizen. Well known for his travels to California, he came back a wealthy man who owned numerous acres of land in town. He also served as First Selectman and Director of the National Bank of New England during his lifetime. Furthermore, only two families have owned this property since 1866. The Dill family who purchased this property in 1943 still owns it today.

- **Sources (continuation):**

  Photographs and field notes by Kristen Young - 4/2/2013.
  Interview with Randy Dill - 4/2/2013, 166 Beebe Rd, East Haddam, CT.

**Map resources:**

East Haddam Tax Assessor’s Records accessed 6/20/2013 -
  http://data.visionappraisal.com/EastHaddamCT/search.asp
  Parcel ID: M68/1/009

Aerial views accessed from:

Historical aerial photography and maps accessed 6/20/2013 at UConn MAGIC:
  http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/mash_up/1934.html
  http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/historical_maps_connecticut_towns.html.


**Print and internet resources:**

Connecticut State Library online accessed 6/20/2013: iconn.org or
  http://www.cslib.org/iconnsitemap/staff/SiteIndex.aspx#directories

Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, Historic Barns of Connecticut Resource Inventory, 2010,
  http://www.connecticutbarns.org/13737


Sexton, James, PhD; Survey Narrative of the Connecticut Barn, Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, 

U.S. Federal Census, accessed 6/20/2013 at
  http://persi.heritagequestonline.com/hqoweb/library/do/census/search/basic

1. Location map of 166 Beebe Road, East Haddam, CT – from [http://maps.google.com](http://maps.google.com) – accessed 6/20/2013.


5. Southwest context view of the house (on the left behind the trees), Shed I (towards the right in the middle), and Addition II (on the right). Camera facing northeast.

6. West context view of Shed I (on the left), the barn, and Addition II (attached to the barn and on the right). Camera facing east.
7. West context view of Shed I (on the left), Shed II (in the middle), and the barn (on the right). Camera facing east.

8. West context view of Shed II (in the forefront) and the Quonset hut (in the background). Camera facing east.
9. West end of Shed I. Camera facing east.


15. South gable-end of Addition III. Camera facing north.

17. South gable-end and west eave-side of Addition III. Camera facing northeast.

18. West gable-end and north eave-side of Addition II (former Milk room), and west gable-end of the barn. Camera facing southeast.

20. Interior view of the east end of the barn, Bays 1-4 from Bay 5. Camera facing east. Note the full-height paired posts forming a center aisle in the eastern part, contrasting with the full-width dropped tie-girt, single center post, and canted queen post trusses of the western bays.
21. Interior view of the west end of the barn, Bays 4-6 from Bay3. Camera facing west.

22. Interior view of one of the timbers in the west end of the barn, note the hand hewn marks.
23. Interior view of timbers along the south wall of the barn. Note the sash saw marks and the post-and-beam construction. Camera facing south.

24. Interior view of the west gable-end of the barn. Note the canted queen posts. Camera facing west.
25. Interior view of the peak of the roof. Note the common rafters meeting in the middle with no ridge-board or pole, and the hay track equipment.

26. Historic photograph of 166 Beebe Road, East Haddam, CT. Note the original farmhouse (on the left) and the barn (to the right), and another barn further to the right (this has since been demolished). This photograph was taken after c. 1930 when Addition was added and before c. 1960 when the original farmhouse was demolished and Addition II was added to the west gable-end of the barn. Courtesy of Randy Dill.
27. Historic photograph of Addition I taken after c. 1930 when it was erected. Note the cupola on the barn in the background which is no longer extant. Courtesy of Randy Dill.

28. Photograph of the house and buildings taken from across the street at 155 Beebe Road, East Haddam, CT. Courtesy of Randy Dill.