### GENERAL INFORMATION

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### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Domestic: secondary structure; Domestic: single dwelling

Historic Use: Agriculture/Subsistence: agricultural outbuilding; Domestic: single dwelling

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

Interior accessible? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, explain ____________________________________________________

Style of building: Carriage barn, Victorian style

Date of Construction: c. 1905

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

- ☐ Clapboard
- ☐ Asbestos Siding
- ☐ Brick
- ☐ Wood Shingle
- ☐ Asphalt Siding
- ☑ Fieldstone
- ☑ Board & Batten
- ☐ Stucco
- ☐ Cobblestone
- ☐ Aluminum Siding
- ☐ Concrete (Type ______________)
- ☐ Cut Stone (Type ______________)
- ☑ Other Vertical 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 ______________________

(Material):

- ☐ Wood Shingle
- ☐ Roll Asphalt
- ☐ Tin
- ☐ Slate
- ☑ Asphalt Shingle
- ☐ Built up
- ☐ Tile
- ☐ Other ______________________

Number of Stories: 1 1/2 Approximate Dimensions: 720 sq. ft. 25 x 40 feet

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: ________________________________________________________________

FOR OFFICE USE: Town #_______ Site #_______ UTM ___________

District: ☐ S ☐ NR If NR, Specify: ☐ Actual ☐ Potential
PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT’D)

Related outbuildings or landscape features:

- [ ] Barn
- [ ] Shed
- [ ] Garage
- [ ] Carriage House
- [ ] Shop
- [ ] Garden
- [✓] Other landscape features or buildings: c. 1860 2 1/2-story house.

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 Anton Pfeifer

• Historical or Architectural importance:
  See continuation sheet.

• Sources:

  See continuation sheet.

Photographer Todd Levine ___________________________ Date 10/25/2011

View Multiple Views ___________________________ Negative on File CTHP

Name Todd Levine ___________________________ Date 1/26/2012

Organization The Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation

Address 940 Whitney Avenue, Hamden CT 06517

• Subsequent field evaluations:
  Latitude, Longitude:
  41.907823, -72.549666

Threats to the building or site:

- [ ] None known
- [ ] Highways
- [ ] Vandalism
- [ ] Developers
- [ ] Renewal
- [ ] Private
- [✓] Deterioration
- [ ] Zoning
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Explanation
• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

The barn is located on the west side of Rye Street which runs southwest to northeast, but for the sake of clarity, consider the street roughly north-south. The barn is situated towards the southern edge of the 1.6-acre property with the c. 1860 Greek-Revival/Victorian vernacular main residence towards the northeast, closer to the street. The ridge-line of the barn runs north-south parallel to the road and the main block of the house. The barn is approached by a driveway from the east which leads directly to the middle of the lot and the barn. To the northwest of the barn is a fenced area for goats. To the west is a patch of woodland.

The house was originally just the front block of the building, built in the mid-19th century and measuring 22’ x 19’. It retains some of the original Greek-Revival features including returning eaves, corner boards, and cornice lines with a wide band of trim. In the early 19th century a 39’ x 29’ rear block was added, along with the wrap-around porch with Victorian features, including scroll-sawn brackets and a hipped roof. The house is covered with wood clapboards and is painted hunter green with tan trim. The windows are two-over-two double-hung sash and the porch has a balustrade. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

To the west of the site is Gardner’s Nursery, a 58-acre property used for agriculture. St Catherine’s Cemetery is to the south on the west side of the street. The area immediately surrounding the site is predominantly residential.

• 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 1 ½-story, three-bay eave-entry barn with its main-façade facing east towards Rye Street. The ridge line of the barn runs north-south parallel to the road. Each bay has an entry, except the south bay, which has two entries. The west eave-side of the barn has a single entry point.

Exterior:

The main façade of the barn is the three-bay east eave-side with a wall dormer above the middle bay. Each of the three bays has its own entrance. The north bay entry appears to be original; it is a pair of swinging hinged doors with wrought iron hardware and an interesting latch system to keep the south door open. At the south corner of the south leaf is a small pet door. The middle bay has a modern overhead garage door with trim and four rows of six panels. The third row is glazed. The south bay has three rows of four panels, overhead garage door, and at the south corner a pass-through door with wrought iron hardware. Centered above the middle bay entry is a hinged pair of H-braced hay doors with diagonal siding and wrought iron hardware. Centered in the wall dormer above is a decorative sash window with decorative Victorian saw-cut surrounds. The upper sash has 16 small square panes bordering a larger square pane. The bottom sash has two panes. The siding is vertical board.

The north gable-end of the barn has a six-pane stable window with trim at the east corner on the main level and a one-over-one double-hung window just beneath the apex of the roof in the gable attic. The siding is board-and-batten.

The west eave-side of the barn is blank except for a centered pass-through door with wrought iron hardware on the main level. The siding is board-and-batten. The un-mortared fieldstone foundation is exposed.

The south gable-end of the barn has two six-pane stable windows with trim; one in the west half and the other in the east half, both in the main level. Between the two is a small attached shed-roof dog house. Beneath the west window is a small top-hinged access door. The rest of the gable-end is blank except for a twelve-over-twelve double-hung window just beneath the apex of the roof in the gable attic. The siding is board-and-batten.
The wood frame of the barn is painted hunter green with tan trim to match the house. It has vertical siding on the east eave-façade and board-and-batten siding on the remaining sides. The gable roof of the barn is lined by deep overhang with a fascia board and has asphalt shingle roofing.

**Interior:**

Each of the main-façade entries opens into a separate bay. The south bay has two accesses; a pass-through door at the south corner and an overhead garage just to the north. The interior of each bay measures approximately 11’ wide and 22’ deep. The floor is wood planking. All three bays have 4’ girts and 8’ ceilings. The post and beams for the main level are 7” x 7”; the girts are 6” x 6” and the knee walls are 4’ x 4’. Separating the south bay from the middle bay are vertical wood boards. Separating the middle bay from the north bay are horizontal wood boards as well as an open doorway at the east corner of the wall. The south bay has a small access door on the south wall in the west half of the room. The middle bay has a centered pass-through door on the west wall. There is no access to the attic level from the main level except through a 3’ x 3’ hole in the ceiling at the south corner of the north bay, or through the exterior hay doors on the east facade. The attic level has 7” x 7” plates, 6” x 6” girts, except for the girt in the center bay, which measures 5” x 5”, and the knee walls are 4” x 4”. The post and beams, ceiling joists and rafters are circular sawn.

**• Historical or Architectural importance:**

Applicable Connecticut State RegisterCriterion:

2. Embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction.

**Historical background:**

The barn is associated with a c. 1860 clapboard house and was built in the early 20th century, at or around the same time that an addition was added to the main block of the house, by Anton Pfeifer, grandfather of the current owner Catherine Pfeifer. The Pfeifers purchased the land around 1900 from R. Wheeler, who owned the parcel at least as far back as 1869. Originally, the lot was approximately 11 acres. The lot originally bordered Old Ellington Road to the north and included the lots across the street, but not east of the train tracks. Also included were the two lots south of 42 Rye Street, now 46 and 48 Rye Street.

An addition to the house was added in 1912 when a relative who had married into the Chamberlain family and had lived at the Chamberlain Farm in East Windsor became a widow. Her desire to be close to her family prompted the addition, for which she paid. The barn was built sometime between when the Pfeifer’s bought the site around 1900 and the time the addition was built in 1912. Originally, the barn was used as a carriage house, with two horse stalls in the north bay, the carriage in the middle bay, and the tack room in the south bay. The attic level was used for hay storage and accessed through the exterior set of hay doors on the main facade. Between 1912 and the 1950s the lots across the street were sold off and the wrap-around porch in the Victorian style was added to the house and addition. In the 1950s, the barn was converted to its present use, that of a garage; the family had acquired an automobile. At this time the original middle and south bay doors were replaced with overhead garage doors. In the 1960s the family sold off the remaining to lots to the southwest to pay for the current owner and her sister’s college educations; all that remains in Pfeifer ownership is the 1.6 acres at 42 Rye Street.

**Architectural significance:**

The barn is a typical example of an early 20th-century carriage house. It contains decorative aspects that coincide with the late Victorian era of the house addition, including deep overhangs and multi-pane sashes. The integrity of the barn is significant in that more than half of the original barn doors are intact with wrought iron hardware and the barn sits on its original location. It is a good example of a typical residential carriage barn from the early 20th-century just prior to the replacement of horses and barns by the automobile and garage.
Sources (continuation):
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Map resources:
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http://eastwindsorgis.org
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Print and internet resources:
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1. Location map of 42 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT from Bing Maps http://www.bing.com/maps/ accessed 
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4. Parcel map of 42 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT from East Windsor GIS Viewer http://eastwindsorgis.org

5. Northeast corner of the house, camera facing southwest.
6. Main east eave-facade, camera facing west.

7. Center bay of east façade, camera facing west.
8. Detail of east façade center bay, including hay doors with wrought iron hardware and Victorian window.

10. West view of barn, with camera facing east.

11. South view of barn, with camera facing north.
12. Detail of access door, south view of barn, with camera facing north.

13. East view of house and carriage barn, camera facing west.

15. Detail of square rule construction, southwest corner of attic, camera facing southwest.