**Agricultural Heritage Multiple Property Submission - State Register**

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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<td>Town/City</td>
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<td>Owner(s)</td>
<td>Susan Canavan and Joel Danke, 87 Barn Door Hills Rd., Granby CT 06035</td>
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**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

| Present Use: | Domestic: secondary structure/agricultural outbuilding; 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 | New England barn, Vernacular style |
| Date of Construction | 19th c. |

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<th>Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):</th>
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| Number of Stories: | 1 1/2 |
| Approximate Dimensions: | 26' x 38' |

| 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: 3 extant bays of a larger L-shaped barn with silo, tobacco shed |

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Historic Resources Inventory

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 Charlotte Hitchcock Date 4/24/2013

View Multiple Views Negative on File CTHP

Name Charlotte Hitchcock Date 8/15/2013

Organization Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation

Address 940 Whitney Avenue, Hamden CT 06517

• Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude, Longitude:

41.943034, -72.81898

Threats to the building or site:

☑ None known  ☐ Highways  ☐ Vandalism  ☐ Developers  ☐ Renewal  ☐ Private

☐ Deterioration  ☐ Zoning  ☐ Other _______________  ☐ Explanation _______________
Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

The house and barns at 87 Barn Door Hills Road are the remnants of a larger farm, located on the west side of the road, which runs north-south in the Bushy Hill district of Granby. One mile to the north is the intersection of West Granby Road (Route 20); the road extending north from this junction is named Bushy Hill Road. A number of 18th- and 19th-century houses and barns are located along Barn Door Hills and Bushy Hill Roads, including the Samuel Hayes II House at 67 Barn Door Hills Road, and Nathaniel Holcomb III House at 45 Bushy Hill Road, both individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Across the road to the east at 80 Barn Door Hills Road is a c. 1830 house, formerly home to members of the Goddard family, some of whom also lived at 87 Barn Door Hills Road. To the west is the village of West Granby, where the West Granby Historic District includes homes, businesses, and barns from the 18th to mid-19th centuries. To the east is the Granby Center Historic District in the town center of Granby, formerly known as Salmon Brook. To the south and east of the site is the McLean Game Refuge, a 3,200-acre preserve founded by Governor/Senator George P. McLean at his death in 1932; it is open to the public for hiking. The West Branch of Salmon Brook meanders through all of these features, running from west to east to join the East Branch forming Salmon Brook, which empties into the Farmington River at Tarriffville.

The c. 1853 house and barns occupy a 2.46-acre site consisting of open mowed lawn. An unpaved drive enters the site north of the Farmhouse and extends west to form a circular loop between the house and outbuildings. Immediately to the north is Reed Hill Drive, a modern street laid out in 1989 for a subdivision of new single-family homes. These were developed on the former Werbitzkas Farm of which this house, barn, and wagon shed/garage are the remaining structures.

The Farmhouse is a 2 ½-story gable-roofed Greek Revival-style structure built c. 1853 with its ridge-line oriented east-west and its east gable-end forming the front façade facing the road. The main block is 17’ x 34’. A 2 ½-story gable-roofed wing, 20’ x 22’, extends from the south side, forming an L-shaped plan. A 1-story ell, 19’ x 25’, extends west from the rear; this has a pressed metal shingle roof with an overhang along the south side forming a porch. The main roof is slate and has deep overhangs and a pedimented attic on the east, west, and south gable-ends. The east façade has three bays with the entry door in the left (south) bay. This is a recessed entry door with sidelights set in a surround with pilasters, entablature, and cornice. The windows are six-over-six double-hung sash with trim and, on the first floor, beveled cornices. The building corners have full-height pilasters and a wide entablature trim sits below the roof overhang. In the attic is a pair of four-paned windows with pedimented cornice trim. The south wing has a two-bay south gable-end, similar to the east though slightly simpler. Siding is horizontal clapboards with the exception of the walls of the south eave-side and the east eave-side of the south wing, which have flush-board siding. The south eave-side has one six-over-six window in each floor, while the east side of the south wing has two pairs of four-over-four double-hung windows in each level. To the right of the windows on the first floor is a secondary entry door.

In addition to the Barn, located northwest of the Farmhouse, there is a Wagon shed/garage located to the southwest. This is a 1 ½-story balloon-framed structure, 20’ x 34’, with its ridge-line oriented north-south. The east eave-side has two garage door openings with overhead doors. The north and south gable-end have two six-pane stable-type windows and a similar window in the attic in each end. The west eave-side is blank. The roof has a narrow overhang and is covered in asphalt shingles.

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 gable-roofed three-bay barn structure, 26’ x 38’. The ridge-line is oriented east-west, perpendicular to Barn Door Hills Road. The structure is the remnant of a larger barn of which a photograph survives, showing this as the eastern end of a long barn with an L-shaped extension toward the south, and a silo.

The walls are vertical board siding painted red with white trim; the roof is asphalt shingles, and the foundation is mortared fieldstone. The roof has deep overhangs on all sides with simple bracket supports along the rakes, consistent with vernacular Victorian period style.

**Exterior:**

The primary entrance is in the west gable-end where a sliding exterior-mounted barn door is off-center toward the right (south). The south eave-side has six six-pane stable windows with trim. The east gable-end has a large eight-pane window in the loft level and an interior sliding pass-through door off-center toward the left (south) at the ground level. To the left of the door is a pair of six-pane stable-type windows with trim. The north eave-side has four six-pane stable windows, two in each of the center and western bays. A pair of hinged hay doors is above in the center bay. Grade slopes down slightly from west to east, exposing a few courses of the foundation masonry at the east and north sides.

**Interior:**

The interior is a three-bay square rule post and beam framed structure. The typical bent, of mostly circular-sawn timbers with some sash-sawn material, has a dropped tie-girt, a single interior post below the girt, and vertical queen posts supporting longitudinal purlin plates. These carry common rafters. An upper tie-girt connects each pair of queen posts. There is a loft floor in the center and eastern bays; the west bay is open full height. The interior is fitted out as a workshop.

The owner notes that during rehabilitation work a ramp was exposed below the floor of the west bay, apparently leading to a former lower level which had a concrete floor with manure gutters for dairy cows. This has been replaced by a new level floor.

- **Historical or Architectural importance:**

  Applicable Connecticut State Register Criteria:
  1. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past – history of immigrant farmers;
  2. Embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction.

Although the Werbitzkas Farm no longer exists as a whole, the Farmhouse is an excellent and beautifully restored example of a prosperous farmhouse of the mid-19th century. The remaining barn structure is a typical example of its type, with a square rule post and beam frame of the second half of the 19th century, also carefully restored and re-purposed as a workshop. The site gains significance from its early history and later ownership by immigrant farmers from Lithuania in the early 20th century.

**Historical background:**

On the 1855 Woodford wall map of Hartford County, there are shown two Goddard homes at this location. On the 1869 Baker and Tilden Atlas of Hartford County map, the western property is identified as “H.C. Reed” while the eastern remains “L. Goddard.” The two houses, now 87 and 80 Barn Door Hills Road, were evidently built prior to this time, based on their style and the documentary evidence.

The 1860 Census lists a series of residents who match the names on the 1869 map, including Cullen Hayes, Theodecana Reed, Linus Goddard, (age 47, a farmer with his wife Eliza, 35), and Henry C. Reed (age 39, with Louisa G. Reed, 47, Cornelia J., 10, and Edward, 6). Henry C. Reed had the house that is now 87 Barn Door Hills Road, while Linus Goddard lived at today’s 80 Barn Door Hills Road across the road on the east side.

Ten years later, the 1870 Census lists Cullen Hayes, 75, with Theodora [sic] Reed, 74, as his housekeeper, then Linus Goddard, 59, and Eliza, 45, then Chester H. Reed (probably the same as Henry C.), 49, Louisa G., 57, and Julia (likely Cornelia J.), 20, teaching school. In 1880, when Linus Goddard was 69 and Eliza 55, they were still farmers,
and living with them was their niece Cornelia Reed, 30, a teacher. This likely indicates that Louisa G. Reed, Cornelia’s mother, was a Goddard family relative.

This branch of the Reed and Goddard families disappeared from the record after 1880. At some point a large L-shaped barn was built, with three silos as well as a tobacco shed.

In 1920 the Werbitzkas family appeared for the first time in the Granby Census, with Vincent, 43, and Margaret, also 43, step-daughter Mary 23, step-son Edward 20, and sons Frank, 14, and John, 12. The parents’ country of origin was Lithuania, while Frank and John were born in New Jersey. The 1930 listing shows the parents, indicates that they immigrated in 1890, and lists Frank and John, as does the Census of 1940. Frank (1905-1988) and John (1907-2002), with his wife Mary (1912-2004), continued to live here and to farm until the property was sold in 1989 to a developer who laid out the present residential subdivision. The tobacco shed and all but three bays of the barn were demolished. The Werbitzkases are still remembered by many of the neighbors.

The current owners bought their parcel in 2009, and brought in Renard Thompson to restore the remaining three-bay section of the barn. A neighbor provided the 1974 aerial photograph showing the entire barn complex.

**Architectural significance:**

This barn and farmhouse, along with the adjacent properties at 67 and 80 Barn Door Hills Road tell the history of land use in this area over the last 200 years and more. Although the Werbitzkas Farm no longer exists, the Farmhouse is an excellent and beautifully restored example of a prosperous farmhouse of the mid-19th century. The remaining barn structure is a typical example of its type, the New England dairy barn, with a square rule post and beam frame of the second half of the 19th century, also carefully restored and re-purposed as a workshop. In spite of modern residential development, the rural landscape along Barn Door Hills Road remains evocative of the earlier agricultural period, due to the number of historic homes remaining and the preservation of open space land by the McLean Game Refuge.

• Sources (continuation):

Photographs and field notes by Charlotte Hitchcock 4/24/2013.

Interview with Susan Canavan and Joel Danke, 4/24/2013, at the site.

**Map resources:**


Aerial views from:


Historical aerial photography and maps accessed at UConn MAGIC:

http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/mash_up/1934.html

http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/historical_maps_connecticut_towns.html

Baker and Tilden Atlas of Hartford County, 1869

Woodford wall map of Hartford County, 1858.


**Print and internet resources:**


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


Laun, Carol, Beneath These Stones, Salmon Brook Historical Society, Granby, 2003.

Ransom, David F., Granby Center Historic District National Register Nomination No. 85003149, National Park Service, 1985.


Williams, Mark, Holcomb, Nathaniel III, National Register Nomination No. 82004486, National Park Service, 1982


1. Location map of 87 Barn Door Hills Road, Granby CT – http://www.bing.com/maps, accessed 8/14/2013.

3. Detail Site Plan Sketch showing contributing resources – base map from Google Maps.
4. Northeast view of Farmhouse and Barn, camera facing southwest.

5. Southwest view of, from left to right, Barn, Farmhouse ell, and rear of Wagon shed/garage, camera facing northeast. At rear between the Barn and Farmhouse, is 80 Barn Door Hills Road.
6. Southwest view of 80 Barn Door Hills Road, c. 1830, home of L. Goddard in the mid-1800s when 87 Barn Door Hills Road was also a Goddard home.

7. Southeast view of Wagon shed/garage and Barn, camera facing northwest.
8. East view of Farmhouse with Barn at right rear, camera facing west.

9. West view of Farmhouse, camera facing east, showing the rear ell, south wing, and west gable-end attic pediment. 80 Barn Door Hills Road is at left rear across the road.
10. Northwest view of Farmhouse, camera facing southeast. Note the slate roof of the main block and the pressed metal shingle roof of the rear ell.

11. Southwest view of Barn, camera facing northeast.
12. Northeast view of Barn with Wagon shed/garage at left rear, camera facing southwest.

13. Interior view of Barn loft level and roof framing, camera facing southwest. Note that original framing is dark while restoration material is lighter in color.
14. Interior view of Barn’s westernmost bent and roof framing, camera facing northwest. New interior finish boards over insulation are light in color; original framing is darker.

15. Interior view of Barn loft floor framing seen from ground floor, camera facing east. Note remains of whitewash, indications of dairy use.
16. Detail from Woodford 1855 wall map, showing West Granby (now a Historic District), Bushy Hill, and Salmon Brook (now Granby Center Historic District). North of the Barn Door Hills, two sites are identified as “Goddard,” and “C. Hayes” marks the Samuel Hayes II House, (National Register).

17. Detail of Baker and Tilden map from Atlas of Hartford County, 1869, showing H.C. Reed and L. Goddard home sites, and C. Hayes to the north. Map reproduced from Granby Bicentennial Committee.
18. 1934 Fairchild aerial photograph (left) of the site compared with modern Google aerial view (right). Except for Reed Hill Road and the residential subdivision along it, the landscape remains much as it was 80 years ago.