### HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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

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<td>Town/City</td>
<td>Burlington</td>
<td>Village</td>
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<td>Owner(s)</td>
<td>Robert and Vonda DeVeau, 184 East Chippens Hill Rd, Burlington 06013</td>
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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 | English bank barn, Vernacular style | Date of Construction | 18th 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)  
- [ ] Cut Stone (Type)  
- [ ] Other vertical wood 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  
- [ ] Built up  
- [ ] Tile  
- [ ] Other metal

**Number of Stories:** 1 1/2, B  
**Approximate Dimensions:** 30' x 40'

**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: Stone walls

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: Kristen Young Date 4/10/2013
View: Multiple Views Negative on File CTHP
Name: Kristen Young Date 7/15/2013
Organization: Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation
Address: 940 Whitney Avenue, Hamden CT 06517

• Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude, Longitude:
41.719815, -72.969517

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

This barn sits on 38 acres of land on the east side of East Chippens Hill Road, which runs north-south. The long driveway extends to the east off the road, leads past the north gable-end of the barn, and ends at the west side of the house. The modern house on the site is set downhill, approximately 100 feet from the road. To the west of the house, up the hill and sitting close to the road, is the barn. Directly to the south of the barn is the milk house. Across the road (on the west side of East Chippens Hill Road) is the farmhouse with which this barn was originally associated. Forested land runs along the east side of the property, and stone walls are visible throughout the property.

The house with which the barn is now associated was built c. 2000. The original house with which this barn was associated was built in the 19th century, but has had many additions and changes made. This house is located at 187 East Chippens Hill Road.

This property is located in the southern section of Burlington, across the road from the intersection of Valley View Lane and East Chippens Hill Road. It is a half mile to the north of the border of Bristol, and Nassahogon State Forest is approximately three miles to the northeast. Approximately four miles to the north of the property is the center of Burlington. Hart's Corner Historic District is also located in the southern section of Burlington, but is approximately three and a half miles to the east. Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area is found directly to the northeast of the property. The immediate surrounding includes forested land to the north, east, and west, with housing developments and some open fields to the south. Other sites included in the current thematic nomination of Agricultural Heritage resources include: the Louis Barnes Farmstead at 39 Barnes Hill Road, the Hogans Cider Mill at 522 Spielman Highway, the Dr. Peres Mann Farmstead at 57 Miller Road, and the Neumann Barn at 185 West Chippens Hill Road.

• 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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<td>Milk house</td>
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Barn:

This is an approximately 30’ x 40’, 1 ½-story with basement, three-bay gable-roofed English bank barn from the 18th-century. The ridge-line runs approximately north-south, parallel with East Chippens Hill Road. The barn is sheathed in vertical wood siding painted red with white trim. It has a concrete and fieldstone foundation, and the roof is metal. An addition was added to the north gable-end during the 19th-century but has since been removed due to its deteriorated state.

Exterior:

The west eave-side of the barn faces the road and has a large exterior-hung sliding-door centered on this side. Just above it, directly below the eave, is a set of three four-pane windows with trim and shutters. In the south bay is a sign that reads “Pleasant View Farm est. 1740.”

The grade declines sharply along the south gable-end of the barn revealing a full basement. In the west corner is a side-hinged pass-through door (at the upper grade just before it drops). To the east, in the basement level of the barn, is a side-hinged pass-through door. An eight-pane window with trim is in the gable attic.

The east eave-side of the barn faces the house. The grade begins to incline at the north corner of the barn. There are no features or openings along this side.
The grade inclines near the west corner of the north gable-end of the barn. An exterior-hung sliding door is in the basement level of the north gable-end of the barn. In the gable attic is a six-pane window with trim.

**Interior:**

The interior of the barn is accessed by the sliding door on the west eave-side. This barn has a typical English barn layout where the middle bay was once used for threshing and the outer bays were used for storage and housing of animals. It has wood plank floors and walls, and a post-and-beam frame with some gunstock posts. Tie-girts are dropped and attached to corner posts by mortise and tenon joints with tree nails. Hand hewn marks are found on the timbers throughout the barn. Circular saw marks are visible on the timbers that were added in modern times. Queen posts support purlin plates at the mid-span of the rafters. Common rafters meet at the peak with a hand hewn ridge-pole. Hand hewn marks on the timbers, a hand hewn ridge-pole, and gunstock posts are all indications of an 18th-century construction date for this barn. Built-in ladders are found in both the north and south bays.

The basement of the barn is accessed by the sliding-door on the north gable-end of the barn. Wood plank walls and a dirt and concrete floor are found throughout. Whitewash is still extant indicating a dairy use of the barn. Circular saw and hand hewn marks are visible on the timbers. What was once a staircase in the southwest corner leads to the upper floor but has since been made non-functional.

• 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 is an outstanding example of an 18th-century English bank barn. The barn has been a part of this property for over 200 years. It gains significance through its association with the Radun family, a German immigrant family.

**Historical background:**

A Baker & Tilden 1869 map of Burlington reveals Thompson Root (presumably Jairus Thompson Root) to be the owner of this property. According to cemetery records, Evelina (Curtiss) was the wife of J.T. Root and died in 1881. This same Evelina Root, who died in 1881, was listed as marrying Thompson Root. Jairus Thompson Root died in 1917, and Amelia and Adolph Radun purchased this property c. 1920.

Amelia and Adolph Radun moved to the United States from Germany c. 1914. They originally settled in Ohio before moving to Connecticut to be closer to Amelia’s sister who resided in Hartford. After purchasing this property, Amelia and Adolph ran a dairy farm which occupied land on both sides of East Chippens Hill Road and totaled 101 acres. Out of the Raduns’ seven children, it was Albert Radun who took over the management of the farm in the late 20th-century. Albert Radun married Hedwig Anna Vorwerk in 1952 and had two children, Vonda and Arthur. Vonda and her husband Robert DeVeau currently own the property.

During Albert Radun’s management of the farm, it continued to function as a dairy farm and also boarded horses. Pumpkins, cucumbers, and melons were grown for sale while corn and hay were produced as feed for the animals. In the 1990s, Albert Radun sold his cows as he was unable to continue management of the farm. In the late 1990s, the DeVeau family acquired the property. In 2009, Renard Thompson of Bring Back Barns, performed extensive restoration work on the barn; however, much of the original fabric of the frame was maintained. Thompson noted the 18th-century construction date and stated it had been moved to its current location. It is the belief the barn came from a different location on the farm. In the 19th-century, an addition was added to the north gable-end of the barn but was removed in 2009 due to its deteriorated state. Currently, the barn is used for storage.
Architectural significance:

This is an outstanding example of an 18th-century English bank barn. Although this barn underwent extensive restoration work, much of the original frame remains intact. It has remained in its current location for over 100 years and stands as an example of a time when this area was widely farmed. The hand hewn marks on a majority of the timbers, the hand hewn ridge-pole, as well as the gunstock posts are rare features in barns today due to very few 18th-century barns surviving to the 21st century.

The property gains significance through its association with the Radun family. The Radun family emigrated from Germany and purchased property in Connecticut during a time when many farm families were leaving this area. Immigrant farmers like the Raduns helped the rise of the agricultural economy during the late 19th- and early 20th-century. Furthermore, a member of the Radun family continues to own this property, which has remained in this family for almost 100 years.

Sources:

Photographs and field notes by Kristen Young - 4/10/2013.
Interview with Vonda DeVeau - 4/10/2013, 184 East Chippens Hill Rd, Burlington, CT.

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5. North context view of the house (in the distance to the left) and the barn (on the right). Camera facing south.

6. Southwest context view of the Barn (in the background) and the Milk house (in the foreground). Camera facing northeast.


17. Interior view of the southeast corner of the Barn. Note the post-and-beam frame with mortise and tenon joints pegged together with tree nails. Camera facing southeast.

18. Interior view of the east eave-side of the barn. Note the gunstock post and post and beam frame. Camera facing east.

20. Interior view of the roof of the barn. Note the hand hewn ridge-pole and hand hewn common rafters.

22. Interior view of the southeast corner of the barn. Note the whitewash on the ceiling. Camera facing southeast.
23. Aerial context view from the mid-20th-century of the original farmhouse (in the foreground), the Barn (towards the top left hand corner), the Milk house directly to the right of the Barn, and other outbuildings which are no longer extant. Camera facing northwest. Courtesy of Vonda DeVeau.


26. Historic photograph of the south gable-end and east eave-side of the barn taken during the mid-20th century. Note the addition and silo that are no longer extant. Camera facing northwest. Courtesy of Vonda DeVeau.
27. Southwest context view of the barn and milk house taken during the late 20th-century. Camera facing northeast. Courtesy of Vonda DeVeau.