

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES  
HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
(203) 566-3005

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic)	
Private residence	Valley Falls Farm	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY
Vernon		Tolland
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		
345 Valley Falls Road		
4. OWNER(S)		
Peter & Morris Darico (559 Bolton Rd. Vernon, CT 06066)	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present)	(Historic)	
Two-family dwelling	Farmhouse	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, EXPLAIN
7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Greek Revival	c.1850	

DESCRIPTION

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	foundation at ells	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone		
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: granite foundation		
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon		
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
10. ROOF (Type)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
(Material)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
1 1/2	56 ft. x 23 ft.	
12. CONDITION (Structural)	(Exterior)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
13. INTEGRITY (Location)	WHEN ?	(Alterations)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	IF YES, EXPLAIN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)	screened porch	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden	Related buildings converted from earlier agricultural uses; Stable, Piggery, Root cellar	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	Manure pit, ice house, woodshed.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site		
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density		
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		

Located on rural road, ridge parallel to street, in close proximity to Valley Falls Barn across the Road.

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DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

The main block of the house faces south with its ridge parallel to the facade. It rests on a granite foundation. Ells extend west and north. The west ell features a porch with turned posts, square balusters and sawn brackets. Windows have two-over-two sash; the entry door features wide pilasters and a panelled wood door. The most significant outbuilding is a large stable at the rear which has smooth, vertical siding, eight-over-eight windows, and a belvedere. Other outbuildings have been converted to garages and storage sheds.

SIGNIFICANCE

18. ARCHITECT

Unknown

BUILDER

Unknown

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Owned in the nineteenth century by Anson Lyman, probably the original builder, the farm was purchased in 1915 by Mary Batterson Beach who built a summer home on Bolton Road and maintained a working farm under a manager. Today, the farm is no longer in operation, the farmhouse is rented, and the outbuildings stand empty, but the buildings and the adjacent fields have been well-maintained by the present property owners.

SOURCES

1853, 1869 maps.  
Vernon Land Records 43:588, April 2, 1915.



PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER

S. Ardis Abbott

DATE

4/23/94

VIEW

NEGATIVE ON FILE

Looking south & west Roll 1, Neg. 6 & 8

COMPILED BY

NAME

Valley Falls Farm Study Comm.

DATE

Jan. 1995

ORGANIZATION

Vernon Local Historic Properties Commission

ADDRESS

14 Park Place, Rockville, CT 06066



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- ☒ None known ☐ Highways ☐ Vandalism ☐ Developers ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Renewal ☐ Private ☐ Deterioration ☐ Zoning ☐ Explanation \_\_\_\_\_



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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
Valley Falls Barn		same	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Vernon		Tolland	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
Valley Falls Road			
4. OWNER(S)			
Town of Vernon			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Storage		Barn	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Bank barn		1911	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Vertical Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round
(Material)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
1 1/2		50 ft. x 60 ft.	
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
(Exterior)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ?	(Alterations)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
		Silo removed, date unknown	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
Park pavilion			
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			

Located on rural road, ridge perpendicular to road in close proximity to Valley Falls Farm across the road.

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DESCRIPTION (Continued)

## 17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

The barn features a rectangular plan and a wood-shingled gambrel roof with ventilating cupola at the mid-point of the ridge. It has overhanging eaves and rakes, smooth, vertical pine siding and a stone foundation. Its post and beam frame appears to be recycled from an earlier structure. The plan is that of a traditional bank barn with access from the road to both levels with livestock housed on the lower level.

SIGNIFICANCE

## 18. ARCHITECT

none

## BUILDER

Unknown

## 19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This barn was once a part of Valley Falls Farm, and appears to have been built on the site of an earlier barn. Today it is a part of Valley Falls Park and is being restored as a nature center.

SOURCES

Interview with Peter Darico, November, 1993.  
Date carved in lintel over door, 1911.  
Vernon Land Records, 3:390.

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## PHOTOGRAPHER

## DATE

S. Ardis Abbott

4/23/94

## VIEW

## NEGATIVE ON FILE

North Elevation

Roll 2, Neg. 9

## NAME

## DATE

Valley Falls Farm Study Comm.

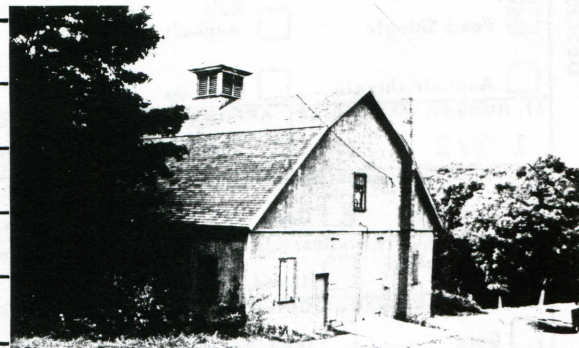
Jan. 1995

## ORGANIZATION

Vernon Local Historic Properties Commission

## ADDRESS

14 Park Place, Rockville, CT 06066



## 20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

## 21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

☐ None known☐ Highways☐ Vandalism☐ Developers☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_☐ Renewal☐ Private☒ Deterioration☐ Zoning☐ Explanation \_\_\_\_\_



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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic)
Valley Falls Park	Valley Falls Farm
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE
Vernon	Tolland
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	
Valley Falls Rd.	
4. OWNER(S)	
Town of Vernon	
5. USE (Present)	
Public Recreation	
(Historic)	
Farm	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Open to public use
7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
n/a	1964 (Park Pavilion)


DESCRIPTION

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> n/a <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
10. ROOF (Type)	n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
(Material)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
n/a	193 acres
12. CONDITION (Structural)	(Exterior)
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)	WHEN ? (Alterations)
<input type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)	n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden	Park pavilion, facilities
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS	

Valley Falls Park straddles the valley between the NY, NH & HRR right-of-way on the west and the ridge along Bolton Road on the east. Surrounding properties serve to delineate the edges of the park and the historic district.

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DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (Interior and/or exterior)		
	<p>The park consists of 193 acres of open space watered by Railroad Brook, a small stream which flows through the park, dropping from an elevation of 571 feet at Notch Pond in Bolton to an elevation of 343 feet at Valley Falls Pond. The brook is bordered by steep slopes on the west and rolling hills on the east. The pond is used by the town as a public swimming pool. Beach sand has been introduced on the north bank. The park is also used for hiking on marked trails. Natural vegetation and second-growth forest has been preserved.</p>		
SIGNIFICANCE	18. ARCHITECT		BUILDER
	n/a		n/a
SIGNIFICANCE	19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE		
	<p>The park was once a part of the mid-nineteenth century Valley Falls farm of Anson Lyman. In the mid-nineteenth century the brook was dammed and a pond created to provide water power for a mill. In the 1870s the brook was used as a fish hatchery. Later the farm became a summer retreat for the Beach family of Hartford. Today it is used for public recreation by the town of Vernon.</p>		
SOURCES	<p>Map of Vernon, 1853, 1869. Interview with Peter Darico, November, 1993. Vernon Land Records</p>		
COMPILED BY PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER		DATE
	S. Ardis Abbott		Sept., 1994
	VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE	
	Looking southeast	Roll 2, Neg. 8	
	NAME		DATE
COMPILED BY	Valley Falls Farm Study Comm.		Jan. 1995
	ORGANIZATION		
	Vernon Local Historic Properties Commission		
ADDRESS			
14 Park Place, Rockville, CT 06066			
20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS			
21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known <input type="checkbox"/> Highways <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism <input type="checkbox"/> Developers <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning <input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____			



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Town No.:	146	Site No.:	04												
UTM	1	8	7	1	2	2	8	0	4	6	3	3	1	0	0
QUAD:	Rockville														
NR:	<input type="checkbox"/> ACT	<input type="checkbox"/> ELIG.	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	DISTRICT											
SR:	<input type="checkbox"/> ACT	<input type="checkbox"/> ELIG.	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No											
STATE SITE NO.								CAS NO.							

IDENTIFICATION

1. SITE NAME	Valley Falls Company		
2. TOWN/CITY	Vernon	VILLAGE	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	Valley Falls Road		
4. OWNER(S)	Town of Vernon		
5. ATTITUDE TOWARD EXCAVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private		
6. USE (Present)	Passive recreation		
7A. PERIOD	(Historic) Saw/Oil/Cotton Mills		

DESCRIPTION

7B. ESTIMATED OCCUPATION RANGE	1740-1877		
8. DATING METHOD	DOCUMENTS	COMPARATIVE MATERIALS	OTHER
9. SITE TYPE	Land Records		
10. APPROXIMATE SIZE AND BOUNDARIES	Bounded on the north by Valley Falls Road, on the west by Railroad Brook, east by a paved parking area, south by a 9 acre pond.		
11. STRATIGRAPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> No Visible evidence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standing ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Stratified <input type="checkbox"/> Not stratified <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
12. SOIL	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface finds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cellar hole <input type="checkbox"/> Plowed <input type="checkbox"/> Major Disturbance		

ENVIRONMENT

12. SOIL	USDA SOIL SERIES	CONTOUR ELEVATION	SLOPE %
13. WATER	TEXTURE	350'	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-5 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-15 <input type="checkbox"/> 15-25 <input type="checkbox"/> over 25
14. VEGETATION	<input type="checkbox"/> sand <input type="checkbox"/> clay <input type="checkbox"/> Silt <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)	ACIDITY	<input type="checkbox"/> less than 4.5 <input type="checkbox"/> 4.5-5.5 <input type="checkbox"/> 5.6-6.5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6.6-7.3 <input type="checkbox"/> 7.4-8.4
15. SITE INTEGRITY	NEAREST WATER SOURCE	SIZE AND SPEED	DISTANCE FROM SITE
16. THREATS TO SITE	Railroad Brook	small/slow	20'
17. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	PRESENT	PAST	SEASONABLE AVAILABILITY
18. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC-VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	mixed	cleared	year round

CONDITION

15. SITE INTEGRITY	<input type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed		
16. THREATS TO SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> None known <input type="checkbox"/> Highways <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vandalism <input type="checkbox"/> Developers <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
17. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
18. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC-VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	<input type="checkbox"/> Open Land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Buildings visible from site.		
19. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC-VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density		
20. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC-VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal <input type="checkbox"/> Isolated		
21. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC-VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

RESEARCH POTENTIAL	19. PREVIOUS EXCAVATIONS		BY WHOM/AFFILIATION	DATE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Collected	N/A		
	<input type="checkbox"/> "Pot hunted"	BY WHOM/AFFILIATION		DATE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tested	BY WHOM/AFFILIATION		DATE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excavation	BY WHOM/AFFILIATION		DATE
SIGNIFICANCE	20. PRESENT LOCATION OF MATERIALS			
	N/A			
	21. PUBLISHED REFERENCES			
	History of Tolland County, Tolland County Journal			
PHOTOGRAPH	22. RECOVERED DATA (Identify IN DETAIL, including structures, related outbuildings, landscape features, etc.).			
	<p>This site consists of above ground remains of three consecutive mill sites that occupied the area from 1741 until 1877.</p> <p>The features include remains of two stone foundations, one with stairs leading down to a cellar hole, a dam, pond, and stone wall.</p>			
ADD'L INFORMATION	23. ARCHAEOLOGICAL OR HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE			
	<p>This site represents 136 years of water powered industry.</p> <p>An archaeological investigation would help to determine the specific ways in which different manufacturers utilized a limited land base, while providing additional insight about the variety of Connecticut's mill industries</p> <p>See attached page for additional historical information</p>			
PHOTOGRAPH	PHOTOGRAPHER			
	DATE			
	VIEW			
	NEGATIVE ON FILE			
REPORTED BY:		NAME	ADDRESS	DATE
		Ardis Abbot/R. Charpentier	Vernon/ Storrs	12/94
		Vernon Historical Society/Office of State Archaeology		
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FIELD EVALUATION				
COMMENTS				





## Valley Falls Company

This site represents the remains of three consecutive and dissimilar mills that occupied this area from 1741 until 1877.

Bolton Town records show that on March 5, 1741 Stephen Johns deeded to Hugh Johns, land including Hugh John's sawmill.

On September 11, 1794 Ezekiel Olcott transferred to Levi Carpenter, Samuel Field, John Olcott and Samuel Cooley, a piece of land or mill place "where Hugh Johns formerly had a saw mill, with privilege to repair dam, of ponding and flowing sufficient to a mill"

Vernon records show through transfers, that between 1816 until 1850 the mill was operating as an oil mill, which manufactured linseed oil from flax seed.

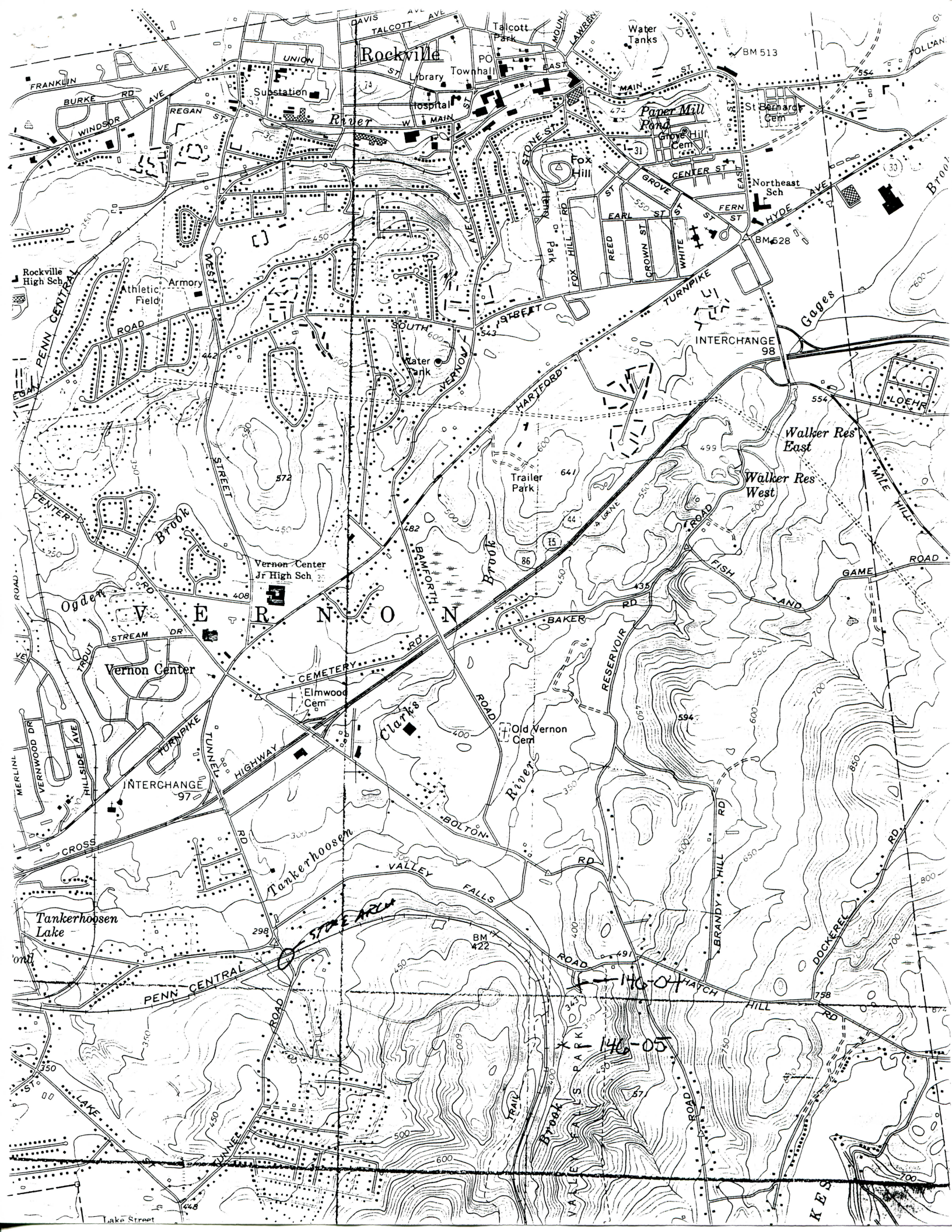
In 1850, Josiah Hammond sold an oil mill on "Box Brook", now known as Railroad Brook to the Valley Falls company for \$75.00.

In 1851 a 999 year lease was granted by Ira Thrall to the Valley Falls Company for rights to convey water from the millwheel of their mill and through the ditch and tailrace and across the meadow. It was at this time that the oil mill was converted into a textile mill. Vernon records also note the granting of rights to raise the level of the dam indicating that the Valley Falls Company did not own the source of their water power.

In 1851, Anson Lyman began buying property in the area, including the pond but not the land on which the Valley Falls Factory was located. In 1859, the Valley Falls Company took out a mortgage with the Savings Bank of Rockville. A year later Lebbeus Bissell, agent for the Valley Falls Company, transferred 4 acres, the factory, a stone house and machinery to William Ladd. Ladd then transferred 1/4 interest in the property to Charles Ladd. Daniel Fairman bought out William Ladd and the business was operated under the name D.F. Fairman Co. When the factory burned on February 3, 1877, the mill was again owned by Charles Ladd who had bought out Fairman. Ladd had leased the mill to one "Briggs" who was living in the adjacent boarding house which was saved while while the two storey, 32 X 72 wood frame mill burned to the ground.

While the mill prospered, the surrounding farm land was being worked. Anson Lyman whose name the property bore for some time, began accumulating land. He also owned shares in the oil mill and deeded 9 acres of his land to The Hartford, and Providence Railroad for \$113.00. Lyman also owned the dam which provided water power for the mill. At the time of his death he had accumulated about 150 acres. In 1870, the 150 acres became the property of Samuel Bradley, a man very active in the area of real estate. In 1871, Bradley sold the 150 acres to Christian Sharps, who is best known as the inventor of the Sharps rifle used in the Civil War, for \$9,000.00 and took back a mortgage on the property. Bradley reserved the right to live in the







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	5	4	6
	3	2	7
	2	5	
QUAD: <b>Rockville</b>			
NR:	<input type="checkbox"/> ACT	<input type="checkbox"/> ELIG.	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
SR:	<input type="checkbox"/> ACT	<input type="checkbox"/> ELIG.	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
DISTRICT			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

IDENTIFICATION	1. SITE NAME <b>Sharp's Trout Hatchery</b>		STATE SITE NO.		CAS NO.		
	2. TOWN/CITY <b>Vernon</b>		VILLAGE		COUNTY <b>Tolland</b>		
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) <b>Valley Falls Road - w/in Valley Falls Park</b>						
	4. OWNER(S) <b>Town of Vernon</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private						
	5. ATTITUDE TOWARD EXCAVATION <b>Unknown</b>						
	6. USE (Present) <b>passive recreation</b> (Historic) <b>trout hatchery</b>						
DESCRIPTION	7A. PERIOD <input type="checkbox"/> Contact <input type="checkbox"/> 17th C. <input type="checkbox"/> 18th C. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th C. <input type="checkbox"/> 20th C. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)						
	7B. ESTIMATED OCCUPATION RANGE <b>1871-1874</b>						
	8. DATING METHOD		DOCUMENTS		COMPARATIVE MATERIALS		
			<b>land records 16-529</b>				
	9. SITE TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> Contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Agrarian <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown						
	10. APPROXIMATE SIZE AND BOUNDARIES <b>625 square feet</b> <b>site is bounded on north by 9 acre pond south, west, and east by woodlands</b>						
	11. STRATIGRAPHY <input type="checkbox"/> No Visible evidence <input type="checkbox"/> Standing ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Stratified <input type="checkbox"/> Not stratified <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <b>penstock/holding pool</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Surface finds <input type="checkbox"/> Cellar hole <input type="checkbox"/> Plowed <input type="checkbox"/> Major Disturbance						
	ENVIRONMENT	12. SOIL		USDA SOIL SERIES		CONTOUR ELEVATION	
						<b>350'</b>	
		TEXTURE		OTHER (Specify)		SLOPE %	
<input type="checkbox"/> sand <input type="checkbox"/> clay <input type="checkbox"/> Silt <input type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0-5 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-15 <input type="checkbox"/> 15-25 <input type="checkbox"/> over 25			
	13. WATER		NEAREST WATER SOURCE		SIZE AND SPEED		
			<b>Railroad Brook</b>		<b>small/medium</b>		
			DISTANCE FROM SITE		SEASONABLE AVAILABILITY		
CONDITION	14. VEGETATION		PRESENT		PAST		
			<b>mixed</b>		<b>mixed</b>		
	15. SITE INTEGRITY <input type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed						
	16. THREATS TO SITE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known <input type="checkbox"/> Highways <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism <input type="checkbox"/> Developers <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown						
17. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Open Land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodland <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Buildings visible from site. <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal <input type="checkbox"/> Isolated							
18. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC-VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>not visible from road</b>							

RESEARCH POTENTIAL	19. PREVIOUS EXCAVATIONS	BY WHOM/AFFILIATION	DATE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Collected	N/A	
	<input type="checkbox"/> "Pot hunted"	BY WHOM/AFFILIATION	DATE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tested	BY WHOM/AFFILIATION	DATE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excavation	BY WHOM/AFFILIATION	DATE

20. PRESENT LOCATION OF MATERIALS

N/A

21. PUBLISHED REFERENCES

Tolland County Journal, Rockville, CT July 25, 1873 - page 2

22. RECOVERED DATA (Identify IN DETAIL, including structures, related outbuildings, landscape features, etc.).

At least one holding pool visible with attached penstock built on Railroad Brook, which empties into 9 acre pond

23. ARCHAEOLOGICAL OR HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE

Christain Sharp was best known as the inventor of the Sharp's rifle used during the Civil War. During the 1870s, Sharp started a trout breeding hatchery along Box Brook (now Railroad Brook). This hatchery contained an employee's cottage, breeding/holding pools, and penstocks for a business which could produce 300,000 trout per year.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Ardis Abbot

DATE

1994

VIEW

penstock

NEGATIVE ON FILE



ADD'L INFORMATION

This site is an unusual example of a small commercial industry, and an early example of modern day wildlife resource management techniques. The joint use of the water-ways with the Valley Falls cotton mill helps illustrate the sharing of available resources in Eastern Connecticut.

Please see attached sheet for additional Historical information.

REPORTED BY:	NAME	ADDRESS
	Ardis Abbot/R. Charpentier	Vernon/Storrs
	ORGANIZATION	DATE
	Vernon Historical Society/Office of State Archaeology	12/94

FIELD EVALUATION

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COMMENTS



## Sharp Trout Hatchery

Christian Sharp was best known as the inventor of the Sharp's rifle, a weapon carried by John Brown in Harper's Ferry. These rifles were called "Beecher's Bibles" in Kansas, because they were shipped there from New England in boxes marked "Bibles". Sharp's rifles were considered one of the finest carried by Union soldiers during the Civil War.

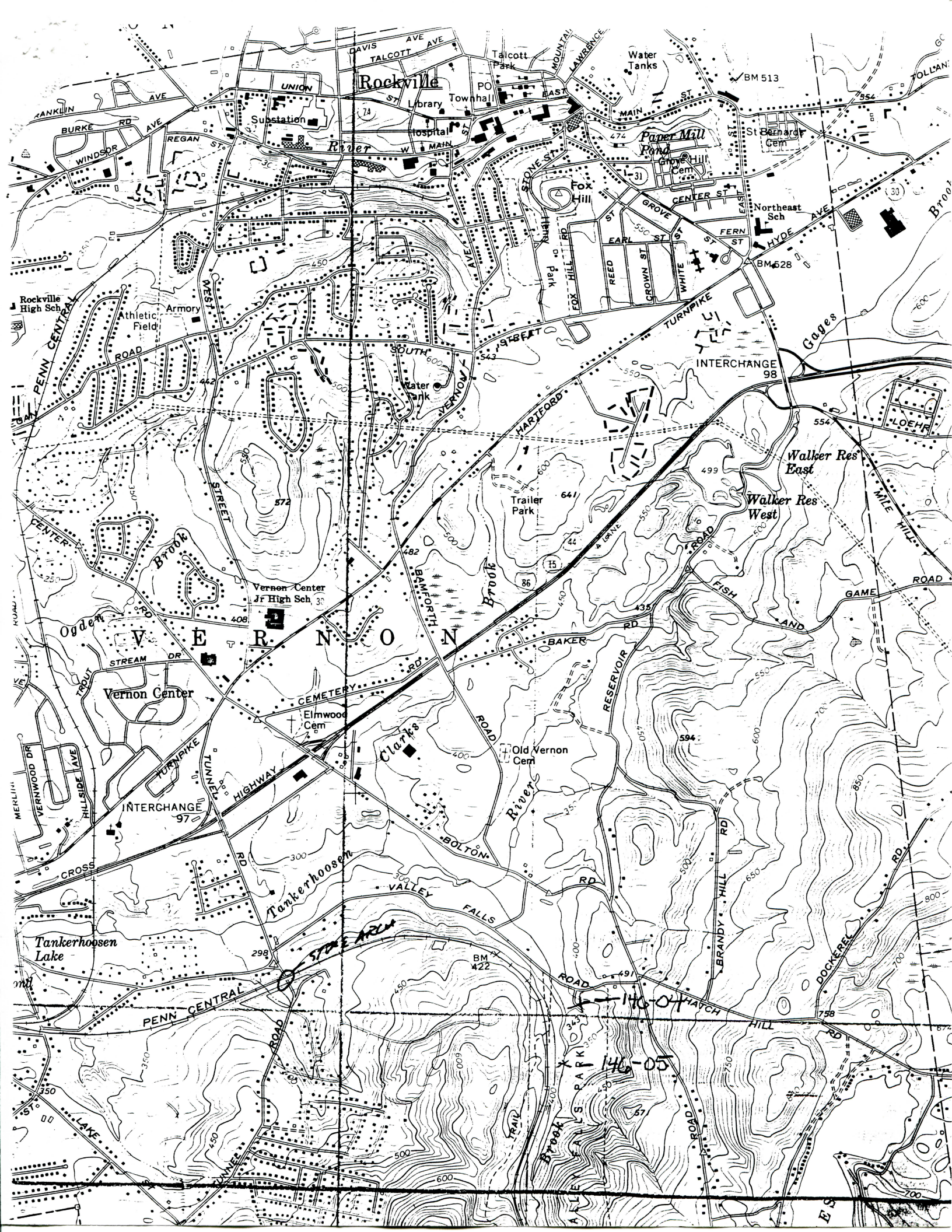
Sharps rifles were manufactured in Hartford for some time. But Sharp left the company and moved to Philadelphia where he manufactured pistols. At the time he moved to Vernon, about 1871, his Philadelphia factory was still producing side arms.

Sharp established a trout breeding business on the "Anson Lyman" farm in Vernon. He built a cottage at the south end of the pond and installed pools, penstocks and a hatching facility. He had the capacity to hatch 300,000 trout in a single year. Sharps sold trout eggs and had planned to sell young trout later on. Sharps died of Tuberculosis in 1874 and the facility was abandoned. Some of the penstocks from this trout farm are still visible today.

A Tolland County Journal article dating 1873, and titled Trout Breeding in Vernon, described Sharp's Hatchery:

"A one story house had been built, particularly for the use of the man in charge, nights. There is the hatching house, furnished with galvanized iron troughs, through which fresh water is continually flowing. Col. Sharp has prepared numerous little pens or flumes, all carefully guarded with screens made of fine wire cloth for keeping the young broods in their allotted quarters."







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Town No.:		Site No.:	
UTM			
QUAD:			
DISTRICT		IF NR, SPECIFY	
<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	<input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
Private residence		Valley Falls Farm-Tenant House	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Vernon		Tolland	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
479 Bolton Road			
4. OWNER(S)			
Anna K. Shea			
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
One-family dwelling		same	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

☐ Public ☒ Private

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Greek Revival		c.1840	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
1 1/2		46 ft. X 20 ft.	
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ? (Alterations)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	See 479 Bolton Rd.r.
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			

Located on rural road, ridge parallel to road, few neighboring houses visible from site.

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

## 17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

The main block of the house faces the street with its ridge parallel to the facade. The symmetrical facade features frieze windows and an entry flanked by pilasters and sheltered by an overhanging cornice..

SIGNIFICANCE

## 18. ARCHITECT

Unknown

## BUILDER

Unknown

## 19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was probably built by Ansom Lyman sometime after he purchased the property in 1836. Later it became a tenant house and Anson Lyman lived in farmhouse on the opposite side of the road.

SOURCES

1853, 1869 Maps  
Vernon Land Records, 4:181, April 7, 1836.

PHOTO

## PHOTOGRAPHER

S. Ardis Abbott

## DATE

4/23/94

## VIEW

East elevation

## NEGATIVE ON FILE

Roll 1, Neg.12.

COMPILED BY

## NAME

Valley Falls Study Comm.

## DATE

Jan. 1955

## ORGANIZATION

Vernon Local Historic Properties Comm.

## ADDRESS

14 Park Place, Rockville, CT 06066



## 20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

## 21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

☒ None known☐ Highways☐ Vandalism☐ Developers☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_☐ Renewal☐ Private☐ Deterioration☐ Zoning☐ Explanation \_\_\_\_\_



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DISTRICT		IF NR, SPECIFY	
<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	<input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
	Private Residence		Garage	
	2. TOWN/CITY		VILLAGE	
	Vernon		Tolland	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
	479 Bolton Road, rear			
	4. OWNER(S)			
	Anne K. Shea			
	5. USE (Present)			
	One-family dwelling			
DESCRIPTION	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	Colonial Revival		c.1915	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____			
	9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
	10. ROOF (Type)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ (Material) <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
1 1/2		40 ft. x 31 ft.		
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ? (Alterations)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) see 479 Bolton Rd. <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden				
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT				
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density				
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS				
Located at rear of lot, adjacent to main house (479 Bolton Rd.), few neighboring houses visible from site.				

(OVER)



DESCRIPTION (Continued)

## 17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

The main Block of this former garage features a steeply pitched roof with a central cupola. The former entry doors open to a protected porch leading to the apartment..

SIGNIFICANCE

## 18. ARCHITECT

Unknown

## BUILDER

Unknown

## 19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This former garage was built for Mary Beach to house the two automobiles used by the Beach family.

SOURCES

"Childhood Recollections of Valley Falls Farm, 1925-1951." Tape-recorded interview with Elizabeth B. Shepard and Beverly B. Eaton, June 30, 1994.

PHOTO

## PHOTOGRAPHER

S. Ardis Abbott

## DATE

4/23/94

## VIEW

Southeast corner

## NEGATIVE ON FILE

Roll 1, Neg. 14.

COMPILED BY

## NAME

Valley Falls Farm Study Comm.

## DATE

Jan. 1995

## ORGANIZATION

Vernon Local Historic Properties Commission

## ADDRESS

14 Park Place, Rockville, CT 06066



## 20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

## 21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- ☒ None known    ☐ Highways    ☐ Vandalism    ☐ Developers    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Renewal    ☐ Private    ☐ Deterioration    ☐ Zoning    ☐ Explanation \_\_\_\_\_



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IF NR, SPECIFY

☐ S

☐ NR

☐ Actual

☐ Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)

Private residence

(Historic)

2. TOWN/CITY

Vernon

VILLAGE

COUNTY

Tolland

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)

487 Bolton Road

4. OWNER(S)

Susan M. Purdy

☐ Public

☒ Private

5. USE (Present)

One-family dwelling

(Historic)

same

6. ACCESSIBILITY  
TO PUBLIC:

EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD

☒ Yes

☐ No

INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE

☐ Yes

☒ No

IF YES, EXPLAIN

7. STYLE OF BUILDING

late 20th C. Colonial Revival

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION

1987

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

☒ Clapboard

☐ Asbestos Siding

☐ Brick

☐ Other  
(Specify)

☐ Wood Shingle

☐ Asphalt Siding

☐ Fieldstone

☐ Board & Batten

☐ Stucco

☐ Cobblestone

☐ Aluminum  
Siding

☐ Concrete  
Type:

☐ Cut stone  
Type:

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

☒ Wood frame

☐ Post and beam

☐ balloon

☐ Load bearing masonry

☐ Structural iron or steel

☒ Other (Specify) platform

10. ROOF (Type)

☒ Gable

☐ Flat

☐ Mansard

☐ Monitor

☐ sawtooth

☐ Gambrel

☐ Shed

☐ Hip

☐ Round

☐ Other  
(Specify)

(Material)

☐ Wood Shingle

☐ Roll  
Asphalt

☐ Tin

☐ Slate

☒ Asphalt shingle

☐ Built up

☐ Tile

☐ Other  
(Specify)

11. NUMBER OF STORIES

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS

1 1/2

52 ft. x 29 ft. (+ garage)

12. CONDITION (Structural)

(Exterior)

☒ Excellent

☐ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated

☒ Excellent

☐ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location)

WHEN ?

(Alterations)

IF YES, EXPLAIN

☒ On original  
site

☐ Moved

☐ Yes

☒ No

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

☐ Barn

☐ Shed

☒ Garage  
2-car

☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)

☐ Carriage  
house

☐ Shop

☐ Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

☐ Open land

☐ Wood-  
land

☒ Residential

☒ Scattered buildings visible from site

☐ Commercial

☐ Indus-  
trial

☒ Rural

☐ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

Located on rural road, ridge parallel to road, few neighboring  
houses visible from site.

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

This house features a symmetrical five-bay facade, a steeply pitched roof, and a street-facing garage typical of late 20th century house styles.

SIGNIFICANCE

18. ARCHITECT

Unknown

BUILDER

Unknown

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built after Valley Falls Farm was sold and new building lots were created along Bolton Road.

SOURCES

Vernon Land Records, 649:83

PHOTO  
COMPILED BY

PHOTOGRAPHER

S. Ardis Abbott

DATE

4/23/94

VIEW

East Elevation

NEGATIVE ON FILE

Roll 1, Neg. 15

NAME

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DATE

Jan. 1995

ORGANIZATION

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ADDRESS

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- ☒ None known    ☐ Highways    ☐ Vandalism    ☐ Developers    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Renewal    ☐ Private    ☐ Deterioration    ☐ Zoning    ☐ Explanation \_\_\_\_\_





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DISTRICT		IF NR, SPECIFY	
<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	<input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
Private Residence		Dr. Charles C. Beach House	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Vernon		Tolland	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
507 Bolton Road			
4. OWNER(S)			
Carroll N. Burke			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
One-family dwelling		same	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Colonial Revival		1915	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round
(Material)			<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
2 1/2		98 Ft. x 39 ft.	
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
(Exterior)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good
		<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ?	(Alterations)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garden	pool, winterized cottage
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
Located on rural road, ridge parallel to road, view to park at rear, few neighboring houses visible from site.			

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

The main block of the house has an L-shaped plan; the primary ridge parallels the facade. It features a large stone chimney centered on the south end. The roof has a moderate pitch; the boxed cornice sits on a classical frieze. The entry portico features round Doric columns and pilasters supporting a frieze and cornice with large modillioned brackets. The panelled entry door is flanked by sidelights.

SIGNIFICANCE

18. ARCHITECT

Edward T. Hapgood, Hartford, CT

BUILDER

Unknown

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This was the main house built for the Beaches when they purchased the farm in 1915. It was used as a summer retreat for the family until after the Second World War. It was then used as a permanent home for Brigadier General Charles B. Beach until the property was sold in 1958.

SOURCES

The Architecture of Melvin H. Hapgood and Edward T. Hapgood,  
Catalog of Exhibit, 1992, The Stowe-Day Foundation, Hartford, Conn., p.32.

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PHOTOGRAPHER

DATE

S. Ardis Abbott

4/23/94

VIEW

NEGATIVE ON FILE

Northeast corner

Roll 1, Neg. 18

NAME

DATE

Valley Falls Farm Study Comm.

Jan. 1995

ORGANIZATION

Vernon Local Historic Properties Commission

ADDRESS

14 Park Place, Rockville, CT 06066



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known	<input type="checkbox"/> Highways	<input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> Developers	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____



# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

## BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
(203) 566-3005

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
Private residence		Maisonette	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Vernon		Tolland	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
507 Bolton Road			
4. OWNER(S)			
Carroll N. Burke			
5. USE (Present)			
One-family dwelling			
(Historic)			
Maids' Cottage			
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Colonial Revival		c 1915	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round
(Material)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
1 1/2		35 ft. x 20 ft	
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ? (Alterations)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
		winterized cottage	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) deck
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garden	see 507 Bolton Rd.
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			

Located on rural road, adjacent to main house, with ridge parallel to road, few neighboring houses visible from site.

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

## 17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

This small cottage has a rectangular plan with a gabled bay projecting toward the street. Its details are simple; its roof is shallow.

SIGNIFICANCE

## 18. ARCHITECT

Unknown

## BUILDER

Unknown

## 19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This cottage was built for Mrs. Beach to provide sleeping quarters for household staff.

SOURCES

"Childhood Recollections of Valley Falls Farm, 1925-1951." Tape recorded interview with Elizabeth B. Shepard and Beverly B. Eaton, June 30, 1994.

PHOTO

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## PHOTOGRAPHER

S. Ardis Abbott

## DATE

4/23/94

## VIEW

East elevation

## NEGATIVE ON FILE

Roll 1, Neg. 16.

## NAME

Valley Falls Farm Study Comm.

## DATE

Jan. 1995

## ORGANIZATION

Vernon Local Historic Properties Commission

## ADDRESS

14 Park Place, Rockville, CT 06066



## 20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

## 21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- ☒ None known ☐ Highways ☐ Vandalism ☐ Developers ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Renewal ☐ Private ☐ Deterioration ☐ Zoning ☐ Explanation \_\_\_\_\_



# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

## BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic)
Private residence	Birchwood
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE
Vernon	Tolland
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	COUNTY
521 Bolton Road	
4. OWNER(S)	
David H. and Susan M. Herrmann	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
5. USE (Present)	(Historic)
One-family dwelling	Summer home
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Colonial Revival	c.1920

DESCRIPTION

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone foundation
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
10. ROOF (Type)
<input type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
(Material)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
11. NUMBER OF STORIES
1 1/2
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
63 ft. x 27 ft.
12. CONDITION (Structural)
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
(Exterior)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved
WHEN ?
(Alterations)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES, EXPLAIN
Addition in progress, 1994
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS  
Located on rural road, ridge parallel to road, few neighboring houses visible from site.

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

## 17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

The main block of the house has a symmetrical facade with the ridge of its gambrel roof parallel to the facade. Full-shed dormers and twin stone chimneys punctuate the facade and the roof. The entry features a pedimented hood over a panelled door.

SIGNIFICANCE

## 18. ARCHITECT

## BUILDER

Unknown

Unknown

## 19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This was originally built to be a summer house. It was part of the Beach estate and was intended for the use of family members who visited in the summer. Dr. Beach's son, Charles, used this house when he came in the summer.

SOURCES

"Childhood Recollections of Valley Falls Farm, 1925-1951." Tape recorded interview with Elizabeth B. Shepard and Beverly B. Eaton, June 30, 1994.

PHOTO

## PHOTOGRAPHER

## DATE

S. Ardis Abott

4/23/94

Southeast corner

## NEGATIVE ON FILE

Roll 1, Neg. 19

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## NAME

## DATE

Valley Falls Farm Study Comm.

Jan. 1995

## ORGANIZATION

Vernon Local Historic Properties Comm.

## ADDRESS

14 Park Place, Rockville, CT. 06066

## 20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS



## 21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- ☒ None known
 ☐ Highways
 ☐ Vandalism
 ☐ Developers
 ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Renewal
 ☐ Private
 ☐ Deterioration
 ☐ Zoning
 ☐ Explanation \_\_\_\_\_



# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

## BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic)
Private residence	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE COUNTY
Vernon	Tolland
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	
547 Bolton Road	
4. OWNER(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
Maurice and Emily D. Darico	
5. USE (Present)	(Historic)
One-family Dwelling	Same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Ranch	1959

DESCRIPTION

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Platform
10. ROOF (Type)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
(Material)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
1 40 ft. x 28 ft. (+ garage)
12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN ? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> 2-car Garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

Located on rural road, ridge parallel to road, view to park at rear, few neighboring houses visible from site.

(OVER)

## 17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

This house has a simple rectangular plan, a shallow-pitched roof and an attached garage. It features a gable over the entry.

## 18. ARCHITECT

Unknown

## BUILDER

Unknown

## 19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built after Valley Falls Farm was sold and new building lots created along Bolton Road. It is representative of the early Ranch style which dominated suburban housing in the 1950s.

Vernon Land Records 118:292

## PHOTOGRAPHER

S. Ardis Abbott

## DATE

4/23/94

## VIEW

## NEGATIVE ON FILE

Southeast corner

Roll 1, Neg. 22

## NAME

## DATE

Valley Falls Study Comm.

Jan. 1995

## ORGANIZATION

Vernon Local Historic Properties Comm.

## ADDRESS

14 Park Place, Rockville, CT 06066

## 20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS



## 21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- ☒ None known    ☐ Highways    ☐ Vandalism    ☐ Developers    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Renewal    ☐ Private    ☐ Deterioration    ☐ Zoning    ☐ Explanation \_\_\_\_\_



**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
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Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic)
Private residence	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE COUNTY
Vernon	Tolland
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	
559 Bolton Road	
4. OWNER(S)	
Peter and Bernice D. Darico	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
5. USE (Present)	(Historic)
One-family dwelling	Same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Ranch	1950
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Platform	
10. ROOF (Type)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
(Material)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
1	39 ft. x 27 ft.
12. CONDITION (Structural)	(Exterior)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)	WHEN ? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density	

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS  
 Located on a rural road, ridge parallel to road, views to park at rear, few neighboring houses visible from site.

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

## 17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

This house has a rectangular plan with an ell at the north end over the kitchen and the entry. Its shallow-pitched roof rises from a classical frieze and boxed cornice. Its six-over-six windows allude to the Colonial Revival style.

SIGNIFICANCE

## 18. ARCHITECT

## BUILDER

Unknown

Unknown

## 19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built after Valley Falls farm was sub-divided and new building lots created along Bolton Road. It is representative of the early Ranch style which dominated suburban housing in the 1950s.

SOURCES

Vernon Land Records, 523:55.

COMPILED BY  
PHOTO

## PHOTOGRAPHER

## DATE

S. Ardis Abbott

4/23/94

## VIEW

## NEGATIVE ON FILE

East elevation

Roll 1, Neg. 23

## NAME

## DATE

Valley Falls Farm Study Comm.

Jan. 1995

## ORGANIZATION

Vernon Local Historic Properties Commission

## ADDRESS

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## 20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

## 21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

☒ None known☐ Highways☐ Vandalism☐ Developers☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_☐ Renewal☐ Private☐ Deterioration☐ Zoning☐ Explanation \_\_\_\_\_



# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

## BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
Private Residence		Windy Hollow	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Vernon		Tolland	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
567 Bolton Road			
4. OWNER(S)			
Joseph H. and Mary D. Noel			
5. USE (Present)			
One-family Dwelling			
(Historic)			
Guest House for Goodwin Beach			
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Craftsman/Colonial Revival		c.1925	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round
(Material)			<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
1		50 ft. x 26 ft.	
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	(Alterations)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, EXPLAIN	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
Located on rural road, ridge parallel to road, few neighboring houses visible from site.			

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

## 17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

This house has a simple rectangular plan with a shallow-pitched hip roof rising to a central brick chimney. Six-over-six windows, a projecting wood water table, and a smooth frieze at the cornice, as well as a pedimented entry porch, allude to the Colonial Revival style.

## 18. ARCHITECT

Unknown

## BUILDER

Unknown

## 19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house served as a guest house for Goodwin Beach who built the house a "Windy Hill."

SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

"Childhood Recollections of Valley Falls Farm, 1925-1951."  
Tape recorded interview with Elizabeth B. Shepard and Beverly B. Eaton, June 30, 1994.

PHOTO

## PHOTOGRAPHER

S. Ardis Abbott

## DATE

4/23/94

## VIEW

Southeast corner

## NEGATIVE ON FILE

Roll 1, Neg.26

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## NAME

Valley Falls Farm Study Comm.

## DATE

Jan. 1995

## ORGANIZATION

Vernon Local Historic Properties Commission

## ADDRESS

14 Park Place, Rockville, CT 06066



## 20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

## 21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

☒ None known☐ Highways☐ Vandalism☐ Developers☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_☐ Renewal☐ Private☐ Deterioration☐ Zoning☐ Explanation \_\_\_\_\_



# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

## BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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Town No.:		Site No.:	
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DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY		
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	<input type="checkbox"/> Potential	

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
Private Residence		Windy Hill	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Vernon		Tolland	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
579 Bolton Road			
4. OWNER(S)			
Evelyn and Stuart A. Grisel			
5. USE (Present)			
One-family Dwelling		(Historic)	
		Goodwin Beach Summer Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Craftsman/Tudor Revival		c.1925	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry		<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
(Material)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
1	71 ft. x 35 ft.		
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ? (Alterations)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, EXPLAIN
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS  
Located on rural road, ridge parallel to facade and at an angle to to road, view of park at rear, few neighboring houses visible from site.

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

This house has an I-shaped plan with its primary ridge parallel to the entry facade and its secondary ridges perpendicular to the primary ridge. Its symmetrical composition features twin stone chimneys, centered on the ells, stone veneer at the ells with half-timber and stucco walls between them. Its windows have eight-light casement sash; its entry has a multi-panelled wood door.

SIGNIFICANCE

18. ARCHITECT

Unknown

BUILDER

Unknown

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built as a summer residence for Goodwin Beach, son of Dr. Beach.

SOURCES

"Childhood Recollections of Valley Falls Farm, 1925-1951." Tape recorded interview with Elizabeth B. Shepard and Beverly B. Eaton, June 30, 1994.

COMPILED BY PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER

S Ardis Abbott

DATE

4/23/94

VIEW

South elevation

NEGATIVE ON FILE

Roll 1, Neg. 27

NAME

Valley Falls Farm Study Comm.

DATE

Jan. 1995

ORGANIZATION

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- |  |                                   |  |                                     |  |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known | <input type="checkbox"/> Highways | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism     | <input type="checkbox"/> Developers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal               | <input type="checkbox"/> Private  | <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning     | <input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____ |



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DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic)
Private Residence	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE
Vernon	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	COUNTY
591 Bolton Road	Tolland
4. OWNER(S)	
Stuart A. and Evelyn Grisel	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
5. USE (Present)	(Historic)
One-family Dwelling	Stables
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	IF YES, EXPLAIN

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Craftsman	c.1930
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:
<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone
<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone	<input type="checkbox"/> Type:
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel
10. ROOF (Type)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed
<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round
<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor	<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up
<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile
<input type="checkbox"/> Slate	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	
1	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
	36 ft. x 22 ft.
12. CONDITION (Structural)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
(Exterior)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved
WHEN ?	(Alterations)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES, EXPLAIN	
remodelled, 1982	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop
<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS	

Located on rural road in close proximity to road, ridge parallel to road, few neighboring houses visible from site.

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

## 17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

This small cottage fronts the large stable building which served Windy Hill. It features an asymmetrical facade with a shallow-pitched hip roof. It retains its two-over-two sash and panelled, four-light entry door.

SIGNIFICANCE

## 18. ARCHITECT

Unknown

## BUILDER

Unknown

## 19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This building was originally the stables for the BEach estate. It has since been converted to a one-family dwelling and attached three-car garage.

SOURCES

"Childhood Recollections of Valley Falls Farm, 1925-1951." Tape recorded interview with Elizabeth B. Shepard and Beverly B. Eaton, June 30, 1994.

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## PHOTOGRAPHER

S. Ardis Abbott

## DATE

4/23/94

## VIEW

Southeast corner

## NEGATIVE ON FILE

Roll 1, Neg. 28

## NAME

Valley Falls Farm Study Comm.

## DATE

Jan. 1995

## ORGANIZATION

Vernon Local Historic Properties Commission

## ADDRESS

14 Park Place, Rockville, CT 06066



## 20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

## 21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- ☒ None known ☐ Highways ☐ Vandalism ☐ Developers ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Renewal ☐ Private ☐ Deterioration ☐ Zoning ☐ Explanation \_\_\_\_\_



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<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic)	
Private Residence		
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY
Vernon		Tolland
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		
607 Bolton Road		
4. OWNER(S)		
Charles T. And Rose Marie Burilla		
5. USE (Present)	(Historic)	
One-family Dwelling	Same	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, EXPLAIN

☐ Public ☒ Private

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Neo-Colonial	1987
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Platform	
10. ROOF (Type)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
(Material)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
2	45 ft. x 38 ft. (+garage)
12. CONDITION (Structural)	(Exterior)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)	WHEN ? (Alterations)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)	Pool
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> 2-car Garden	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS	

Located on Rural road, ridge parallel to road, few neighboring houses visible from site.

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)	
	This house features a symmetrical five-bay, nine window facade, a steeply pitched roof with a saltbox shape, multi-light windows and an attached garage, typical of late-20th century house styles.	
SIGNIFICANCE	18. ARCHITECT	BUILDER
	Unknown	Unknown
	19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE	
	This house is typical of late 20th century exurban development.	
SOURCES	Vernon Land Records, 621:272	
PHOTO COMPILED BY	PHOTOGRAPHER	DATE
	S. Ardis Abbott	4/23/94
	VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE
	East Elevation	Roll 1, Neg. 29
	NAME	DATE
	Valley Falls Farm Study Comm.	Jan. 1995
	ORGANIZATION	
	Vernon Local Historic Properties Commission	
	ADDRESS	
	14 Park Place, Rockville, CT 06066	
20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS		
21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known <input type="checkbox"/> Highways <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism <input type="checkbox"/> Developers <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning <input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____		





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IF NR, SPECIFY

☐ Actual

☐ Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)

Private Residence

(Historic)

2. TOWN/CITY

Vernon

VILLAGE

COUNTY

Tolland

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)

615 Bolton Road

4. OWNER(S)

Richard F. and Mary T. Clifford

☐ Public

☒ Private

5. USE (Present)

One-family Dwelling

(Historic)

Same

6. ACCESSIBILITY  
TO PUBLIC:

EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD

☒ Yes

☐ No

INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE

☐ Yes

☒ No

IF YES, EXPLAIN

7. STYLE OF BUILDING

Neo-Colonial

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION

1987

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

☐ Clapboard

☐ Asbestos Siding

☐ Brick

☐ Other  
(Specify)

☐ Wood Shingle

☐ Asphalt Siding

☐ Fieldstone

☐ Board & Batten

☐ Stucco

☐ Cobblestone

☒ Aluminum  
Siding

☐ Concrete  
Type:

☐ Cut stone  
Type:

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

☒ Wood frame

☐ Post and beam

☐ balloon

☐ Load bearing masonry

☐ Structural iron or steel

☒ Other (Specify) Platform

10. ROOF (Type)

☒ Gable

☐ Flat

☐ Mansard

☐ Monitor

☐ sawtooth

☐ Gambrel

☐ Shed

☐ Hip

☐ Round

☐ Other  
(Specify)

(Material)

☐ Wood Shingle

☐ Roll  
Asphalt

☐ Tin

☐ Slate

☒ Asphalt shingle

☐ Built up

☐ Tile

☐ Other  
(Specify)

11. NUMBER OF STORIES

2

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS

40 ft. x 24 ft.

12. CONDITION (Structural)

☒ Excellent

☐ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated

(Exterior)

☒ Excellent

☐ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location)

☒ On original  
site

☐ Moved

WHEN ?

(Alterations)

☐ Yes

☒ No

IF YES, EXPLAIN

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

☐ Barn

☐ Shed

☒ Garage

☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)

☐ Carriage  
house

☐ Shop

☐ 3-car  
Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

☐ Open land

☐ Wood-  
land

☒ Residential

☒ Scattered buildings visible from site

☐ Commercial

☐ Indus-  
trial

☒ Rural

☐ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

Located on rural road, ridge parallel to road, few neighboring houses visible from site.

DESCRIPTION

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

## 17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

This house has its ridge parallel to its asymmetrical facade. Its three-bay garage faces the road in character with late-20th-century house styles.

SIGNIFICANCE

## 18. ARCHITECT

Unknown

## BUILDER

Unknown

## 19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house is typical of late-20th-century exurban development.

SOURCES

Vernon Land Records, 615;166

PHOTO

## PHOTOGRAPHER

S. Ardis Abbott

## DATE

4/23/94

## VIEW

East elevation

## NEGATIVE ON FILE

Roll 2, Neg. 2

## NAME

Valley Falls Farm Study Comm.

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Jan. 1995

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