#### **HEBRON HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION**

# REPORT FOR DESIGNATING A HEBRON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AS A HISTORIC PROPERTY

The Hebron Historic Properties Commission (HHPC) proposes that the Town of Hebron designate a residence in Hebron as a Historic Property because of its historical significance to the community, and because the structure provides uniqueness as well as excellent educational opportunities for current and future generations, as well as others interested in Hebron's past.

#### **Historical Significance**

The property, 780 Gilead Street, is located at the North end of Fawn Hill (Gilead Street), near the top of Prentice Hill Road and the intersection with Hardy Road. The home offers a view of life in Hebron at the turn of the 20th century. The structure stands out as the only Victorian-style cottage on Fawn Hill; it is located in the midst of rolling hills, watershed valleys, green farmland acreage, stonewalls, and tree-lined Gilead Street. The house was built for a member of one of Gilead's earlier families, the Ways. Dan Way, the owner, was also one of Gilead's most recognizable citizens. He lived to be just shy of 100 years old, was a cattle dealer and farmer, as well as a very civic-minded individual as were most individuals of his era. The area with its Gilead Congregational Church, once public Gilead Hall, once commercial Blacksmith Shop, and the old Gilead Hill School, as well as many 18th and 19th century homes, still exist to educate the public about life in Gilead and Hebron in the past.

#### 1906 Victorian at 780 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT



Figure 1 - Mid 1900's photograph of 780 Gilead Street



Figure 2 - Recent photograph of the front of 1906 Victorian at 780 Gilead Street

According to research conducted by Mary Ann Foote, a member of the Hebron Historic Properties Commission:

#### 1713 - 1818

Born in Saybrook in 1689, Daniell Bushnell was introduced to Hebron in 1713, after having been granted a 1000 acre right by Joshua Sachem. After that, "the Comite" of surveyors, appointed by the town of Hebron, laid out for Bushnell Home Lott #64, Meadow Lott #56, and 100 Acre Lott #51. [v. 1, p. 91]. This Home Lott was located at the southern end of Fawn Hill, or at "Goose Corner", which is now the intersection of Martin and Porter Roads. Much of Bushnell's original property lies beneath and around the present Gilead Hill School, as can be determined from Isaac Pinney's 1744 Map of Hebron.

The East side of Gilead Street at the time of the Isaac Pinney survey showed a Bushnell Home, two Youngs, and a Dunham. The information is accurate, but the dwellings have been placed incorrectly on the map. Bushnell's house was located closer to the intersection, and his property extended as far north as what would become the southwest corner of the Gilead Cemetery. Joseph Youngs owned the central part of Gilead Street which was later divided between his sons Eliphalet to the north and Ephraim to the south. The Gilead Congregational Church separated the two portions as was determined when the Youngs donated some of their property for the meeting house. [v. 3, p. 235] Daniell Bushnell and his uncle, John Bushnell divided 100 acre "lott # 53" between them, and that would have been at the northern end of the street, in the area marked "Dunham" on the map. (The John

Bushnell portion quickly transferred ownership from John to Ephraim to Francis Bushnell, then to David Barber, and to Obadiah Dunham all by 1724.)



Figure 3 - Homeowners on Gilead Street in 1744

Daniell Bushnell gained possession of the property, which includes the present 780 Gilead Street, on 26th May 1720, through the following agreement: "...whereas Sam'll Bushnell and John Bushnell both of Saybrook are propriators of lands in Hebron jointly claiming one thousand acres right and have not as yet [received it] therefore these presents witneseth I John Bushnell for myself and I Daniell Bushnell for and in behalf of my father Samll Bushnell have & so by those presents... agree to divide ye hundred acres lott in ye folowing device that is to say ye sd Samuell [which is Daniell's portion] to have ye northwest part and ye sd John to have ye southwest part which sd lott is number 53 of no ye sd Samuells [Daniell's] part is buted west 53 rods and a half on a high way north 160 rods on a highway East 53 rods and a half on undivided land South 160 rods on ye sd Johns part = ye sd Johns part is buted west 51 rods on a highway south 160 rods on Joseph Youngs land East 51 rods on undivided land north 160 rods on sd Sam'lls part" [v. 1, p. 227]

An additional purchase of 50 acres of adjoining land from Thomas Brown to Lt. Daniell Bushnell in April, 1747, is described as follows: "a certain tract of land lying in sd township of Hebron being by estimation about fifty acers being buted and bounded as follows first begining at a heap of stones which is ye north East Corner of Obadiah Dunhams Land then runing north fifty one rods and a half to a white oak stones laid to it which is ye sd Daniel Bushnalls nor East bounds of his fifty acers Lot then runing near north twenty rods to a heap of stones in ye north side of a rock then runing near west and be south one hundred rods to a heap of stones in ye Corner of ye sd Thomas Browns field now improved which bounds was Erected by sd Thomas Brown and Daniell Bushnal in ye presents of Obadiah Dunham Ichabod Phelps and Isaac Pinney then runing near South fifty rods to a poppel tree stones laid by it which was ye Souwest Corner of ye sd Browns hundred acer Lot then runing near East to ye first mentioned bounds these to have and to hold..." [v. 3, p. 198]

Daniell Bushnell, on the same day in 1747, sold a portion of the just purchased 50 acres to his other neighbor, Obadiah Dunham. The deed describes the property as: "a certain peas of land lying in ye township of Hebron it being by Estimation twenty one acers and a half being now laid out and ten acers to be laid out in ye undecided land in sd Hebron ye land now laid out is butted and bounded as folows first begining at a heap of stone at ye nor East Corner of sd [Daniel Bushnels, XXX'd out] Dunhams Lot he now lives on then runing near north fifty one rods and a half to a white oak stake & stons laid by it which is sd Bushnals fifty acer Lot then runing North and by East twenty two rods and a half to a Chesnut Stub which is ye South East Corner of Samuel Lords hundred Lot and ye north East Corner of sd Bushnals Division Land then runing west and be South forty four rods to a heap of stone then runing South East Seventy two rods and a half to a heap of Stons then runing near East and by north forty nine rods to ye first mentioned bounds those to have and to hold..." [v. 3, p. 198-9] That puts Bushnell's new total at 79 1/2 acres. With additional little parcels purchased or sold as well as +/- in accuracy of surveying, the Bushnell acreage remained at about 70 acres until Neziah & Clarissa (Post) Brown added another 30 to the total after 1826.

Dan'l Bushnell spent most of his life developing and expanding his property, both real and personal. He finally married Sarah Post, 23 years younger than he, and they had their first child in 1742 when Daniell would have been 52 years old. Their fifth and last child was born in 1751 with Daniell dying just two years later. [Post Family Genealogy, Gilead Church (Second Society) Marriage Records and Gilead Cemetery Burial Records]

Bushnell's 1752 will [Probate Records, Colchester TOB, v.2, p. 222] provided for £ 400 to be paid to each of his 3 daughters (Sarah, Lydia and Mindwell) in "old ten'r money" "equivalent to 27 ounces of Coin Silver Troy weight which I dispose to be its present value". This sum was to be paid to the daughters by his sons on a specified schedule as the boys reached certain ages. An additional item in Daniell's will stated his wish that soon after death, if not before, my executor shall "lath and plaister my East chamber room" -- for that purpose, "use lath & lath nails & shells I have prepared". He further added that daughters be given "use of East Chamber during time they are unmarried."

The elder son, Daniel, was given the 100-acre home lott with dwelling house and barn all appraised at £ 4000 -- also his father's gun and great coat! Son <u>Jonathan Bushnell</u>, just 1 or 2 years old when his father died, was left *"the whole of another tract bounded: S & E on Obadiah Dunham, N partly on Thomas Brown & partly on Samuel Rowlee & partly on highway, W on Fawn Hill street, in estimation 70 acres".* The land was appraised at £1800. This young lad was also left his father's sword and belt!. Wisely, this father with young children included a proviso which stated that "if either of my sons dies without heirs, his inheritance shall go to the surviving brother who shall then pay to my daughters £ 300 in "bills of publick credit".

Since Jonathan died in 1772 at the age of 21, son <u>Daniel Bushnell</u> received both tracts of land so now he had all of his father's 170 acres. Through the years he purchased additional parcels: a 45-acre woodlot (the so-called Luther Lot) as well as a 130 acre tract located in Gilead & Andover parishes, called the Horton & Post Lot.

When Capt. Daniel Bushnell died in 1818, 65 years after his father, he left 345 acres as well as dwellings and other buildings located in 3 different areas from Gilead to Andover. His heirs, since he remained single, were his sole surviving sibling, Lydia Bushnell, and his sister Sarah (Bushnell) Post's 4 children. Lydia was given life use of the Home Lot, Luther Lot, & "moveable" estate of neat cattle and other stock. Daniel's sister, Mindwell, had also pre-deceased him.

Capt. Bushnell's niece, <u>Clarissa (Post)</u> and her husband <u>Neziah Brown</u> were given the "Hutchinson Lot" bounded W by road, N by William Post, Abial Bliss & Ezekiel Browns land, E & S by John Wells land, containing about 70 acres -- this being the same land and description, except for names of adjoining property owners, as provided 65 years earlier. [Probate Records, Bolton Town Hall, v. 8, p. 26] Just as a point of further information, Joel Post received the East Street-area farm, while Dr. Frederick & Sally (Post) Rose from Bolton and Hebron's Abel & Lucy (Post) Bissell shared the Home and Luther Lots. By the time Lydia Bushnell died in 1826, her nephew Joel and niece Sally had pre-deceased her, so those properties were passed to their heirs.

#### 1818 - 1855

In 1825 and 1826, there was a flip flop. After owning the property since 1818, Neziah and Clarissa sold the 70 acres, same description, to <u>Thomas Brown</u>. [v. 14, p. 72] A year and a half later, for the same \$1,400 Thomas Brown sold the property back to <u>Neziah & Clarissa Brown</u>, and it was not a mortgage agreement. [v. 14, p. 132]

Now is the time for conjecture. When Neziah and Clarissa Brown were given the property in 1818, there was no mention of buildings, as there were with the real estate distributions to Joel Post and to Clarissa's sisters, Sally and Lucy. Since the 70-acre parcel was a little less than a mile from the "Home Lott", one could assume that father Lt. Daniell Bushnell and son Capt. Daniel simply rode or walked to that acreage to work on the fields.

At some point, there were 3 separate small parcels within the 70 acre tract, the plots were located along Hardy Road between its start at Gilead Street and the near 90 degree curve to the left. When were the "sub-divisions" and/or buildings established and by whom? Might at least one of the buildings have housed farm help? The location was handy because it readily connected to all 3 farm sites -- from East Street via Jagger Lane and Hardy Road to Gilead Street, and then south past the church and cemetery to the Home Lott.

The history of the 3 properties is as follows:

Parcel 1: In 1846 Neziah & Clarissa sold to <u>Hubbel Goss</u> for \$25 "one certain piece of land...described as follows, North by highway leading from Capt. Dan'l Ways Dwelling House to the east street so called ten rods thence running Southerly by Neziah Browns land eight rods thence westerly by said Browns land ten rods thence northerly by said Browns land eight rods to the highway aforesaid with a Dwelling House thereon standing". [v.19, p. 101] Conjecture: By then Neziah & Clarissa had their new house on Gilead Street; might they have built and lived here before that time? If not, who did? Four years later, Hubbel Goss spent \$5 to buy from Neziah & Clarissa an additional parcel "bounded N by highway, E by land of Hubbel Goss, S by land of Neziah & Clarissa Brown, W by land of same, said land to extend so far west that a line running parallel with the line of the East side of Hubbel Goss' land extending the same distance from the highway shall include one half of an acre" thus doubling the property size [v.19, p. 202]

Parcel 2: In 1851 Neziah & Clarissa sold a 2 acre piece to Mary A. (Ellis) Benton bounded "beginning at the North-east corner of Edmund A. Horton's garden thence running easterly by the highway leading by Hubbell Goss' dwelling house to land belonging to said Hubbel Goss thence southerly by said Goss' land to the south-west corner of said Goss' land thence in the same direction to a point that shall be an equal distance from the before mentioned highway that it is from said highway to the south-east corner of Edmund A. Horton's garden thence northerly by said Horton's garden to the place of beginning." [v.20, p. 10] This was a raw piece of land, and it was located between the other two parcels.

Parcel 3: \*\*The present 780 Gilead Street\*\* In 1830 Neziah & Clarissa sold "one certain piece of land lying in said Hebron & is bounded as follows-- North & West on highway - East & South on our own land beginning on the South side of the Coopers Shop & running East & North so as to include one half acre with a dwelling house partly finished & Coopers Shop standing thereon." This property transfer was from N & C Brown to brothers John B. & William Hutchinson for \$300 [v. 15, p. 278] So began the temporary separation of the corner half acre from the larger acreage. But what of the partly finished dwelling house and Coopers Shop? Somehow there was a change of plans midstream -- not enough money to finish the house? The barrel maker moved away? Perhaps Thomas Brown built the cooperage and started the house when he owned the property? Anyhow, some of Gilead's many Hutchinsons jumped at the chance of ownership. In 1831 William Hutchinson sold his half of the property to another brother Harvey Hutchinson so it was now owned by John B. & Harvey Hutchinson. By this point, 14 months later, the description refers to a dwelling house standing on the land. [v. 16, p. 48] In 1844 the Hutchinson brothers sell to Edmund A. Horton

the half acre, same description, with Dwelling House and Coopery Shop, but the "said coopery shop is reserved & is not to be conveyed in this deed."

#### 1855 - 1857

Clarissa (Post) Brown died of consumption in 1853. In her will she left "to my beloved son, <u>Joel P. Brown</u>, all my property both real and personal." [Probate Records v. 1, p. 115] That would have included the farm which had been left to her (and therefore her husband, Neziah) by her Uncle Daniel Bushnell, plus an additional thirty acres which are not germane to the study of the half acre at 780 Gilead St. She had at least 4 other children who weren't named in the will, unless they had been provided with real or personal property previously, and/or a portion of the personal goods still held by their father when he died in 1856. His inventory included a Bible, an overcoat, dress coat, pair of pants, vest, bed and linens, 2 cows, a hog, a plow, ox yokes, waggon(sic), scythe, grind stone & crank, few cooking items, and that's about it. [Probate Records v. 2, pp. 10, 11, 27 & 83]

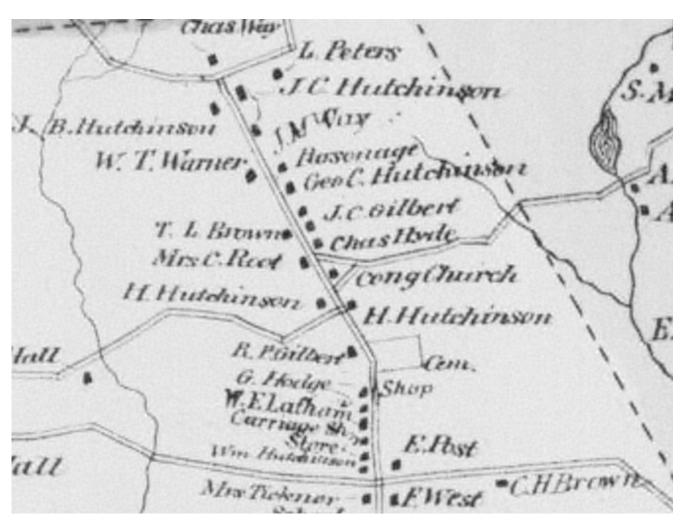


Figure 4 - Gilead Street portion of 1868 Hebron map

At this date begins a re-grouping of the properties to make a larger whole than originally.

Parcel 1: This acre was still owned by Hubbel Goss. It has changed ownership many times since, but the little old cottage at today's 28 Hardy Road, remains in well loved, private ownership, never regrouped with the larger acreage. For a short time, this dwelling was owned by "Leverett Peters (colored)" {per deed}, son of Cesar Jr., grandson of Cesar and Lowis Peters of East Street and abduction fame.

Parcel 2: George & Mary A. Benton deeded the 2 acres to <u>J. Calvin Hutchinson</u> in 1857. J.C. Hutchinson must have had a plan; he already had the little corner lot and the large acreage before he offered the Bentons \$100, for which they had paid \$50 just 6 years earlier, and there is never a reference to appurtenances. [v. 22, p. 29]

Parcel 3: From Edmund A. Horton to <u>J. Calvin Hutchinson</u>, in 1855, was sold the parcel "beginning at the Southwest corner of said lot, nearly in front of dwelling house of Capt. John B. Hutchinson, thence running northerly by the highway to the northwest corner of said lot near the dwelling house of Mrs. Harriet Way, thence easterly by the highway leading to the dwelling house of Hubbel Goss to land belonging to Mrs. Mary Benton, thence southerly by Mrs. Benton's land to land belonging to Joel P. Brown thence westerly by said Brown's land to the place of beginning... a dwelling house and out buildings thereon standing, containing half an acre." [v. 22, p. 5]

In addition to these small segments, in 1857 (shortly after his father Neziah died of heart disease), Joel Brown sold to <u>J. Calvin Hutchinson</u> the entire farm which now comprised 100 acres more or less. The description of that property reads: "beginning at the Northwest corner of the farm formerly owlned by John H. Welles, Esq thence running northerly by the highway leading from Gilead meetinghouse to land belonging to Mary Benton easterly to the southeast corner of Mrs. Benton's land thence northerly by said land to land of Hubbell Goss thence easterly by said Goss land to the southeast corner of said land thence northerly by said Goss land to the highway thence by the highway leading by the late residence of Elisha Hodge deceased to the southwest corner of said Hodge's farm thence Easterly by said land and land improved by Samuel Bliss to land belonging to David Brown thence Southerly by said Brown's land by an old wall to the end of said walls near a Chestnut tree thence Easterly by said Brown's land to land formerly owned by John H. Welles, Esq known as the Wigwam Swamp thence Southerly by said land to land distributed to the "friends of Henry H. Welles from the estate of John H. Welles thence Westerly by said land to this place of beginning with a dwelling and barn thereon standing " [v.22, p.8]

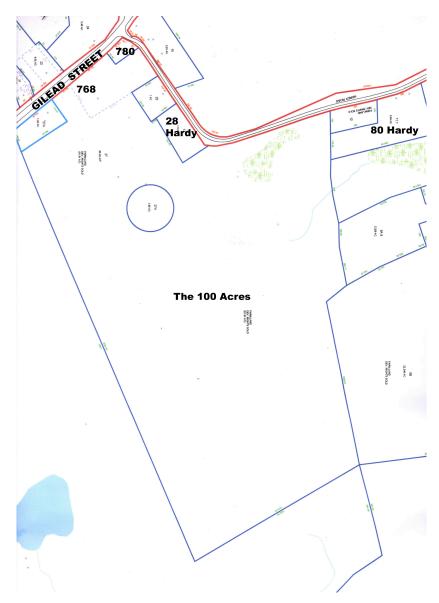


Figure 5 - Recent 100 Acre Map (Property Boundaries remain nearly same as in 1857)

#### 1857 - 1906

After just over 20 years of farming, J. Calvin Hutchinson sold the 100 acres to <u>John C. Randall</u> of Lebanon for \$3,500. The combination of the earlier Horton, Benton & Brown deeds, as purchased by J.C. Hutchinson, are what was deeded to Randall, and described as "beginning at the Southeast corner of the farm formerly owned by John H. Welles Esq then running Northerly & Easterly by Highway to the Goss place thence Southerly Easterly and Northerly to the Highway around the Goss place then Northerly to the Highway to the Hodge place thence Easterly by said Hodge place and land improved by Samuel Bliss to the land belonging to Charles N. Brown, thence Southerly then Easterly by said Brown land to land formerly owned by John H. Welles Esq thence Southerly then Westerly by said Welles land to place of beginning." [v. 22, p. 595]

John C. Randall held the same 100 acres for 25 years before selling it all to <u>John E. Ellis</u> in 1903 for just \$200 more than Randall had paid for the property. [v. 27, p. 111]



C. DANIEL WAY, Hebron.

Charles Daniel Way, of Hebron, the son of Charles D. and Catherine Trumbull (Cheseborough) Way, was born in Gilead, March 13, 1868; his education was acquired in the common schools of his town and at the Natchaug High School, Willimantic. On September 27, 1893, he married Miss Isabella V. Lyman, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lyman, of Marlboro. They have one child, Walter D., born September 9, 1895. On November 10, 1897, Mrs. Way departed this life and entered the life where parting is unknown. Mr. Way has for many years been successfully engaged in live stock and general farming business, having been in partnership with his father since his majority. He has traveled quite extensively through New England and New York in the interest of his business, and has gained a large circle of strong friends. Mr. Way attends the Congregational Church, and belongs to the Republican party; a charter member of Hebron Lodge, No. 64, A. O. U. W., organized August 10, 1893, and has filled all the offices in this Lodge and has been district deputy for Colchester Lodge, No. 30, for a number of years, and is a member of Wooster Lodge, No. 10, F. & A. M., of Colchester.

Figure 6 - C. Daniel Way's life and appearance at time of building the cottage



Figure 7 - Oxen "visiting" C.D. Way's cottage, early 1900's

#### <u> 1906 - Present</u>

In 1906, John E. Ellis sold the half acre on the corner of Hardy Road and Gilead Street to <u>C. Daniel Way</u> whose 1843 family home was just across the street at 3 Hardy Road. The little parcel was described as "beginning at a stone post set in the North East corner of said tract of land near the highway, thence running South to another stone post set in the South East corner of said tract of land by which is bounded on the East by land of John E. Ellis, and on the south by land of John E. Ellis & the line running from said stone post at the South East corner of said land West to the Highway and on the West by Highway and on the North by Highway containing one half acre more or less." [v. 27, p. 208]

It was on this site that Dan Way had built the Victorian cottage, which contains the following architectural features:

- Gable end to street
- Cross-gable plan
- 2/2 sash throughout
- Small interior brick chimney located behind the cross to rear
- Front porch has shed roof supported by columns with a cross-gable over the entry ashlar foundation



Figure 8 - 1920's photograph of Dan Way pitching hay onto an ox-drawn wagon, 780 Gilead Street home visible to left

Whatever became of the Coopers Shop and "dwelling house" on that half acre, we will never know. From the deeds we assume that the earlier house was completed between 1830 - 1831 when the Hutchinson brothers owned it. From 1855 until 1906 the half acre was part of the hundred acre farm. Perhaps it was used for farm help, or rented, or just fell to ruin? When Dan Way bought the lot for \$1.00 there was no indication of any sort of building on the site.



Figure 9 - C. Daniel Way stopped by to visit Alice E. Foote, both born in Gilead in 1868, when they were about 90-years-old.



Figure 10 - Old view of 780 Gilead Street with Dan Way's barns in background

The half acre property then passed through the Way family as one of the tracts of land owned by C. Daniel Way. "Tract 4" was first distributed in 1969 to Dan's only child, <u>Walter D. Way</u> of Westport, New York from Estate of C. Daniel Way. The description of the property through the present has remained the same as the one given in 1906. [v. 65, p. 174] Walter D. Way then conveyed the property to his children: <u>Jean W. Schoonover, Barbara W. Hunter and Walter D. Way, Jr.</u> [v. 90, p. 239]

In a series of Quit Claim deeds, each of the three children of Walter Way gradually deeded his/her one-third portion to his/her own children, as referenced:

<u>Jean (Way) Schoonover</u> of New York City, NY - vol. 144, page 1009; vol. 148, page 1154; vol.153, page 486; vol. 157, page 854; vol. 167, page 1141; and vol. 173, page 831.

<u>Barbara (Way) Hunter</u> of New York City, NY - vol. 145, page 559; vol. 148, page 1157; vol. 153, page 483; vol. 157, page 851; vol. 169, page 432; vol. 173, page 711; and vol. 177, page 58.

Walter D. Way, Jr. of Wheaton, Illinois - vol. 144, page 1006; vol. 148, page 1151; vol. 153, page 480; vol. 158, page 904; vol. 167, page 607; and vol. 208, page 56.

The next exchange took the property out of the Way family. Way, Hunter, Schoonover et al deeded ownership to William J. O'Donnell and Paul Lussier and Betty J. Lussier in 1999. [v. 208, p. 66] It was then transferred 3 months later from William J. O'Donnell, Jr. and Paul Lussier and Betty J. Lussier to Gail E. and Nicholas L. Johnson [v. 213, p. 329] Following that sale, Gail E. and Nicholas L. Johnson sold the property to Justin R. and Rhonda Sauer in 2002 [v. 295, p. 127]

The current owner is <u>Susan P. Kirk</u> who bought the property from Justin R. and Rhonda Sauer in 2003. [v. 343, p. 196]



Figure 11 - Recent Aerial Map of 780 Gilead Street

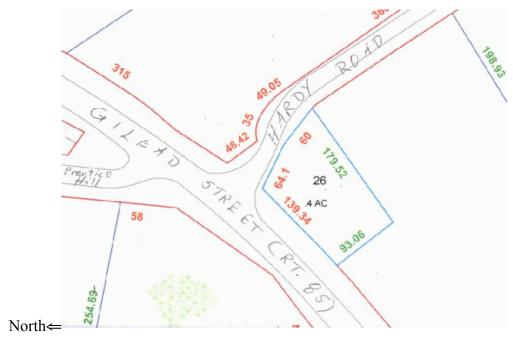


Figure 12 - Current Assessor's Map of 780 Gilead Street



Figure 13 - A recent view of 780 Gilead Street as cottage faces Hardy Road

THEREFORE, the Hebron Historic Properties Commission recommends that the Hebron Board of Selectmen designate this an historic property by amending Ordinance 94-1, "An Ordinance Establishing a Local Historic Properties Commission and Designating an Historic Property," with the following description from Hebron Land Records and as shown on the map on Figure 12 - Current Assessor's Map of 780 Gilead Street of this report:

Section 7 – Designation of Historic Properties shall be amended to include:

next: The property owned by Susan P. Kirk, 780 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT, and as described below, is hereby designated an historic property.

"All that tract or parcel of land with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto situated in the Town of Hebron, County of Tolland and State of Connecticut and described as follows in a deed of the same from John E. Ellis to C. Daniel Way dated November 17, 1906 and recorded in the Hebron Land Records on May 10, 1907 in Volume 27, Page 208.

'One certain tract of land lying in the Town of Hebron (Gilead Society) bounded and described as follows, viz: beginning at a stone post set in the North East corner of said tract of land near the highway, thence running South to another stone post set in the South East corner of said tract of land by which it is bounded on the East by land of John E. Ellis, and on the South by land of John E. Ellis and the line running from said stone post at the South East corner West to the Highway and on the West by Highway and on the North by Highway containing one half acre more or less.'

The said premises are also described in a Certificate of Devise in re Estate of G. (sic) Daniel Way dated January 20, 1969 and recorded in the Hebron Land Records on January 21, 1969 in Volume 65, Page 174, as follows:

'Tract 4 Containing .4 acres more or less (with the buildings thereon); bounded northerly by Hardy Road; easterly by land now or formerly of Kenneth Ellis; southerly by land now or formerly of Kenneth Ellis; westerly by Connecticut Route 85; and northwesterly by Hardy Road."

## **Appendix A**

Please note that Susan P. Kirk, owner of the property at 780 Gilead Street, is in favor of historic designation of her property, as evidenced by her July 7, 2010 written letter to the Hebron Historic Properties Commission, and attached here:

July 7, 2010

Deena Watson, Chairperson
Hebron Historic Properties Commission
Town Office Building
15 Gilead Street
Hebron, Connecticut 06248

Dear Ms. Watson,

I have recieved the information regarding the process of local historic designation. I am interested in having my home at 780 Gilead Street considered for local designation.

I am interested in proceeding with that process.

Thanks for your time and effort.

Sincerely,

Susan P. Kirk 780 Gilead Street

Hebron, Ct. 06248

# **Appendix B**

Supplementary materials required by Connecticut state statutes for the local historic designation of 780 Gilead Street:



Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism

Historic Preservation and Museum Division

One Constitution Plaza Second Floor Hartford, Connecticut 36103

860.256.2800 860.256.2763 (f) August 5, 2010

Ms. Deena Watson Chair, Hebron Historic Properties Commission 130 Charles Lane Hebron, CT 06248

Re: Proposed Historic Properties: 80 Hardy Road, Hebron, CT 44 Porter Road, Hebron, CT 780 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT

Dear Ms. Watson:

On behalf of the Historic Preservation Council, I am pleased to inform you that the study report submitted by the Hebron Historic Properties Commission for the proposed historic properties: 80 Hardy Road; 44 Porter Road; and 780 Gilead St. in Hebron, CT, was recommended for approval at the August 4, 2010 Council meeting.

The Council had the following comments and requested that these suggestions be incorporated into the final study report:

While the title research is thorough and interesting, the date of the property should be listed sooner and more prominently in the report, in the architectural or historical significance statement.

Study reports require an architectural significance statement which should include an architectural description of the property, and the Council asked that one be included with each property report.

The Council commends the ongoing efforts of the Hebron Historic Properties Commission to protect and preserve the Town of Hebron's irreplaceable historic and architectural heritage.

Please keep me informed of the progress of these designations. In the meantime if you have any questions regarding this notification, please feel free to contact me at (860) 256-2756.

Sincerely.

Mary Dunne

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August 25, 2010

Deena Watson Chairman, Historic Properties Commission 130 Charles Lane Hebron, CT 06248

Re: Designation of Historic Properties

Dear Ms. Watson.

At its meeting of August 24, 2010, the Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed three reports from the Hebron Historic Properties Commission for the purpose of designating three properties as "Historic Properties" as defined in Section 7-147q of the Connecticut General Statutes. You had asked that these reports be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their review and recommendation. The three properties are known as:

- 780 Gilead Street
- 80 Hardy Road
- 44 Porter Road

Section 7-147q of the Connecticut General Statutes sets forth a procedure for designation of "Historic Properties". Said procedure requires the submission of a report to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their comments and recommendations. Said comments and recommendations are made a part of the subsequent public hearing and final submission to the Hebron Board of Selectmen for action on the proposal.

Following the review of your reports, the Planning and Zoning Commission made the following findings:

the proposal is consistent with the Town's adopted <u>Plan of Conservation and Development</u>, in particular with the Objectives of Section 1, "The Preservation of Unique Assets", Subsection H. "Areas of Historical Heritage", which states in part that the Town should "facilitate the designation of...historic properties where appropriate to assure preservation of historic assets", and also that

the Town should "work with the Hebron Historic Properties Commission...to keep Hebron's legacy alive for all of its citizens";

- all three properties are historic Hebron homesteads, and one property was previously a blacksmith shop, that if preserved, help to tell an important story of the Town's history to existing and future residents, and which collectively are important elements of the Town's rich historic character, an important element of Hebron's quality of life; and,
- all current property owners are in favor of the Historic Property designation.

Therefore, the Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting of August 24, 2010 approved the following motion:

Moved that the Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission supports the Hebron Historic Properties Commission effort to designate 780 Gilead Street, 80 Hardy Road, and 44 Porter Road as Historic Properties as per Section 7-147q of the Connecticut General Statutes based on the findings as specified herein.

Sincerely,

Frank Zitkus, Secretary

Hebron Planning and Zoning Commission

cc: Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager
MaryAnn Foote, Historic Properties Commission