

CT Trust Resource ID: 2476

HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY – BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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

Inventory form modified for the Creative Places - Arts & Letters Project

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common): Arthur Weithas House

Other Name(s) (Historic):

Street Address or Location: 262 Thimble Islands Rd., Branford

Town/City: Branford

Village: Stony Creek

County: New Haven

Designation(s): SRHD, NRHD

Owner(s): Janet Weithas

Public/Private: Private

Latitude: 41.2629 Longitude: -72.7486

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residential: single-family dwelling

Historic Use: Residential: single-family dwelling

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

Interior accessible? If yes, explain: NA

Style of building: Queen Anne Date of Construction: c. 1885

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

Structural Systems(s): Wood Frame

Roof(Type): Gable (Material): Asphalt Shingle

Number of Stories: 2 1/2 Approximate Dimensions: 35' x 25'

Structural Condition Good

Exterior Condition: Good

Locational Integrity: On original site Moved, When: NA

Alterations?: If yes, explain: NA

Related outbuildings or landscape features:

Surrounding Environment: Residential

Interrelationship of building and surroundings: This house sits on 0.17 acres of land on the Listed in the northeast side of Thimble Islands Road. A shed is just to the north of the house. The property is located in the Stony Creek/Thimble Islands National Register Historic District (ID 88002844), and is listed as a contributing resource. To the northwest is the intersection of Thimble Islands Road and Wallace Road. Long Island Sound is to the southwest of the property, across the street from Thimble Islands Road. Surrounding the property are nineteenth and early twentieth century single-family dwellings.

Other notable features of building or site: This is a two-story, cross-gable, Queen Anne style house with an attic. The house is sheathed in vinyl siding with asphalt shingles on the roof. The eaves of the roof overhang slightly, and the chimney protrudes from the ridge line. The façade faces southwest and the main entry is on this side. The entryway is reached by wood stairs with wood railings. A full width porch is on the façade and has a gable and shed roof supported by columns. Scalloped wood shingles are in the gable peak of the roof. Fenestration includes one-over-one double-hung windows with shutters. Decorative molding is on the overhanging eaves.

Architect: Unknown Builder/Maker: Unknown

Historical or Architectural importance:

Arthur Weithas was born in New York in 1911 to George and Anna Van Zern Weithas. He studied art at the Art Students League and the Visual Arts in both schools in New York City. He had a career in advertising for Cover Girl Cosmetics and Elizabeth Arden as well as for some agencies. He planned and designed 'Yank,' the Army Weekly, later becoming the Art Director. During World War II he served as technical sergeant and volunteered for combat coverage for 'Yank.' He was discharged in 1945, and in 1946 he received the Legion of Merit for his services. He collaborated with James Jones, an author, to produce a book, 'WWII,' a book about the art of war. Weithas wrote 'Close to Glory: The Untold Stories of World War II,' which was published in 1992. Arthur Weithas died at the age of 95 in 2006.

Sources:

<http://www.wsclancy.com/obituary/Arthur-G.-Weithas/Branford-CT/514031>; Ancestry.com; Loether, J. Paul, 'Stony Creek/Thimble Islands National Register Historic District Nomination,' J. P. Loether Associates, 1988, ID 88002844.

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View:

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Threats: None known

Subsequent field evaluations:



262 Thimble Island Rd Branford (Vision Appraisal)

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