

CT Trust Resource ID: 3712

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): Shipman, Sterling, House / Ziemann, Richard & Joan, House

Other Name(s) (Historic): Shipman, Sterling, House/ Ziemann, Richard & Joan, House

Street Address or Location: 37 Maple Street, Chester

Town/City: Chester

Village:

County: Middlesex

Designation(s):

Owner(s):

Public/Private: Private

Latitude: 41.3994 Longitude: -72.4498

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Domestic: single dwelling

Historic Use: Domestic: single dwelling

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

Interior accessible? If yes, explain: NA

Style of building: Colonial Date of Construction: c. 1830

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

Structural Systems(s): Post & Beam, Wood Frame

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

Number of Stories: 2 1/2 Approximate Dimensions: 22' x 32', 38' x 40' addition

Structural Condition: Excellent

Exterior Condition: Excellent

Locational Integrity: On original site Moved, When: NA

Alterations?: Yes If yes, explain: Modern addition attached at rear

Related outbuildings or landscape features: Barn

Surrounding Environment: High building density

Interrelationship of building and surroundings: This property is a 5.69-acre site on the east side of Maple Street a short distance south of its intersection with Main Street, in the Cove area of Chester. With 236 feet of street frontage, the property extends east and includes a wider area at the rear of the abutting parcels. The rear portion of the property is wooded.

Other notable features of building or site: The main block of the house is a 2 1/2-story center-chimney Colonial house with five bays, a central entry, and six-over-six double-hung windows. A modern addition extends toward the rear.

Architect: Unknown Builder/Maker: Unknown

Historical or Architectural importance:

This house was built sometime before 1831 when it appears on a deed as the property of Sterling Shipman. It remained in the Shipman Family until the end of the nineteenth century (Houses of Chester 1976, 1984).

Since the mid-1970s it has been home to Richard and Joan Ziemann, who built an addition in the 1980s extending eastward from the original house.

Richard Ziemann (b. 1932) received in BFA and MFA from Yale University, and he has taught at Yale, Lehman College, and Hunter College, CUNY, where he is Professor Emeritus. He has been artist in residence at University of Massachusetts, Amherst #894; University of Notre Dame, and Dartmouth College (Peter Rose Gallery).

Richard Ziemann has spent his life studying both the grandness and finiteness of the American landscape, particularly at his country home in Connecticut. His focus is almost always the woods. He works entirely in black and white and his medium is etching, engraving or a combination of the two. He makes his prints, sitting in the woods drawing in hard ground on a zinc plate. The etching process is done in his studio and later finished with engraving. He particularly enjoys engraving and says, 'I enjoy it; it's one of those things which I suppose is not part of our times, but, in a way, I just like the direct cutting into metal.' His images are created by a building up of tiny marks, and often; take him several years to complete (Artline).

Sources:

Chester Assessor's records: <http://www.mainstreetmaps.com/CT/Chester/#>
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Artline web site. http://www.artline.com/essay_monograph/ziemann_richard_essay.php
Haslem, Jane, Gallery web site. http://www.janehaslemgallery.com/pages/ziemann_richard/
Peter Rose Gallery. http://peterrosegallery.com/richard_claude_ziemann/

Photographer: Google Map Street View Date: 2015

View: Northwest view

Organization: Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation

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Threats: None known

Subsequent field evaluations:



NW view of 37 Maple Street, Chester (Google Street View photo)

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