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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): Lofting, Hugh, House (2nd)Other Name(s) (Historic): Lofting, Hugh, House (2nd); Griswold, S.E., HouseStreet Address or Location: 76 River Road, KillingworthTown/City: Killingworth

Village:

County: New Haven

Designation(s):

Owner(s): RAMBUS, CAROLYN & COWPER, SHAWN EPublic/Private: PrivateLatitude: 41.2779 Longitude: -72.5540

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Domestic: single dwellingHistoric Use: Domestic: single dwellingAccessibility to public: No Exterior visible from public road? YesInterior accessible? If yes, explain: NAStyle of building: Colonial Date of Construction: 1761Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate) ClapboardStructural Systems(s): Post & BeamRoof(Type): Gable (Material): Asphalt ShingleNumber of Stories: 2 1/2 Approximate Dimensions: 23' x 57'Structural Condition: ExcellentExterior Condition: ExcellentLocational Integrity: On original site Moved, When: NAAlterations?: No If yes, explain: NARelated outbuildings or landscape features: GarageSurrounding Environment: Residential

Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

The house is located on the north side of River Road, east of the intersection with Paper Mill Road, on a 2.5-acre parcel. The building is set close to the road, while neighboring modern-period houses are set back in wooded parcels. To the south, the view is across an open field to the Evergreen Cemetery. A c. 1950 garage is located to the west of the house.

Other notable features of building or site:

This is a 2 1/2-story Colonial period (1761) center-chimney house with side-gable roof and five-bay façade. The windows are 12-over-12 double hung with simple square casings. The central entry has a Federal-style surround with pilasters and lintel, and a flat-arched fan light above the door. The soffit at the façade eave has an overhang with simple modillion blocks; the rakes have no overhangs. A three-bay two-story addition at the east end has 6-over-6 double-hung windows and sloping soffits. Siding is horizontal wood clapboard with corner board trim.

Architect: Unknown Builder/Maker: Unknown

Historical or Architectural importance:

Structure Significance: ;Artist/Writer Significance: ;Artist/Writer Work: ;Resource Association:

Sources:

Interviews: Thomas Lentz, Killingworth municipal historian, 8/29/2014, at the Killingworth Historical Society. Tammy Eustis, Killingworth Public Library, 10/05/2014, at the Library.

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Note: this site was edited with cooperation and advice from the author's son Christopher Lofting, who provided illustrations and family photographs.

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View: South view

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Threats: None known

Subsequent field evaluations:



SW view of 76 River Road, Killingworth

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