



# TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

May 18, 2021

David L. and Suzanne C. Sack  
270 Green Hill Road  
Killingworth, CT 06419

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sack,

Thank you for attending the Special Meeting of the Historic Review Committee held on May 14, 2021 to review your application to demolish the main house on your property at 270 Green Hill Road.

As you know, the committee determined that the house is significant to the community, based on the criteria outlined Killingworth's Code of Laws, the Ordinance to Encourage the Preservation of Architecturally and Historically Significant Buildings by Delay of Demolition.

Specifically, the committee designated the house a "significant building," having met the following criteria from Chapter 23B-3:

*C. The building or structure has documented associations with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social history of the town, the state, or the nation [See attachments A, B,C].*

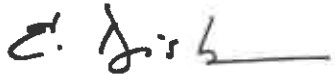
*D. The building or structure has documented historical or architectural importance in terms of period, style, method of construction, specific use, or association with a recognized builder or architect, either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings. [See attachment C, D].*

*E. The building or structure is listed as an historically significant building or site in the Killingworth Plan of Conservation and Development. [See attachments D].*

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**A public hearing to solicit public comment on the intent to demolish the house will be held before June 12, 2021. You will be notified by certified letter of the time and date of the hearing.**

**Sincerely,**



**Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow**  
**Chair, Historic Review Committee**

**Attachment A: Genealogy**  
**Attachment B: Title Search**  
**Attachment C: Municipal Historian Analysis**  
**Attachment D: Connecticut Historic Commission Resources Historic Resources Inventory Form, Referenced in the Killingworth Plan of Conservation and Development**

Griswold Genealogy (partial)

Edward Griswold m1628 Margaret (Margaret buried in Indian River Cemetery)

1607-1690 \_\_\_\_\_ 1609-1670

John Griswold m~1680 Bathsheba North

1652-1717 \_\_\_\_\_ 1654-1736

Joseph Griswold m1714 Temperance Lay

1691-1773 \_\_\_\_\_ 1691-1773

Joseph Griswold m1745 Rebecca Ruffy

1716-1791 \_\_\_\_\_ 1719-1747

Samuel Griswold m1773 Submit Turner (both buried in SW District Cemetery)

1745-1830 \_\_\_\_\_ 1749-1821

Charles Lord Parmelee m1817 Florilla Griswold Mary (Molly) A. Griswold Samuel Griswold \_\_\_\_\_ Electa Hull

1792-1869 \_\_\_\_\_ 1793-1867 1779-1869 1775-1806 \_\_\_\_\_ 1779-1811

Mabel R. Stevens m1858 Charles E. Parmelee William H. Parmelee m1855 Augusta Elvira Leander Griswold \_\_\_\_\_ Elizabeth Dudley

1830-1913 1826-1903 1831-1917 Parmelee 1835-1912 1804-1895 \_\_\_\_\_ 1808-1886

Samuel E. Griswold  
1832-?

# ATTACHMENT B

## Title Search Property at 270 Green Hill Road, Killingworth

- Edward William Sherman to David L. Sack and Suzanne C. Sack, 21 acres. V137, p534-5, 5/7/1996. Map No. 876, 7/13/1981.
- Ruth A. Forrester to Edward William Sherman and Roberta Brown Sherman, 18 acres with dwelling. V47, p402, 10/27/1950.
- Stephen Forrester to Ruth A. Forrester, First tract 18 acres with dwelling house. V46, p390-1, 11/1/1946.
- George C. Fatscher and Aline S. Fatscher to Stephen Forrester, First tract 18 acres with dwelling house. V46, p46-7, 3/7/1941.
- Charles G. Hunt and Elizabeth M. Hunt to George C. Fatscher and Alice S. Fatscher, 18 acres land with buildings. V40, p410, 5/14/1925.
- Christine A. Meyn to Charles G. Hunt and Elizabeth M. Hunt, 18 acres land with buildings. V40, p376, 5/1/1925.
- John Moran to Gustaf C. and Christine A. Meyn, 18 acres land with buildings. V40, p150, 2/7/1918.
- Moses Joy to John Moran, 18 acres. V39, p153, 5/11/1914.
- Mabel R. Parmelee to Moses Joy, 18 acres land with buildings. V38, p227, 7/10/1906.
- Probate Court estate of Charles E. Parmelee to Mabel R. Parmelee, homestead tract with buldings, 18 acres. V34, p659, 5/10/1904.
- C Parmelee on 1874 map, no grist mill
- Wm Henry Parmelee to Charles E. Parmelee, one half of homestead of ours with buildings containing 18 acres. V31, p379, 5/11/1870.
- Mary Griswold to Charles L. Parmelee, Charles E. Parmelee, and Wm Henry Parmelee, estate or homestead formerly my father's Samuel Griswold. V30, p509, 1/20/1859.
- Charles L. Parmelee, Charles E. Parmelee, and Wm Henry Parmelee to Mary Griswold, 20 acres with buildings. V30, p405, 1/20/1859.
- Samuel Griswold of New Haven to Charles L. Parmelee, Charles E. Parmelee, and Henry Wm Parmelee of Killingworth, half of certain tract of land bounded by land of heirs of Samuel Griswold late of Killingworth deceased, 20 acres. V29, p224, 12/27/1852.
- Joseph Griswold to Samuel Griswold three Certain tracts of Land the first is the one half of fifteen acres and a half Lying on the East Side of the Highway against Jasper Griffin's Gristmill – also the one Half of the now Dwelling House & also the one Half of the Barn. He Second Tract lyeth a little below the Gristmill being half an acre bounded by Hammanaset River. The Third Tract a little above Griffin's Gristmill containing  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre. V13, p258, 2/24/1787. (There is more detail in the deed).
- Joseph Griswold to Samuel Griswold Grist mill property, tract of land lying by Hammonasset River. V11, p310-11, 6/11/1771.
- Joseph Griswold to my Son Joseph Griswold Jun tract of land Lying by Hamanasich River where my old Grist Mill standeth. V10, p263, 9/12/1767.
- Proprietors of Killingworth to Joseph Griswold, Survey, several pieces of land. The seventh piece lyeth on the ledges between the branches of Hammonasit River containing Eighteen acres and fifty Rods. V7, p82, 4/9/1744. (Not known if this is his home lot. There are other deeds from the Proprietors).

## Analysis

This is a historic property can be traced to Joseph Sr. (1691-1773) then to Joseph Griswold Jr. (1716-1791). These are direct descendants of Edward Griswold, the founding father of Killingworth (see genealogy). Joseph Griswold is listed among the first settlers of North Killingworth in the Southwest District in 1716. The property was most likely settled and a house built around that time. Joseph Jr. was one of the 50 members of the Second Congregational Church in 1738. Both received tracts of land from the Proprietors of Killingworth between 1724 and 1749. No record of land acquired by Joseph Sr. before 1716 could be found. However, his father John received land from the proprietors in 1710. He died in 1717 and his land probably went to his son Joseph. The property with dwelling near the Grist mill was transferred to Samuel Griswold in 1787. The property is then traced to the children and grandchildren of Samuel Griswold (1745-1830) and their spouses. Further information about this property could be obtained from the wills of John, Joseph Sr., Joseph Jr., and Samuel Griswold. Probate records are at the Connecticut State Library in Hartford.

The 1859 map shows the house belonging to Miss M. Griswold with a grist mill just north of the house. Mary was the daughter of Samuel. Although we don't have Samuel's will, the deed of 1/20/1859 shows that Mary owned the estate/homestead of her father Samuel Griswold. In the 1850 census, Mary Griswold's relationships and household are shown as Charles Parmelee, Florilla Parmelee, Charles E. Parmelee, William H. Parmelee, and Electa Ann Parmelee. Most of these had an interest in Samuel Griswold's estate. Mary was unmarried and it is likely that she shared the house with her sister Florilla and her husband Charles Lord Parmelee. A dwelling house is noted in the 1787 deed of Joseph to Samuel. The present house is a Greek Revival style that did not appear in Killingworth until around 1825. Thus, it is likely that the present house replaced the earlier house and was built around 1830 to accommodate the children of Charles and Florilla. Mary remained in the house. Inspection of the house and the site could yield further information.


Date assigned to site: 1716

Date assigned to house: circa 1830.

Thomas L. Lentz, Municipal Historian

bridges receive preventative maintenance to mitigate future construction costs and liability. For instance, there is a strong likelihood that the Paper Mill Road bridge superstructure will drop from its current fair (5) condition rating to poor (4) condition over the next 10 years, if preventative maintenance is not provided. In the event any of our bridges fall into the poor (4) condition category, the Town should begin the process of obtaining State and Federal funding for rehabilitation or replacement. This would help ensure that the design and reconstruction can occur prior to the subject structure degrading to a critical condition, necessitating closure.

**14. Historic Preservation.** Much of Killingworth's character is due to the presence of its historical buildings, houses, and sites. The following historical assets in Killingworth should be preserved, maintained, or improved.

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1. The Killingworth Congregational Church on Route 81 and the Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Emanuel Church Road.
  2. Approximately 150 historically significant houses and structures as inventoried in Killingworth's Survey of Architecturally Significant Buildings, prepared in cooperation with the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency in 1980.
  3. Eight one-room schoolhouses built between 1800 and the late 19th century. Four are in private ownership, two are owned by the Killingworth Historical Society, and two by the Town.
  4. Numerous mill and factory sites. Some are uninventoried, but can be identified on the 1859 and 1874 maps of Killingworth.
  5. Titus Coan's (important missionary to Hawaii) birthplace at the end of Titus Coan Road.
  6. The site of the first society house (early town hall) and first meetinghouse (church) built in Killingworth southwest of the junction of Routes 80 and 81.
  7. Seven town-owned graveyards no longer in use.
  8. The historic Town center which is the area extending along both sides of Route 81 from the municipal buildings south to Chittenden Road and on Route 80 east of the traffic circle.
  9. Stonewalls which mark the Town rights-of-way on many roads and mark pastures and original property boundaries.
  10. The agricultural renaissance cairns on Buell Hill (Deer Lake subdivision).
  11. The stagecoach stop on Tower Hill Road (half is on Town property).
  12. Important archeological sites such as Native American rock shelters.

Several methods can be used to preserve historical assets. When tracts of land are subdivided, the Planning and Zoning Commission should whenever appropriate and possible require that historically significant sites, structures, and assets and public access to them be donated to open

