

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 Griswold Sr. (1691-1773) then to Joseph Jr. (1716-1791). These are direct descendants of Edward Griswold, the founding father of Killingworth. 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. H 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.

The 1859 map of Middlesex County shows the house belonging to Miss M. Griswold with a grist mill near 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 visible from the road is a Greek Revival style that did not appear in Killingworth until around 1825. There are other structures attached to the rear of the house. Some of these are later additions but one is an older house. Thus, it is likely that the older house is the 1787 or even older house. The Greek revival was probably added to the older house around 1830 to accommodate the children of Charles and Florilla. Mary remained in the house.

Date assigned to site: 1716

Date assigned to house: 1787-1830.

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