

# Basic Detail Report

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## A CONNECTICUT VILLAGE

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SCALE REPRODUCTIONS OF SEVERAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS IN OUR STATE — DESIGNED BY OUR DISPLAY STAFF, CONSTRUCTED BY JOHN OLDHAM STUDIOS OF WETHERSFIELD — THE CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSISTED US IN OUR RESEARCH

**IN THE FOREGROUND . . .**

- 1. The Old Stone House** on Whitfield Street in Guilford is thought to be the oldest stone structure in America. Built in 1639 by the Reverend Henry Whitfield, an outstanding scholar and leader among the area's early settlers, the one-room building served two purposes: it housed the distinguished Reverend and his family, and it provided a place for the holding of religious services. Today the house is a state historical museum.
- 2. The Goodspeed Opera House** in East Haddam was built in 1876 by Connecticut tycoon William H. Goodspeed. No ordinary entrepreneur, Goodspeed filled his hall with fine entertainment, transporting entire troupes up the river from New York by steamboat. Josh Billings, Henry Ward Beecher, and Tom Whiffen all played Goodspeed's. Following the owner's death, the House went into gradual decline, closing its doors in 1920. Efforts of citizens and a sum of money from the state made restoration possible in 1959. The grand re-opening: June, 1963.
- 3. The Second Congregational Church** in North Cornwall, some 140 years old, is strong testimony to the skill and determined purpose of those responsible for its existence. The church was built by a small group of religious men, who, for political and personal reasons, had seceded from the parent church. Dedicated families contributed timber for the building of their new meetinghouse, making it a contest as to who could furnish the finest. Noah and Ithamar Baldwin made all the shingles by hand. They remain today, as does the entire original exterior.
- 4. The James Lewis Cowles House** is one of two houses in Farmington bearing the Cowles name. Both were built by General Solomon Cowles: the first in 1782, the second in 1802, a wedding gift from the General to his son George. The second came to be known as the James Lewis Cowles House and was subsequently owned by the famous architect, Mrs. Theodate Pope Kiddle, and by Mrs. Henry Sage, who was responsible for its restoration. It was included in 1934 and 1940 surveys of historic American buildings conducted by the Library of Congress. James McA. Thomson is its present owner.
- 5. The Buttolph-Williams House**, circa 1692, was built by David Buttolph and later owned by Daniel Williams. It's considered one of the finest old structures in New England, its furnishings and overall decor reflecting a way of life that prevailed when Indians roamed the land. Seventeenth-century delft, homespun linen, a Hartford sunflower chest, and a mushroom armchair are among its rare treasures. The house located in Wethersfield is maintained by the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, Inc., of Connecticut.

**IN THE BACKGROUND . . .**

6. The Mystic Seaport, Mystic
7. The Covered Bridge, West Cornwall
8. The Gay Manse, Suffield
9. The Painter-Hathaway House, Litchfield
10. The Walter Fyler House, Windsor
11. The Kent Railway Station, Kent
12. The Sheldon Tavern, Litchfield

SEE MAP ON REVERSE SIDE FOR LOCATIONS OF THESE HISTORICAL LANDMARKS

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of Wethersfield. The featured landmarks include: the Old Stone House (Guilford),

the Goodspeed Opera House (East Haddam), the Second Congregational Church

(North Cornwall), the James Lewis Cowles House (Farmington), and the

Buttolph-Williams House (Wethersfield).

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