

## Montville historic building 019

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### Item Description

#### Title

Montville historic building 019

#### Town

Montville (/digital/collection/p4005coll7/search/searchterm/Montville/field/towns/mode/exact/conn/and)

#### Subject - LCSH

Dwellings; Montville (Conn.)

#### Keywords

Historic homes; Old houses

#### About the survey data

The text in the following fields, up to the Tell Us More field, is transcribed from a survey form that accompanies the photograph.

#### Date [built] (Source)

1779 (MFL)

**Orig Owner**

Daniel F. Raymond

**Present Owner [1935-37]**

A. M. Kirsch (since 1885)

**Location**

West side Route 163, facing east, 2.8 miles south of Route 82.

**Description [Material]**

Wood

**Roof**

Peak

**Chimney Type/No.of**

Stone / brick top / central

**Height**

Two stories and half

**Fenestration**

9 window front; 6/6 sash

**Overhang**

Very slight at 2nd floor level gable end.

**Foundation**

Stone

**Condition - Physical**

Good

**Exterior**

Clapboarded walls.

**Doorway**

Door on south side leading into long hall to kitchen.

**Interior**

Plain. Replastered and refloored. Raised four-panel doors. Plain mantels in two front rooms. High shelf over kitchen fireplace, 5' 7" high. Long hall has plain boards, one having old imprint of name M. Raymond. Mr. Kirsch had it replaced when torn out.

**Creator**

W.P.A. Federal Writers Project, State of Connecticut

**Date - Created**

1935-1942

**Date - Digital**

2011-06-03

**Collection**

WPA Architectural Survey

**Type**

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**Language**

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**Source - Original**

Photograph, b&w, 4 x 6 in.; Pre-printed form, b&w, 8.5 x 11 in. with typescript

**Source - Location**

Connecticut State Library, State Archives, RG 033:28, WPA Records, Architectural Survey

**Relation**

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## About this collection

Often called "The WPA House Survey", the Census of Old Buildings in Connecticut, 1934-1937 was a Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.) project. Survey forms provide descriptions of nearly 5,000 buildings. Some forms also include sketches of interior and/or exterior architectural details and a brief history of the building.

The data from the Building Survey Form was transcribed and the accompanying photo(s) and sketches were scanned. Each building's transcription reflects the information entered on the original forms. Spell

Most of the buildings have no name. Although the locations may seem exact, they may be misleading or inaccurate. Construction dates and original owners are as written on the survey forms, even though many structures that could have been included in this survey may have been missed through neglect or simply shortage of manpower. If the house you are researching is not in the survey, consult the Research options.

### History of the WPA Survey Project

The Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.) was established on May 6, 1935 by Executive Order 7034 to coordinate the work relief projects supported by the United States Government. The Federal Emergency When it went out of existence at the end of 1935, the W.P.A. became the lead agency in the federal government's efforts to provide work assistance for the unemployed during the later Depression years. An Federal Works Agency and its title was changed to Work Projects Administration. It was abolished on June 30, 1943, and finally liquidated a year later.

The Work Projects Administration for Connecticut, through its main offices in New Haven and district offices in other major cities, provided many "Works Programs" such as highway work, reforestation, and and by the end of March 1936, 28,671 persons were at work on 963 different projects in Connecticut. However, the WPA records held by the State Archives relate almost exclusively to the Writers' Project and Census of Old Buildings.

This "census" (State Archives Record Group 33:28) was an outgrowth of the compilation of material for the guidebook Connecticut: A Guide to its Roads, Lore, and People (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1938; Cf. important Colonial Dames books on historic Connecticut houses, had overall responsibility for the project. Using the Colonial Dames books and Edgar L. Heermance's The Connecticut Guide: What to See on visits to each town by members of his small staff, he compiled form reports providing descriptions of nearly 5,000 buildings, most illustrated with photographs. Although most of the fieldwork was completed by resulting from the 1938 hurricane; a few reports include photos of the house before and after the hurricane. Batches of survey forms and photographs continued to be sent to the State Library by the WPA Ne

The original Building Survey Form Reports (FW-6), with attached photographs, contain architectural and historical data on individual houses and other buildings. Some include sketches of interior and/or exterior arranged alphabetically by town; thereunder by number. The State Library has two sets of the survey, one of which is available for reference use. Other sets were deposited with the Antiquarian and Landmar

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