



Address: 5 Cheney Road

Contemporary Building Name: 5 Cheney Road

Historic Building Name: Captain Moseley Talcott House, J.W. Day Farm

Present Use: Residential

Historic Use: Residential

Architectural style: Colonial

Date constructed: 1773-1800 (Keith)

Description: The front elevation of the house at 5 Cheney Road has five bays spaced in a 2-1-2 rhythm, with central doorway and tall central chimney. The front door is set off by sidelights of four vertical panes under a five-pane transom. Second-floor lintels abut the eaves fascia. The barn features weathered vertical siding. The Keith photograph (1935) does not show the rear wing to the north.

Significance: The Captain Moseley Talcott House is a fine example of a large, tall Colonial house in a good state of preservation. The front retaining wall and iron fence add an element of historic landscape architecture. The fence was fabricated on the premises in 1823 by a blacksmith named William Richmond. The Marlborough library is named after his son William Henry Richmond, who became a coal magnate in Scranton, Pennsylvania. There once was a cider mill at the rear of this property, toward the end of what is now called Old Cider Mill Lane.

Sources: Keith, Elmer D., director. Works Progress Administration, Federal Writers' Project, Census of Old or Distinctive Buildings in the State of Connecticut. c. 1935. Ransom, David. Historic and Architectural Resources Survey, Town of Marlborough, Connecticut. April 1998.

Notes: THIS HOUSE BURNED DOWN, AND WAS REBUILT WITH A NEW CONTEMPORARY STRUCTURE, IN 2003.