



Address: 10 Blackledge Road

Contemporary Building Name: 10 Blackledge Road

Historic Building Name:

Present Use: Residence

Historic Use: Farmhouse

Architectural style: Greek Revival

Date constructed: 1845 (Baber), 1862 (Assessor)

Description: The house consists of a two-story pedimented gable end facing the street flanked by a one-story long wing to the south and a one-story small ell to the north. The front of the two-story principal block has four bays, arranged in a 2-2 rhythm, without doorway. Windows are 6-over-6. Corners of the building are defined by paneled pilasters. The deeply recessed pediment features a central vertical 6-over-6 window under wide frieze and molded cornice. In the surrounding tympanum the clapboard pattern is chevron-shaped. Front entrance is through the one-story wing to the south. This 24' x 16' segment therefore may be part of the original house. Like the main block, it has a central brick chimney. A 1923 addition reference by the Assessor's field card may be the extension of the wing or the ell to the north. The property consists of nine acres, probably representing the remaining portion of a farm parcel.

Significance: 10 Blackledge Road is significant architecturally because it is a fine example of the Greek Revival style, well-maintained and in a good state of preservation, with unusual features. The unusual features include the four-bay arrangement of the front elevation, the absence of a front door, and the presence of the vertical highly articulated pediment window. Its surrounding diagonal boarding also is seldom found. The distinctive size, orientation, and entablature of the attic window may be a favored Marlborough treatment. See also 23-25 Blish Road.

Sources: Baber, David. Capitol Region Council of Governments Historic Resource Survey of Marlborough, 1978.

Ransom, David. Historic and Architectural Resources Survey, Town of Marlborough, Connecticut. April 1998.

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