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This house in Canton has Colonial charm and modern comforts

By Joan Walden

The property at 130 Bunker Hill Road in Canton has a long and impressive history. Its origin in pre-Revolutionary War Connecticut is well documented, with copies of deeds and other papers that trace its history to the forbears of the original builder, Abraham Barber.

The Thomen family purchased the farmstead in 1977 and spent a year to deconstructing and rebuilding the property. Chet Thomen was a professional contractor who thought of the house as “a first-born child,” William Raveis Real Estate agent Ann-Marie Rossley says.

The property functioned as a dairy farm for much of its history. The 1,800-square-foot restored red barn has a walk-up open area for storage or use as a workshop. Its many stables have housed horses, livestock, llamas and

even a buffalo. Four fenced areas off the barn are suitable for animals or equipment storage. A three-bay open barn and covered carport provide parking for four vehicles.

The nine-room farmhouse blends antique architectural details with the comforts of 21st-century country living. “What intrigues me is that (the original) portion of the home is older than the United States,” says Rossley.

The home has been expanded to include a screened-in porch that leads to a spacious 18-by-20-foot great room with a red brick floor and a vaulted beamed ceiling. There is a large fireplace with a wood-burning stove.

Beyond this room is another addition, a spacious eat-in



country kitchen that measures 16 by 30 feet. The kitchen has a red brick floor, custom-built pine cabinets and a beamed ceiling.

The 12-by-13-foot dining room features original 12-inch chestnut floorboards and another fireplace. None of the home’s fireplaces is operational but they could be restored, Rossley says. The Norman Rockwell view from the dining room’s large box window is of the red barn and adjacent paddocks and fields covered with wildflowers and bordered by white fencing.

The doors are solid, reminiscent of an earlier age. A dining room door leads to the cellar which has a concrete floor and a Burnham furnace and hot water heater. “All the insulation and mechanicals

meet today’s standards,” Rossley says.

Renovations include the addition of shelves and built-ins to a 12-by-15-foot space off the dining room. This room, with a fireplace and wide board flooring, might have been the original master bedroom, Rossley says. It has been used recently as an office.

The living room features another fireplace with a wood-burning stove and many built-ins. Handsome, leaded glass sidelights and a transom have been added to the front door.

There are three bedrooms upstairs, all with wide floorboards. At the top of the stairs is a room-sized walk-in closet with built-in drawers and double clothing rods. The largest bedroom measures 12 by 14 feet, while the other two are



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11 by 12 feet. The upstairs bathroom features a vanity with double sinks, a glass-enclosed shower and tub, and a linen closet. The back staircase leads to the kitchen area where there is a laundry room and a bathroom.

The house offers abundant storage space that includes a walk-up attic and “plenty of nooks,” according to Rossley. “It has history and workmanship and so much character,” she says. Because the house does not appear on the National Register of Historic Places, owners are not constrained by regulations and can make improvements.



For more information or to arrange for a private showing, contact Ann-Marie Rossley of William Raveis Real Estate at 860-205-0786, Ann-Marie.Rossley@raveis.com.

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130 Bunker Hill Road, Canton

Builder: Abraham Barber

Year built: 1764

Price: \$349,900

Square footage: 2,258

Acreage: 2.83 acres

Best features: Pre-Revolutionary War property with modern amenities

Contact: Ann-Marie Rossley, William Raveis Real Estate, 860-205-0786, Ann-Marie.Rossley@raveis.com

Bedrooms: 4

Baths: 2

Rooms: 9

Mill rate: 29.76 mills

Style: Colonial farm house

