

## Request for Amending the Boundary of the Canterbury Center Historic District

We, Harry S. and Sarah A. Kinter, respectfully request that the Canterbury Historic District Commission take whatever steps it deems appropriate to amend the southerly boundary of the present Historic District to include our property at 40 Kimball Pond Road, tax map Lot No. 107-23.

It is our belief that the original boundary of the District should have included our property, which abuts the District boundary, and which is more historically significant than some of the properties that are included within the current configuration of the District.

Our house was built by Ephraim Hackett, who came to Canterbury in 1749 from Salisbury, MA, and purchased two adjoining lots (113-114) from the proprietors. Oral tradition is that the house was built as a half Cape on Morrill Road, about 500 feet from its present site. It was moved by oxen to its present site, probably before 1775. The southern half of the house was added to the half Cape creating the center hall Cape that you see today. An ell and barn were added. The barn was destroyed in the Hurricane of 1938.

The house stayed in the Hackett family until the 1830s. In addition to Ephraim Hackett and his son Jeremiah, who were office holders in the Town's earliest days, the house has been occupied by numerous people who have played a significant role in the Town's history. Among these are the Hutchins, Guertin, Fife and Hubbard families, and Luther Cody, the noted photographer. The house is pictured on the front of Catherine (Guertin) Dickson's memoir about growing up in Canterbury entitled As I've Heard Tell. We believe it is one of the earliest and best-preserved houses in Canterbury and deserves the protections afforded by the Historic District designation. Thank you for your consideration.