

In 1794 when Wilton was still part of Norwalk, Josiah Raymond began buying land in this area. His son Platt Raymond established his home and farm here. Under Lewis Raymond, son of Platt, the farm encompassed nearly 300 acres. Lewis's daughter, Hannah, married Charles A. Ambler, and they inherited the farm. Their two sons, Charles M. and Lewis Ambler, lived in the two houses until their deaths in the 1930's.

*T*he farm was continued by Anna, widow of Charles M., and her daughter Betty. The Town of Wilton began negotiations to acquire the property for open space in 1998 following Betty Ambler's death. In 1999, with overwhelming taxpayer support, the Town purchased this beautiful 200-year-old working farm.

Today the Raymond-Ambler Farm Complex consists of two late eighteenth century houses, two late nineteenth century barns, a corn crib, ice house, garage, and three outhouses, all on twenty-three acres of rolling fields complete with stone walls and breathtaking views. While time has taken its toll on the grounds and buildings, the enthusiastic participation of town organizations and individual volunteers has resulted in real progress to repair and preserve the beauty and history of this unique town asset.

The Raymond-Ambler Farm Planning Committee is developing a Use and Management Plan. Under consideration are suggestions to continue some active farming, open community gardens, establish an environmental education facility, use the house for a historic museum and/or administrative offices, and adapt the white barn into a community meeting and special event place. All of this takes a great deal of resources and commitment which is the reason the sponsors of the Bicentennial House and Garden Tour have named the Raymond-Ambler Farm as the recipient of its proceeds.



Directions: From Wilton Center, take Route 7 north. Turn right onto Pimpewaug Lane. Go right onto Skunk Lane (west). Follow to Hurlbutt Street and turn left (north). The entrance is on the left. 257 Hurlbutt Street

Acreage: 22 acres

Parking: Top of the drive to the left of the barn.

Access: Entrance 200' north of the intersection of Skunk Lane and Hurlbutt Street on the left.

Trails: Undefined

Ownership: Town of Wilton

