

# Brick School fence repair

Southbury Historic Buildings Commission 2018

# Background

- 1993 application for Hist. Dist. Certificate of Appropriateness

During the Southbury Historic Building Commission's preliminary comprehensive preservation and restoration design planning for the grounds of Bullet Hill School, the necessity for partial fence replacement of the existing circa 1960's fence occurred. The replacement is necessitated due to deterioration and termite infestation, and became a priority on the list of restoration projects. The Commission also considered it as an opportunity to restore the fence to an earlier period. We therefore request your consideration for a Certificate of Appropriateness to complete this restoration project.

Commission members believe it is appropriate to correlate the nineteenth century time period focus of the school, "Living Museum Program" with our restoration goals. This period had been chosen as representative of the mid-point in the life of the school, (1789-1942), and has been reflected in both interior and exterior preservation efforts. In replacement of the fence, the Commission has an unusual opportunity to provide an authentic restoration of a historic landscape characteristic of that time period. In keeping with the "Living Museum Program" focus, historic research of the nineteenth and early twenty century photographs of Bullet Hill School indicates a post and board type fence.

Thank you for consideration of our request for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Catherine A. Palmer, Chairwoman  
Southbury Historic Building Commission

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November 1993

BULLET HILL SCHOOL LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION

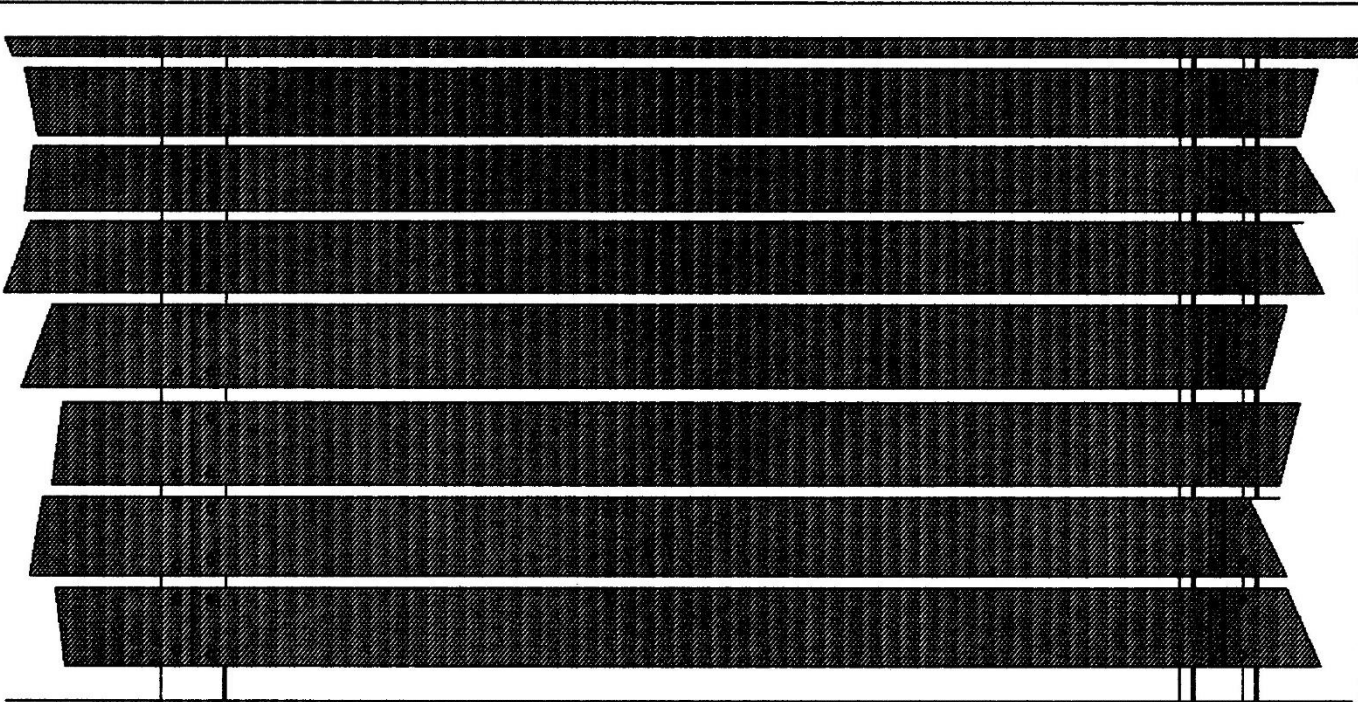
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE " To Protect and Enhance our Historic Buildings and Grounds"

- To show what the landscape associated with the buildings was or what it might have been, during a particular period ( 1850 thru early 1900's ).

FENCE REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL - Primary consideration was given to:

- Air circulation around the building
- Need to delineate property lines
- Site specific research

The Historic Buildings Commission recommends a POST & BOARD type fence. After reviewing old photos and considering the contemporary needs we feel this type shows a landscaping characteristic important enough to restore and has the adaptability to meet all other requirements.

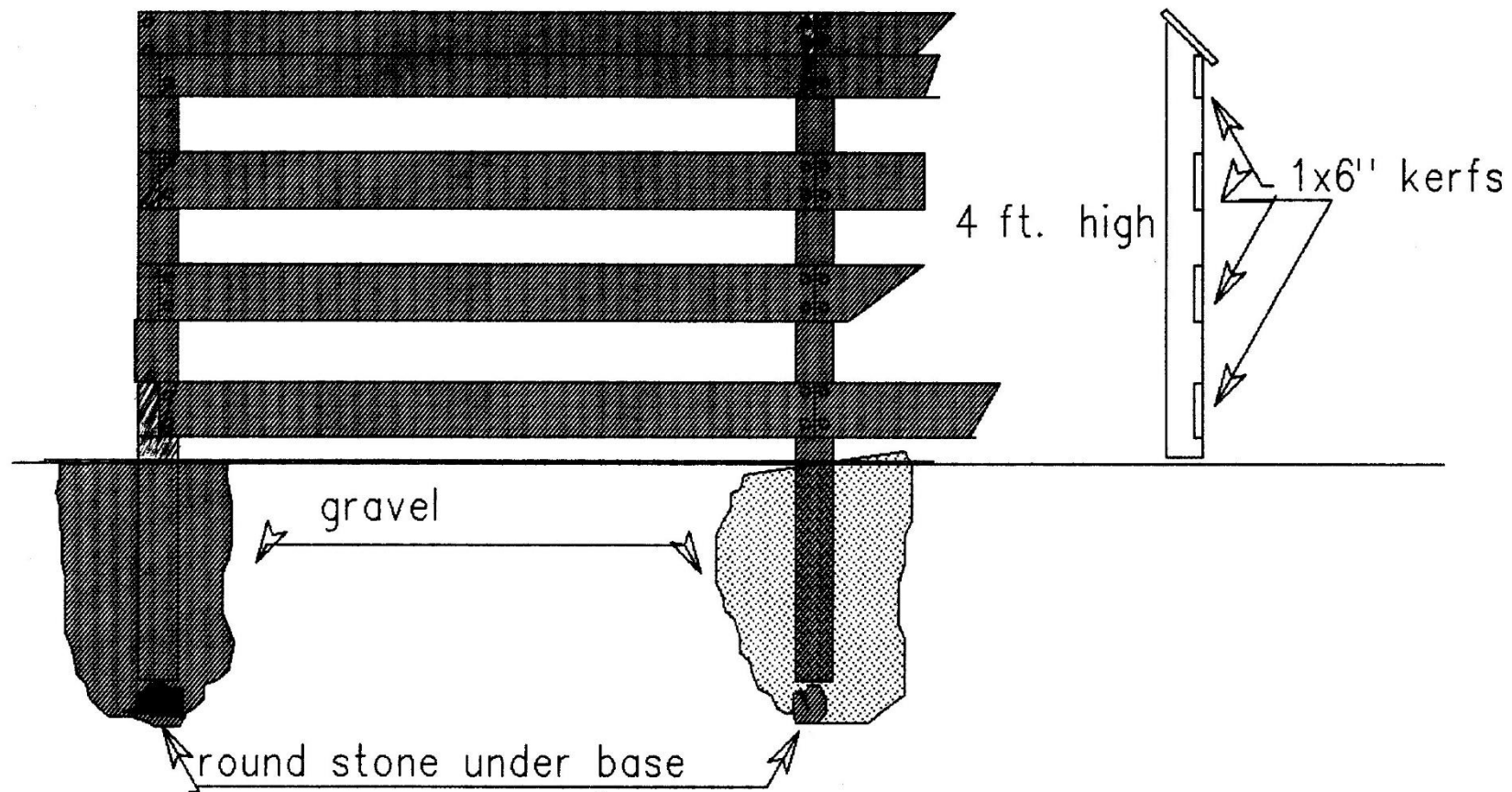


aprox. 5.5 ft. high  
6-8 feet sections

FACE

SIDE

6-8 ft. long



BULLET HILL SCHOOL (Southbury,CT) - Fence reproduction

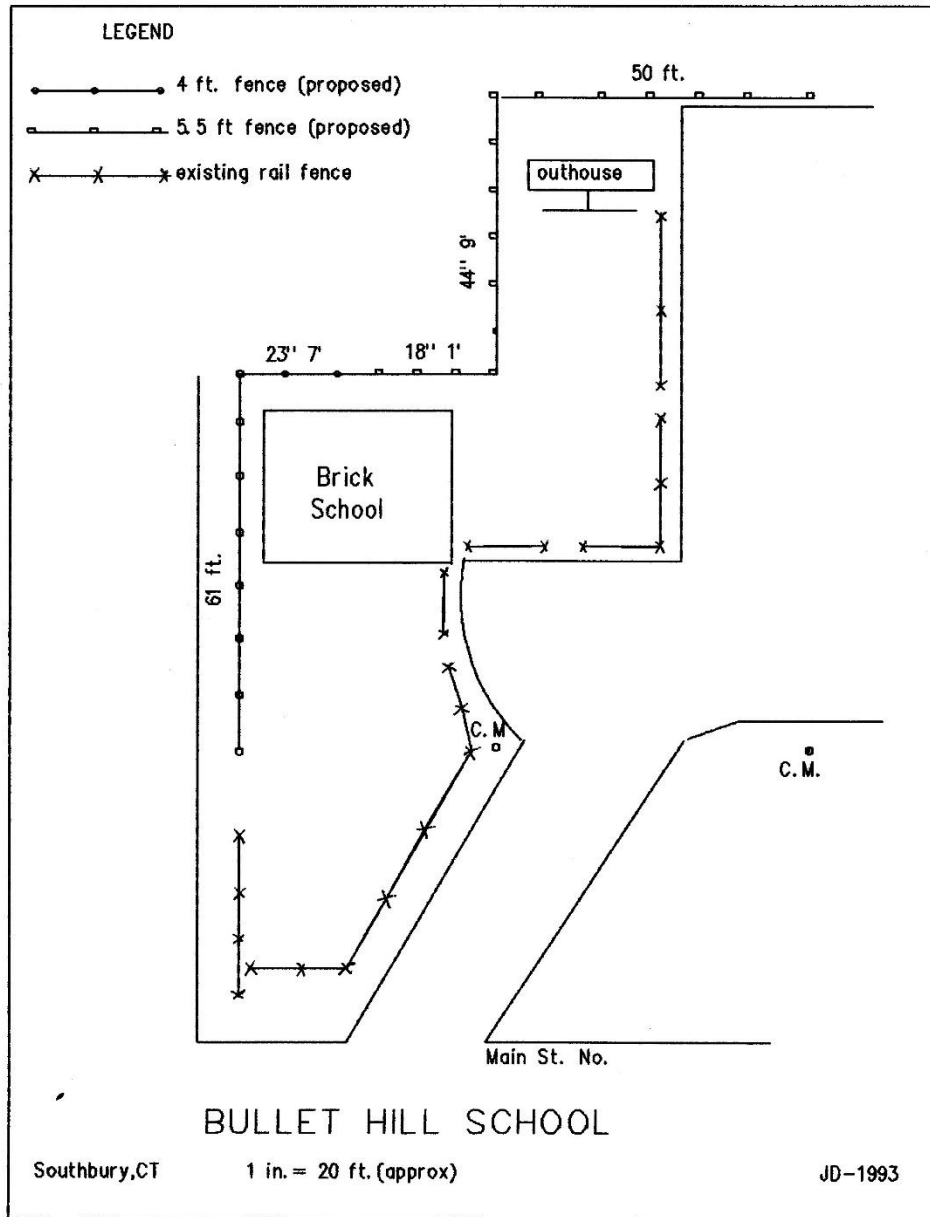
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**Bullet Hill School about 1912 - 1914**





BULLET HILL SCHOOL. Southbury, Conn. Built in 1789.





# Additional historical evidence

c. 1936



c. 1936



c. 1936



CONN. 45

CONN. 5 - SBUR. 1-2

HABS

c. 1936



Town Hall Southbury, Conn. Built 1778

c. 1929



c. 1907



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# Status

- Certificate of Appropriateness granted 20 December 1993
- May 2018 storm knocked over 61 foot section- south side.
- HBC approved motion Nov 2018 to “Determine extent of fence damage and arrange for repairs without change to appearance or design.”
- CHAPTER 97a, Sec. 7-147j. Exempted acts(a) Nothing in this part shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance or repair of any exterior architectural feature in the historic district which does not involve a change in the appearance or design thereof;...

