

Bibbins Road house among Easton's oldest

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Built circa 1740 the house at 32 Bibbins Road in Easton, known as the Ebenezer Hubbell house, sits on more than 5 acres of property. (possibly ME# 20- son of ME# 3 Richard) A classic New England saltbox home, the 3,069-square-foot house has many of its original features, including the vintage queen's cut flooring, and three original fireplaces, one of them with an old-fashioned bread oven next to it.

EASTON, CT — Though it hasn't served that purpose in years, the house at 32 Bibbins Road still has its original front door. It's been there since 1740, and it's in what is now a downstairs living space, complete with fireplace.

The heavy, dark green door feels out of place, but Stuart Richardson, who lives there, said the door once served a vital purpose.

"In the old days, you would have horses come through that door hauling firewood," he said

The door is one of many charming original features of the 3,069-square-foot New England saltbox home, including wide-plank oak floors, exposed wood beams, and an old-fashioned wood-fired bread oven alongside one of the fireplaces. Of course, the home has been updated over the years, adding a modern kitchen, a screened-in sun porch and other amenities. The house is listed for sale at \$850,000.

The list agent, Ariane Tallman, pointed out that the property is actually two lots, with a barn across the street. She said the property is notable for its rustic charm and its copious space. It also occupies a spot in local history, as one of the oldest homes in Easton, said Brue Nelson, director of research for the Historical Society of Easton.

Nelson said the home, known as the Ebenezer Hubbell house, was one of only 14 houses below what is now Rock House Road, according to a survey done in 1757. He said the home's design is typical of the mid-1700s.

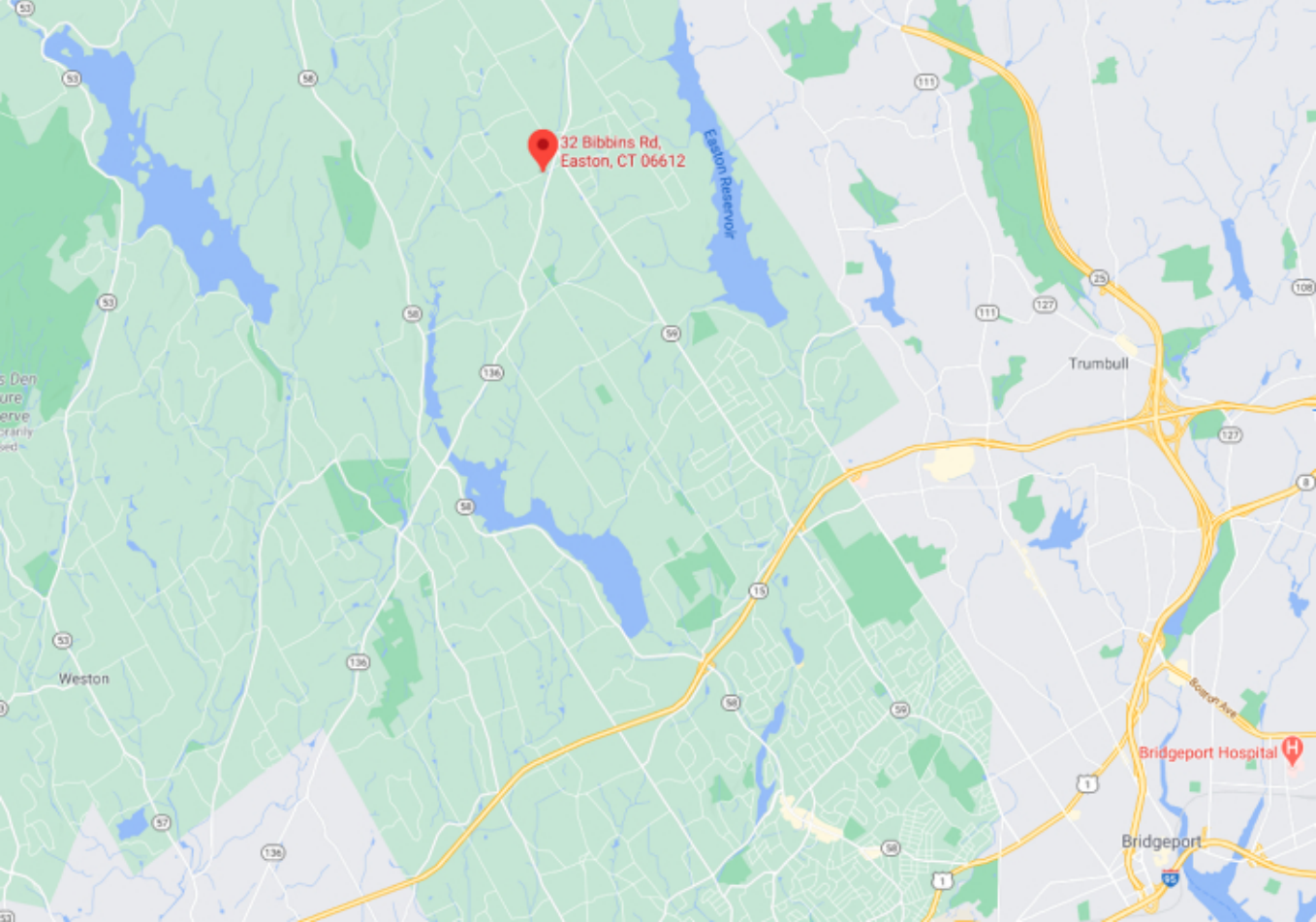
"The center chimney, saltbox style was popular during the era, as it provided multiple fireplaces to heat the entire house, including multiple upstairs sleeping quarters," Nelson said in an email.

He said records show the home was part of Long Lot number 9, known as the Hubbell Long Lot, originally granted to Richard Hubbell (ME#3?). When Ebenezer Hubbell died in 1761, the house at what is now 32 Bibbins and the barn were split between his children.

Later owners included Collins C. Patterson, a unmarried farmer who owned the property in the mid-1800s. According to Nelson, Patterson had dementia by his late 60s and was cared for by the town "before being committed to a mental institution where he eventually died."

By the 1880s, Anson Frank Bibbins and his wife, Flora, acquired the property and it remained in the family until after World War II. The road the house sits on was eventually named after the Bibbins family. This was part of an effort in 1933 to make sure all the roads in town had names to make it easier to find homes in the event of a fire.

In addition to that storied history, the house is an impressive mix of the antique and modern. It has four bedrooms, three bathrooms, and a lot of character. And, in a pinch, at least one of its fireplaces is easily accessible by horse.



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