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ABOUT EAGLE SCOUT HISTORIC DISTRICT PROJECT

The database consisting of three of Glastonbury's Historic Districts and about 200 addresses and photographs was created throughout 2013 by 2014 Glastonbury High School Senior, Kevin Linsey as part of his Eagle Scout leadership community service project.

Kevin's Eagle Scout project was conducted for the benefit of the Historical Society of Glastonbury and consisted of two phases.

The first phase included mulching a path connecting the Welles-Shipman-Ward House to the St. Augustine's Church Commuter Lot. For large Historical Society of Glastonbury events held at the Welles-Shipman-Ward House where lots of parking is needed, event goers can use the commuter lot and easily walk a path that connects the lots. The "path is important because it increases the amount of visitors that can park and visit the house," said Mr. Linsey.

The second phase involved taking current day photographs of approximately two hundred houses in three of the five Glastonbury Historic Districts. This was an effort to help document the homes in these important, nationally recognized districts.

The photos depict what these structures, located within these three historic districts, look like present day (2013). Kevin chose to utilize current day photographs because "it is important to show town residents that the history of our town is still around and current photos show that you can still see our history while driving through Glastonbury." The buildings photographed range from town buildings like the Welles-Turner Library to residential homes. They vary in date built – ranging from homes built as long as three hundred years ago to some built thirty years ago.

The Eagle Scout Database containing photographs and addresses of historic properties in this district can be viewed at <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/74498759/Eagle%20Project%20Photo%20File.htm>

Mr. Linsey chose to execute this database project because he "liked the idea of providing a pictorial representation of the great historical sites in town." He said that while working on the project "an added bonus was that a couple of people saw me photographing and explained the history of their respective houses, so I learned even more history." He's "happy with the result in the end and hope[s] that many town residents access this database and can see the wonderful history we have here in Glastonbury."

The Eagle Scout Award is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn. It recognizes qualities such as citizenship, integrity, leadership and community involvement. In 2012 the Eagle Scout program turned 100. Since first awarded in 1912, over two million young men have received this honor, yet only about 5 percent of all Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout rank. The rigorous journey requires earning at least 21 merit badges in areas such as first aid, citizenship, physical fitness, environmental science and family life. It also entails creating and executing a significant leadership community service project (average number of hours to complete this project is about 185), serving in a Scouting leadership role, demonstrating adherence to Scouting guidelines and values, and finally gaining the approval of a review board.