

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

PH0021199

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: Litchfield	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.3.09.0007	DATE 3/11/71

1. NAME	
COMMON: Woodbury Historic District #1	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION	
STREET AND NUMBER: see continuation sheet 1a	
CITY OR TOWN:	
STATE	CODE COUNTY: CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME: List of owners not available	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE: CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Woodbury Town Hall	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Woodbury	STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Connecticut Historical Commission	
STREET AND NUMBER: 75 Elm Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Hartford	STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Woodbury Historic District #1 is a residential community bounded by open fields and woods. It has a variety of colonial and Federal houses within it and includes a number of Greek Revival and Victorian buildings as well. The impression that the town creates is that of the restraint and simplicity of the Federal period, perhaps because most of the structures have been painted white—a phenomenon which produces incongruous effects in some instances (for example, where the heavy decoration of some Victorian buildings has been made "inconspicuous"). However, the general effect of the white painted exteriors is to create a sense of unity and serenity.

Within the district are one hundred forty-two houses, five public buildings, three greens, two schools, nine churches and religious properties and three privately supported historic structures. Some houses still stand which were built as early as 1680. In general a continuous series of houses exist which embody the history of the town from 1674 to the present.

The numbers of houses of each historical period are:

1. The Early Colonial Period (1674-1740)	13
2. The Late Colonial Period (1741-1788)	17
3. The Federal Period (1789-1828)	22
4. The Pre-Civil War Period (1829-1865)	36
5. The Post Civil War Period (1866-1900)	17
6. The 20th Century Period (1901-1969)	37
Total	142

The historic district functions as a commercial area and serves approximately 5,000 people for their everyday needs. The most significant part of the town's commercial life are the antique dealers, at least twenty-seven shops exist in Woodbury and nineteen of these are located in the historic district. Individuals skilled in related crafts and professions such as the restoration of furniture and paintings have been drawn to the area, and several nationally known artists now live in the town and surrounding country-side.

Some of the buildings in town deserving special mention are:

The Glebe House, built in 1746 and now owned by the Seabury Society, is open to the public. Here on March 25, 1783, ten of the fourteen Episcopal Clergymen in Connecticut met to choose their candidate to be head of an American episcopacy. They named Samuel Seabury, who, failing to satisfy bishops in England, journeyed on to Scotland where he was cordially received and on November 14, 1784 was consecrated by three Scottish bishops. Thus he became the first bishop of the national church in the United States. Located on Hollow Road.



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AREA INCLUDED IN WOODBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT NUMBER 1

District Number 1 extends through the center of the Town of Woodbury for some two miles on both sides of Main Street (U.S. Route 6). The southern limit of the district is the Davis parcel #1 on the west side of the street and the Bull parcel #2 on the east side of Main Street. The northern limit is the Stewart parcel #127 on the west side of Main Street at Flanders Road and the Morgan parcel #168 at the boundary of the Regional School #14 property.

Included also are the following streets running off Main Street (1) Hollow Road and Sycamore to Pomperaug River, (2) Judson Avenue to Pomperaug River, (3) School Street, (4) Orenaug and Park Roads up to Orenaug Park, (5) Pleasant Street including the Merriman parcel #128. Both sides of the streets indicated are included to a depth of 200 feet, making a total of 4 miles of streets, of which 2 miles are on Route 6, and 2 miles of the side streets enumerated.



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X The Hurd House, oldest house in Woodbury and the oldest of the one-room over one-room construction in Connecticut, built in 1680 and now owned and being restored by the Old Woodbury Historical Society. Located on Hollow Road.

X Old Blacksmith Shop, also the property now of the Old Woodbury Historical Society. This building dates from about 1825 and was the shop of a blacksmith until recent years. Hollow Road.

King Solomon's Lodge Number 7. In 1765 certain Free Masons in the Woodbury area were granted a charter by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, then the only Grand Lodge in Colonial America and there were few local lodges outside of Boston. These Woodbury Masons were contemporary with Paul Revere who, at age 25, was accepted into Saint Andrew's Lodge in Boston, 1756. Then in 1791 the Woodbury Lodge received a charter from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and became King Solomon's Lodge Number 7. The building on Signal Rock was built in 1839. Main Street.

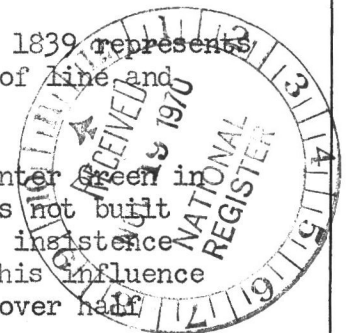
X St. Paul's Episcopal Church built 1785 by the Episcopal Parish of Woodbury, organized 1740. It has been suggested that St. Paul's steeple served as a model for the spires on churches built by David Hoadley between 1813 and 1830. Main Street.

X First Congregational Church built 1817 by the First Ecclesiastical Society of the First Congregational Church organized 1670. This, the third building of the Ecclesiastical Society of Woodbury, although apparently planned by Harmon Stoddard resembles St. Paul's spire and has been considered a Hoadley type church. Main Street.

North Congregational Church built in 1816 by the Strict Congregational Society organized 1816. The belfrey tower on this church is said to be the only example of Asher Benjamin influence in Connecticut. The pilastered porch and spire reflect Hoadley influence. Main Street.

Methodist Episcopal Church organized 1792 and built 1839 represents the late Federal Period with a pleasing simplicity of line and proportion. Main Street.

St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Church dominates the Center Green in harmonious accord with the other churches yet it was not built until 1902. This accord we owe to Michael Skelly's insistence that this be so. He was the town's blacksmith but his influence as a townsman had been felt in many other ways for over half a century. Main Street.



SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☒ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☒ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1680 to the present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☒ Agriculture☒ Architecture☒ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☒ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

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☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

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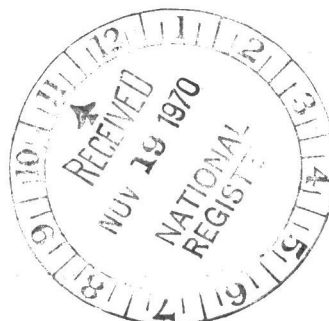
☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Woodbury Historic District is significant because its architecture and historic sites embody the history of the area since the seventeenth century. Nearly every type of house from the time of settlement to 1828 can be found in the area and it has some interesting Victorian houses as well. At present a considerable number of artists, authors, composers, photographers and skilled artisans with national reputations live in Woodbury and it is a community which provides a congenial atmosphere for people whose lives are devoted to the arts.

The town was founded in 1673 when fifteen families from Reverend Zechariah Walker's church in Stratford settled on land purchased from the Potatuck Indians. The homelots were laid out along a Main Street which almost followed the Indian Trail. In 1674 the General Court gave the name of Woodbury to the plantation at Pomperaug; in 1779 a part of Woodbury was set off to Washington, in 1787 another part to Southbury; in 1796 another to Roxbury and in 1807 a fourth part to Middlebury.

During the revolution Woodbury was a prosperous town, fourth largest on the State's grand list with a population in 1776 of 5,325. According to Crofut about a half of Ethan Allen's men on the expedition to Ticonderoga came from Woodbury and some have believed that Woodbury contributed as many as 1,500 men and more than a half million dollars worth of supplies to the Continental Army.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

A Report of the Historic District Study Committee. Woodbury, Connecticut. (February, 1969)

F.S. Marcy Crofut. Guide to the History and the Historic Sites of Connecticut. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1937.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
NW	41°	33'	32"	73°	12'	52"		
NE	41°	33'	32"	73°	11'	50"		
SE	41°	31'	50"	73°	11'	50"		
SW	41°	31'	50"	73°	12'	52"		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 200 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Constance Luyster, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: November 9, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

[Signature]

Title

State Liaison Officer and
Chairman, Connecticut Historical
Commission

Date

November 9, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

MAR 11 1971

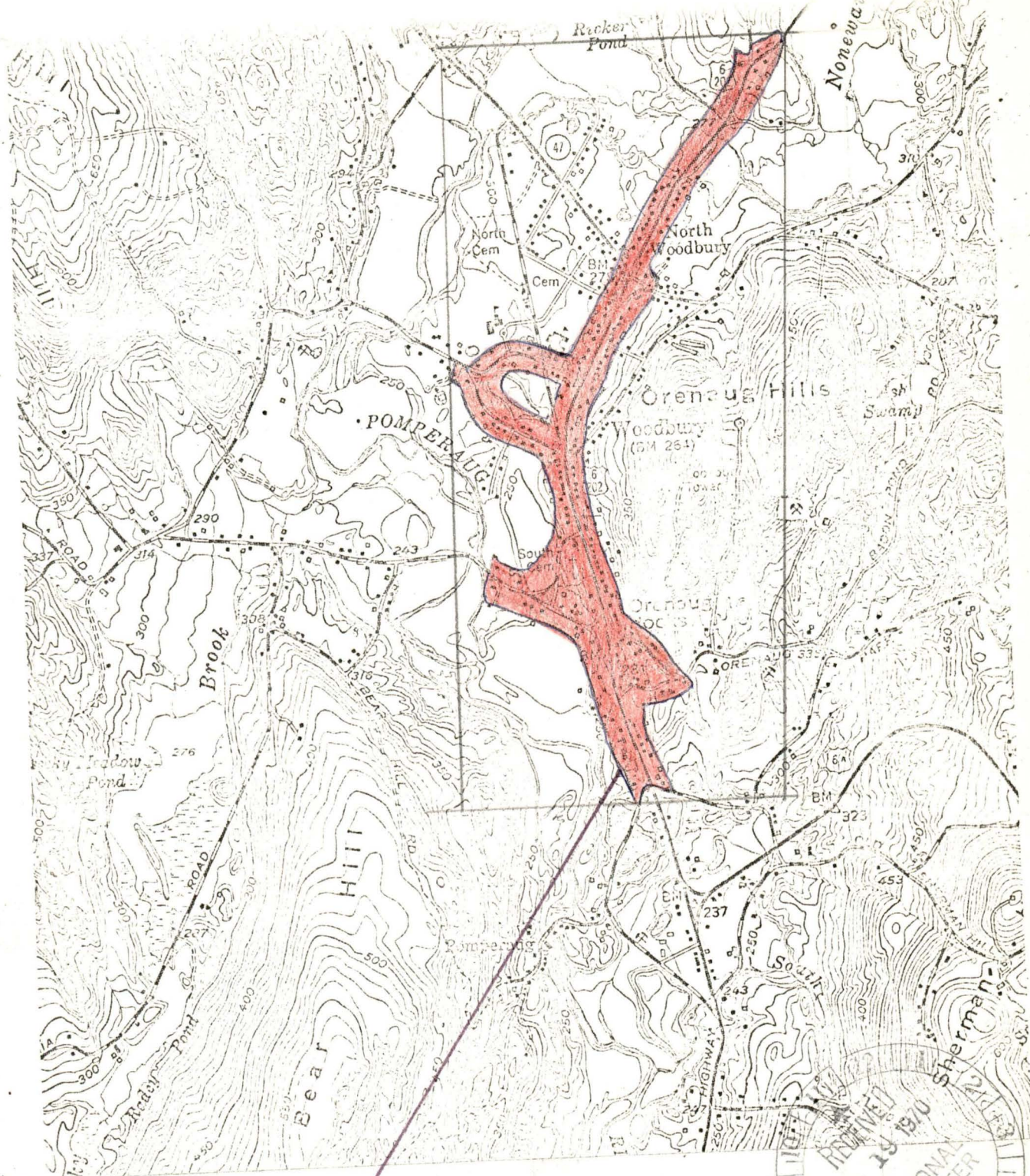
ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date

FEB 22 1971

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WOODBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT

	Latitude	Longitude
NW	41° 33' 32"	73° 12' 52"
NE	41° 33' 32"	73° 11' 50"
SE	41° 31' 50"	73° 11' 50"
SW	41° 31' 50"	73° 12' 50"



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Woodbury Historic
District #1

STATE

Conn.

RECEIPT

DATE OF RECEIPT 11/19/70 YES _____ NO _____ NUMBER 5

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ASST. KEEPER

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ENTRY

OK 2/22/71

CHIEF, OABP

OK 3-11-71

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR

CD 2/18/71 OK

Date

Federal Register Entry 4/6/71

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COMMENTS:



























UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
(LITCHFIELD)

WOODBURY QUADRANGLE
CONNECTICUT
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Connecticut Geodetic Survey

Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods

Aerial photographs taken 1944. Field check 1948. Revised 1955

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum

10,000-foot grid based on Connecticut coordinate system

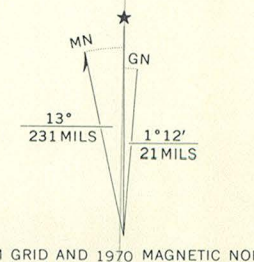
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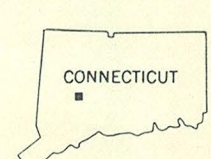
Connecticut Highway Department from aerial photographs

taken 1970. This information not field checked

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route
Interstate Route	

WOODBURY, CONN.
N4130-W7307.5/7.5

1955
PHOTOREVISED 1970
AMS 6567 II SW-SERIES V816

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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MAR 11 1971

H30-HR

Mr. Eric Hatch
Chairman
Connecticut Historical Commission
75 Elm Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06115

Dear Mr. Hatch:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Lowell P. Weicker, Jr., and Abraham A. Ribicoff and the appropriate Representatives are being informed. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for each of the property owners. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

Enclosures

Entered in the National Register MAR 11 1971

CC:
HR

3/5/71

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BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

CONNECTICUT

Southbury Historic District No. 1

Woodbury Historic District No. 1

Glebe House

Mansfield (Reverend Richard) House

Williams (Rev. Eleazar) House

Greenfield Hill Historic District

Butler-McCook Homestead

Williams (Warham) House

New Haven County, Connecticut

Litchfield County, Connecticut

Litchfield County, Connecticut

New Haven County, Connecticut

Tolland County, Connecticut

Fairfield County, Connecticut

Hartford County, Connecticut

New Haven County, Connecticut

MAR 11 1971

H30-HR

Hon. Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Weicker:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Connecticut and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff and the appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Mr. Eric Hatch, Chairman, Connecticut Historical Commission, 75 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06115, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

Enclosures

Entered in the National Register

MAR 11 1971

cc: Mr. Eric Hatch, Chairman, Connecticut Historical Commission, 75 Elm Street,
Hartford, Connecticut 06115

Also notified: United States Senate
Hon. Abraham A. Ribicoff

House of Representatives
Hon. Ella T. Grasso
Hon. John S. Monagan
Hon. Robert Steele, Jr.
Hon. Stewart McKinney
Hon. William Cotter
Hon. Robert N. Giaimo

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cc: Director, Northeast Region

HR

Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

CONNECTICUT

Southbury Historic District No. 1
Woolbury Historic District No. 1
Globe House
Mansfield (Reverend Richard) House
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The Old Woodbury Historical Society

INCORPORATED

WOODBURY, CONNECTICUT

May 9, 1974

Mr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Murtagh:

In 1973, The Old Woodbury Historical Society engaged Mr. Tony Wrenn of Alexandria, Virginia, to do a structure by structure study of all of the buildings in Woodbury's two historic districts, both of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. He surveyed about 100 buildings and studied their relationship to the whole streetscape.

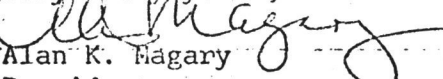
In the process of his study, he called our attention to a row of seven contiguous Greek revival buildings (six houses and one store) which are part of the setting for one of Woodbury's pivotal buildings, St. Paul's Episcopal Church erected in 1785 and completely restored to its 18th century exterior facades. Mr. Wrenn advises us that this particular configuration is almost unique and is of museum quality.

The Woodbury Telephone Company whose office and plant lie behind this row have now purchased two of the Greek revival homes. It is our understanding that, in the fullness of time, it is their intention to demolish both buildings; one soon for a driveway and one later for expansion although it is our belief that the Company has expansion room (admittedly a little more difficult) to the rear of their present property. In the face of this threat, we have asked Mr. Wrenn to prepare a special analysis of this Greek revival row and it is enclosed.

The purpose of this letter, then, is to request that you write to The Woodbury Telephone Company, attention Mr. Earle W. Munson, President, Main Street, Woodbury, Conn., 06798 and, of course, say what you wish. Naturally, it is our hope that the Company might be persuaded to return these houses to the residential market or, failing that, to consider adaptive uses which would preserve, under restoration, the four facades intact.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Very truly yours,


Alan K. Magary
President

cc: Mr. Charles A. Herrington, Supervisor Review, National Register, Washington, D.C.

enc: Report to The Old Woodbury Historical Society from Mr. Tony Wrenn.

Commonwealth
Bank and Trust
Company

Wellsboro, Pa.
16901

717-724-2621

May 22, 1974

Dr. William Murtaugh
Keeper of the National Register
of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of Interior
18th and C Streets, NW
Washington, DC 20000

Dear Dr. Murtaugh:

I recently had a very enjoyable conversation with your secretary regarding a project that our bank has recently undertaken in an effort to preserve an old stone home that was built in 1806. We are in the process of restoring the house into a branch banking office and hope to have it in full operation before the end of the year. We are very excited about this project and are looking for any ideas, suggestions, or information we can find that might aid us in our efforts.

We have had historical research done on the family who built the home and are in the process of doing research on the more recent owners and their families. We have also received approval from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to be listed on the Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places as of April 29, 1974.

I am enclosing a copy of our 1973 annual report which I thought might be of interest. Again I might add any help or information you could furnish us regarding a project of this nature would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation and courtesy.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Harriet J. Irwin
Marketing Officer

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Enclosure

JUL 12 1974

H34-PR

Mr. Earle W. Munson
President
Woodbury Telephone Company
Main Street
Woodbury, Connecticut 06798

Dear Mr. Munson:

It has come to our attention that the Woodbury Telephone Company has purchased two Greek Revival Houses within the Woodbury Historic District #1, listed on the National Register on March 1, 1974.

The National Register (leaflet enclosed) is the Nation's official list of properties worth preserving. Individual properties within a district are particularly important because they contribute to the ambience which makes the district significant. As you know, towns like Woodbury are beginning to lose the streetscapes and individual buildings which make these towns unique and which reflect the history and culture of the town.

I am sure you would agree that companies such as yours have a responsibility to protect and enhance the cultural resources of the Nation. We urge you to consider the integrity of the historic district, and the architectural importance of these two buildings, before taking any action which might endanger or denature the collective quality of the Woodbury environment.

Sincerely yours,

Acting

Charles A. Herrington (Sgd.)

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Harland H. Griswold, Chairman, Connecticut Historical Commission,
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106) w/c inc.

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bcc: Regional Director, North Atlantic Region)

Director's Reading File

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H34-PR

JUL 17 1974

Mrs. Harriet J. Irwin
Marketing Officer
Commonwealth Bank and Trust Company
Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901

Dear Mrs. Irwin:

Thank you for your letter concerning the preservation of the old stone home owned by the Commonwealth Bank and Trust Company.

The old stone home may be eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The enclosed leaflet and fact sheet describe the National Register and its grant-in-aid program. National Register properties are eligible to be considered for matching grants-in-aid under this program.

Nominations to the National Register as well as grant-in-aid applications are made by the State through the State Historic Preservation Officer. You may wish to consult the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Officer, Mr. William Wewer, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Box 1026, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

Thank you for enclosing a copy of your 1973 annual report. The National Register is always interested in information regarding the adaptive use of historic properties.

Sincerely yours,

((Sgd.)) William J. Murtagh

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

cc: Mr. William J. Wewer, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Historical
and Museum Commission, Box 1026, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
17120) w/c inc.

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The Woodbury Telephone Company

Woodbury, Connecticut 06798



(203) 263-2121

EARLE W. MUNSON
President & Treasurer

A. E. B. TANNER
Vice President

ADDIS W. MORGAN
Secretary

J. GARRY MITCHELL
General Manager

July 22, 1974

Mr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Murtagh,

In regards to your letter of (no date given), subject matter two Greek Revival Houses which The Woodbury Telephone Company has purchased.

These houses are located in front of and between our commercial building and Main Street, Woodbury. One has been vacant for several years and is not in a very good state of repair. The second we purchased granting the right to the former owner of life residence, she to maintain the interior and the Company to maintain the grounds, painting roof, taxes, etc.

The purchase of both of these houses is incorporated into the long range program of this company. I feel certain that nothing need be done about the removal of either building for from 12 to 15 years.

Prior to the erection of both of these houses in the late 1800's there was a large home at their rear with a large expanse of lawn between the home and the Main Street with a circular drive leading to the home. Our present commercial building is located partially on and to the rear of this former home-site. Our eventual plans is to add a front to our present building to be used as a general office building (our own purposes only), restore the large lawn with appropriate planting, etc. Any building that we would build facing Main Street would be in keeping with the general architecture of the

The Woodbury Telephone Company

Woodbury, Connecticut 06798



(203) 263-2121

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General Manager

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community and Historic District # 1 in the Town.

Growth in Woodbury and the surrounding communities which we as a telephone company serve has been very rapid in the past few years requiring large additions to telephone plant both building wise and internal switching equipment. It was suggested by our Historic Commission that we move. This is an impossibility financially, several million dollars are tied up in building and equipment on our present location. To move would mean a complete new facility in some other location completed and ready for cut over to service while our present facility would still be in operation and after a cut over our present facility would be valueless. Stockholders, Bondholders, etc. would take a considerable loss, this was explained to the Historic Commission and they did agree that it was an impossibility.

When and if the time comes that the buildings must be removed The Woodbury Telephone Company will do anything within reason to preserve the the historic atmosphere of Main Street, Woodbury. All our officers and most of our employees reside in Woodbury and love the old Town and any future move of the company will I am sure not be a detrement to Woodbury,

Sincerely yours,

Earle W. Munson
President & Treasurer

HARLAN H. GRISWOLD
Woodbury, Connecticut 06798

June 5, 1975

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of National Register
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Doctor Murtagh:

With the help of the Preservation Press, a new division of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Old Woodbury Historical Society has published WOODBURY-A NEW ENGLAND TOWNSCAPE. Designed as an educational venture, the Society sent a copy free to each household in Woodbury. The remaining inventory is being sold at \$4.00 a copy plus postage (if mailed) of 50¢ (the National Trust is selling their inventory of the book at \$3.00 plus postage).

Two copies of the study are enclosed with this letter. Since both of Woodbury's historic districts are listed on the National Register and since this study by Tony Wrenn is the most up-to-date documentation on the districts, it would seem appropriate that each file in your office should contain a copy --- that is, one for District No.1 and one for District No.2. Hence the duplication.

Tony Wrenn is in the process of completing the survey sheets on all structures in both districts and when these are completed, I shall see that copies are sent to you for your files.

Hope to see you in Boston this fall or elsewhere sooner.

Cordially,



Harlan H. Griswold
National Trust Advisor for Connecticut,
Chairman of Connecticut's Register Review Board
and Chairman, Connecticut Historical Commission

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cc: Mr. Tony Wrenn, Box 1112, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314
Mrs. Arthur D. Chaffee, Jr., Chairman, Woodbury Historic District Commission
9 Park Road, Woodbury, Conn. 06798
Reverend Canon Earl Estabrook, President, The Old Woodbury Historical Society
317 Main St., So. Woodbury, Conn. 06798

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Mr. Harlan H. Griswold
Chairman, Connecticut
Historical Commission
Woodbury, Connecticut 06798

Dear Mr. Griswold:

Thank you for sending us copies of the study, Woodbury-A New England Townscape. We will certainly include the studies in the National Register files on the Woodbury historic districts.

The study is a very good one. Most preservation studies are done for planning agencies and historical commissions. Few attempt, as this one does, to communicate preservation directly to the residents of a town. Because it has this focus, this study should be instrumental in encouraging effective local preservation.

It is apparent that the author cares that the reader share his own appreciation of the town and understand what needs to be done to preserve it. Both the language and photography convey this impression. The language is clear and instructive without being didactic. As other studies have done, this one identifies clearly the elements which give the town its unique form and character and targets specific preservation problems. Suggestions for further preservation activity are indicated but suggested in such a way as to stimulate individual action rather than dictate a master preservation plan. This is good, as is the use of selected photographs to stimulate keener visual sensitivity to building details, to varied building styles, and to the relation of buildings to land.

A final significant aspect of the study's emphasis on the importance of experiencing Woodbury is the decision not to evaluate buildings numerically. We have discussed various numerical rating systems here and have concluded that such systems tend to predetermine the fate

A. Denny
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of a building and sometimes obviate careful review if the building is threatened.

Thank you again for sending us the copies of the Woodbury study. The study has been very useful to members of the Register's professional staff who are preparing guidelines for local surveys.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald M. Greenberg:

for William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

cc: Mr. John W. Shannahan
Director, Connecticut
Historical Commission
59 South Prospect Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106 w/cy inc
bcc: Regional Director, North Atlantic Region w/cy inc
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NOTIFICATION OF GRANT-IN-AID ACTION

Do Not
Use
This
Space

1. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER

09-75-00049-00

2. (Reserved for use by State central information reception agency)

3. GRANTOR: a. Federal agency

Department of the Interior

b. Organizational unit

National Park Service

c. Administering office—(1) Name

Division of Grants

(2) Address—Street or P.O. Box

18th and C Streets, NW

City

Washington

State

D. C.

Zip Code

20240

4. FEDERAL AGENCY GRANT IDENTIFIER:

a. Code

09-75-00049-00

b. Title

Woodbury Historic District: **I**
Hurd House Barn Development

c. Purpose

The barn, constructed before 1690, will be reroofed, and architectural plans and specifications will be prepared for further restoration.

5. GRANTEE: a. Name

CONNECTICUT Mr. John W. Shannahan, Director, Connecticut Historical Commission

b. Address—Street or P.O. Box

59 South Prospect Street

City

Hartford

State

Connecticut

Zip Code

06106

6. GRANTEE TYPE (Check only the single most applicable box)

a. State	b. Inter-state	c. County	d. City	e. School district	f. Special unit	g. Community action	h. Sponsored organization	i. Other
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7. APPLICATION RECEIPT DATE

Year	Month	Day
75	1	28

8. ACTION DATE

Year	Month	Day
75	02	27

9. EFFECTIVE STARTING DATE

Year	Month	Day
75	02	27

10. ENDING DATE

Year	Month	Day
78	02	26

11. TYPE OF ACTION (Check as many boxes as apply to this action)

a. New grant	b. Continuation grant	c. Supplemental grant (identify agency in item 16)	d. Change in existing grant	(1) Increase in duration	(2) Decrease in duration	(3) Cancellation	(4) Increase(\$)	(5) Decrease(\$)
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12. AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION

a. Federal—(1) basic	(2) Supplemental
\$1,950	\$

b. State

\$1,950*

c. Local

\$

d. Other

\$

13. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (if none, clarify in item 16)

a. Program Number

15.904

b. Supplemental Program Number

14. AUTHORIZATION

a. Federal Budget Accounts	10-58-1040-0-1-405		
b. Public Laws	PL Title Sec. 89 665	PL Title Sec.	PL Title Sec.
c. U.S. Code	16 U.S.C. 470		

15. FACILITY LOCATION: (For facility grant actions only)

a. City	b. County
Woodbury	Litchfield

16. REMARKS

*Woodbury Historical Society

Prepared by Ralph E. Thomas 523(139)-5054

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