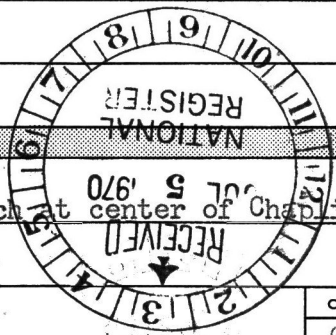


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: Windham	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.06.0008	DATE 10/6/70



1. NAME

COMMON:
Witter House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Chaplin Street, a short distance north of the church at center of Chaplin

CITY OR TOWN:
Chaplin

STATE Connecticut	CODE 06235	COUNTY: Windham	CODE 015
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3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Brae Pafferty, M.D.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Chaplin St.

CITY OR TOWN:
Chaplin

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Town Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Chaplin

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: WPA(1); Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey (2)

DATE OF SURVEY: (2) 1966 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: (1) Connecticut State Library
(2) Connecticut State Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER: (1) 90 Washington Street
(2) 75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN:
(1&2) Hartford

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
06

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7. DESCRIPTION

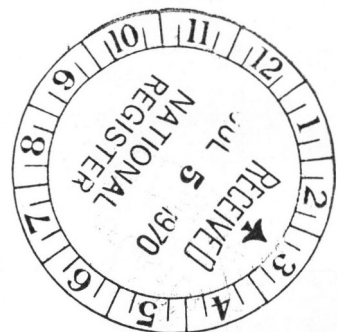
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Witter house is a solidly built Georgian mansion. It is a rectangular building with end chimneys and characteristic center hallway plan. A small ell projects from the back of the house. Externally the appearance of the imposing if not formidable. The roof is a monitor with small windows in it and it tops a large cornice with modillions. There are four tall chimneys. The horizontal mass of the facade is relieved by five vertical accents provided by the orderly arrangement of five shuttered windows on the second floor with four windows and a central door on the first. The windows are twelve over twelves with much of the original glass in place. The door has a fanlight overhead and arched sidelights. The semi-circular shape of the fanlight is repeated over every window of the house by a wooden fan with the pattern of a sunburst set into a niche in the brick wall. These semi-circular motifs together with the fanlight of the main entrance and a large semi-circular niche with a wooden fan over the side door help create a pleasing and unified design as well and interesting textural relief from the flat surface of the brick walls.

Inside, each of seven fireplaces had a differently designed mantel. The two front rooms have free-standing columns. The moldings about the paneled doors and windows are formal, but not elaborate. The flooring of the front rooms is of large, wide boards of American larch.

Solidly built in the late Georgian manner, yet reminiscent of fifty or more years earlier in details, the house is well-preserved. Framing, partitions, window panes (75%), even furniture, are original to the house.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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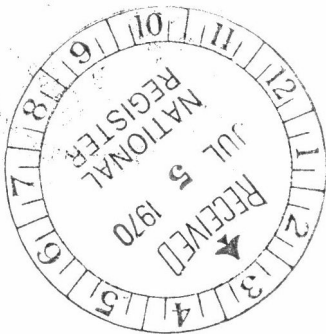
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house was built in 1820 - 21 by the first Dr. Orin Witter when he was just starting his practice. The name of the architect is not known. The next year (1822) the town of Chaplin was incorporated. Dr. Witter was the first Town Clerk. The house remained in the Witter family until 1960. Until then it was occupied primarily by doctors, e.g. Dr. Orin Witter II, and Dr. Orin Witter III. In 1960 it was purchased by another doctor, the present owner Brae Rafferty. Thus the Witter house has curiously remained a "Doctors House".

The primary significance of the house is architectural. It is a superb example of Georgian architecture--pleasingly designed, well-preserved, and practically unaltered. The house has a monitor roof used in much earlier houses and peculiar to New England. That construction began probably as a kind of hipped gambrel, then a vertical board was added to tighten the two pitches and eventually raised a foot or more. Little windows in the monitor roof are found in the Witter house and this is an unusual feature.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

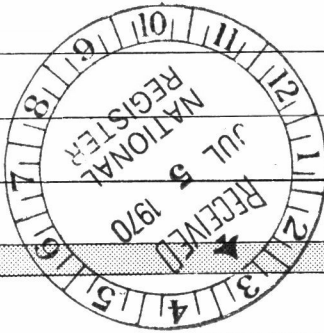
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	72	07	46
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 Acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Constance Luyster, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: April 3, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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: April 3, 1970

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

[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
OCT 6 1970

Date: _____
 ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
AUG 20 1970
 Date: _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Windham, County

PROPERTY *Witter House*

STATE *Conn.*

70.10.06.0008
REGISTER NUMBER

10/6/70

DATE OF RECEIPT	YES	NO	NUMBER
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RESUBMIT			

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10/27/70

REVIEW *OK.*

*S.M.
8/12/70*

HISTORIAN

OK Good bldg.

*Gamble
8/12/70*

HISTORIAN

OK

*Levy
8/14/70*

ARCHITECT

OK - though I'd hardly call it "Neogian"

*Chambers
8/13/70*

ASST. KEEPER

KEEPER

OK

*Wm
8/20/70*

ENTRY

CHIEF, OAMP *OK*

*SMC
10-6-70*

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR

*OK
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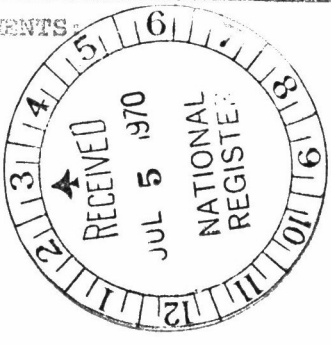
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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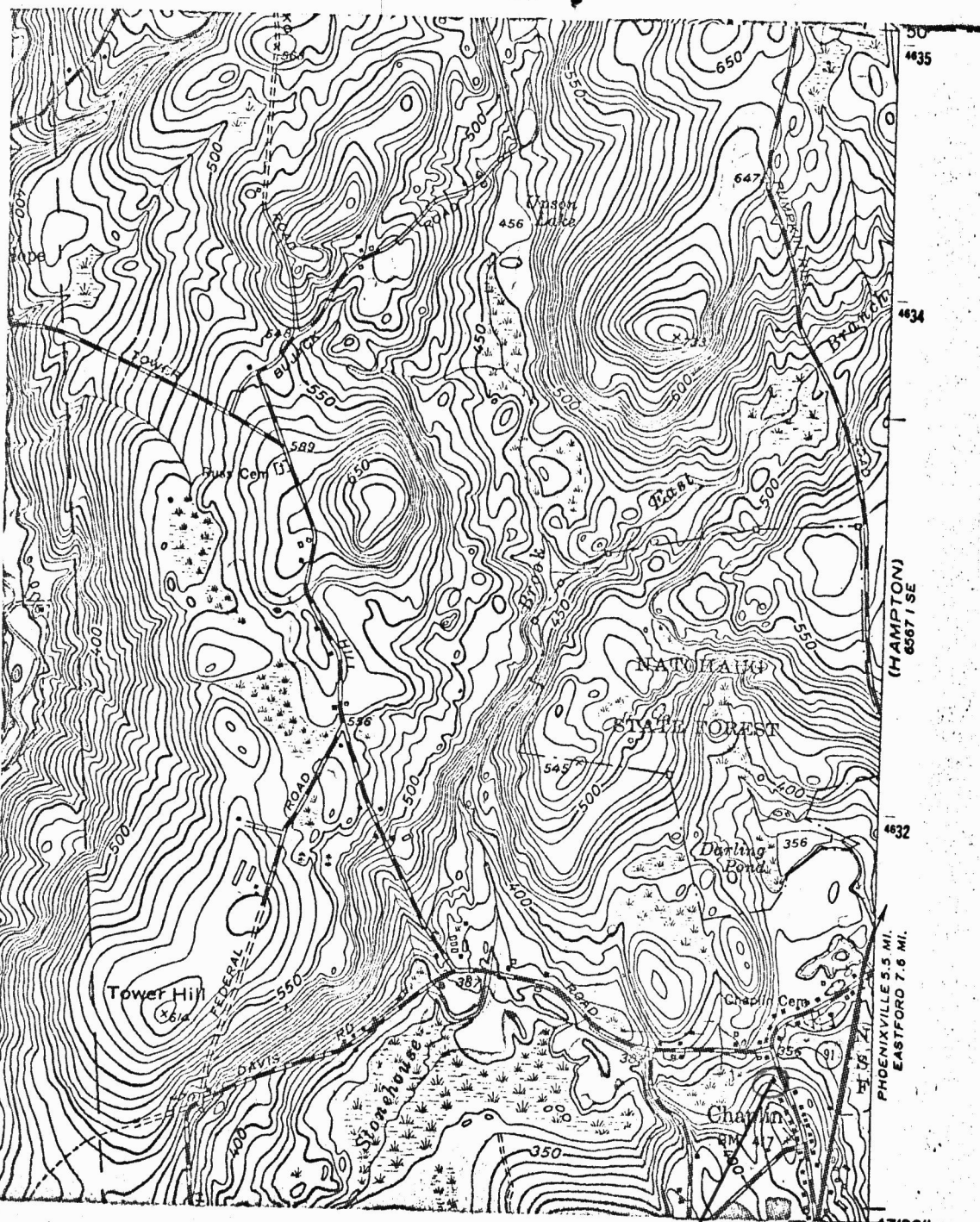
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STATE Connecticut	
COUNTY Windham	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.06.6008	DATE 10/6/70

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Witter House			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Chaplin Street, a short distance north of the church at center of Chaplin			
CITY OR TOWN: Chaplin			
STATE: Connecticut	CODE 06	COUNTY: Windham	CODE 015
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S. Geological Survey			
SCALE: 1:2400			
DATE: 1953			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





Witter House
 Latitude $41^{\circ} 47' 47''$
 Longitude $72^{\circ} 07' 46''$

$41^{\circ} 47' 30''$
 $72^{\circ} 07' 30''$

H30-HR

OCT 14 1970

Mr. Murray Frank
Administrative Assistant to
the late Hon. William L. St. Onge
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Frank:

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. Senators Thomas J. Dodd and Abraham A. Ribicoff 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,

(SGD) GEORGE R. HARTZOG, JR.
Director

Enclosures

OCT 6 1970

Entered in the National Register _____

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

Director, Northeast Region

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LL: Mr. Melvin

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Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

CONNECTICUT

Witter House

War Office

Huntington (Governor Samuel) House

Alsop House

Clark (Captain John) House

Backus (Nathaniel) House

Carpenter's (Joseph) Silversmith Shop

Fort Griswold

Huntington (General Jedidiah) House

Bradford-Huntington House

Russell House

Converse House and Barn

Lee (Thomas) House

Chaplin, Connecticut

Lebanon, Connecticut

Norwichtown, Connecticut

Middletown, Connecticut

Canterbury, Connecticut

Norwich, Connecticut

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Groton, Connecticut

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United States Senate
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Welles (Gideon) House	Glastonbury, Connecticut
Cheney Building	Hartford, Connecticut
<u>Witter House</u>	Chaplin, Connecticut
War Office	Lebanon, Connecticut
Huntington (Governor Samuel) House	Norwichtown, Connecticut
Alsop House	Middletown, Connecticut
Clark (Captain John) House	Canterbury, Connecticut
Backus (Nathaniel) House	Norwich, Connecticut
Carpenter's (Joseph) Silversmith Shop	Norwichtown, Connecticut
Fort Griswold	Groton, Connecticut
Huntington (General Jedidiah) House	Norwichtown, Connecticut
Bradford-Huntington Houses	Norwichtown, Connecticut
Russell House	Middletown, Connecticut
Converse House and Barn	Norwich, Connecticut
Lee (Thomas) House	East Lyme, Connecticut

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OCT 6 1970

H30-HR

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

Dear Mr. Hatch:

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Sincerely yours,

/S/ Ernest Allen Connally

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

Enclosure

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