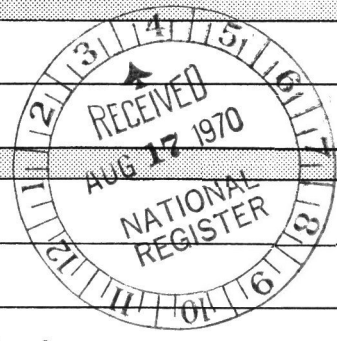


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: New London	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.09.0022	DATE 10/15/70



1. NAME

COMMON:  
 Gardner Carpenter House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Red House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
55 East Town Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Norwichtown

STATE: Connecticut      CODE: 06      COUNTY: New London      CODE: 011

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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:  
Shepard B. Palmer, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER:  
55 East Town Street

CITY OR TOWN: Norwichtown, CT      STATE: Connecticut      CODE: 06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Norwich City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Union Square

CITY OR TOWN: Norwich      STATE: Connecticut      CODE: 06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: 1. Historic American Buildings Survey  
2. Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1. 1958 2. 1967     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: 1. Library of Congress  
2. Connecticut Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
2. 75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN: 1. Washington, D.C.      STATE: Connecticut      CODE: 06  
2. Hartford

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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

This large Georgian house, sometimes referred to as the Red House, is located at the north end of the Norwichtown green. It faces not onto the green but rather on East Town Street.

The walls consist of brick laid in Flemish bond and painted red. The building is three stories high and has a five bay front with a small gabled porch built over the front door and supported by round slender columns.

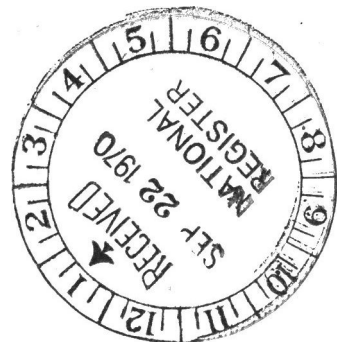
The doorway which is not original has two lights. The door frame is simple with a transom of six lights.

The windows are double hung with six over six lights and the shutters have adjustable louvres. The windows of the first floor have flat splayed lintels of brick accentuated by being painted white like the window frames and the gabled porch.

The attic or third story is constructed of wood and has a gambrel roof with asphalt shingles which overhangs the lower two stories. There are four chimneys: two interior chimneys in the main block, one in the rear wall of the house and a modern one in a rear wing.

The house has a center hall plan. The interior retains much of its original moulding, wainscot, and some original wrought iron hardware. During the occupancy of Joseph Huntington, about 1816, the third story and gambrel roof were added. This construction is of wood. There have been several one-story additions at the rear of the house. In 1958 another one-story extension of the house was built. This was a 16 by 26 foot family room with exposed beams and pine floor.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1793

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	<u>home of a</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	<u>successful merchant</u>
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a good example of Georgian housing of the colonial period. Its value is increased because of the historical and architectural value of the buildings which surround it since it is located next to the Norwich town green which is the focal point of the historic district in that area.

The builder of the house was prominent locally as the owner of a successful retail business. His name was Gardiner Carpenter.

He maintained a mercantile business in half of the shop that he shared with his brother, Joseph Carpenter, the silversmith.

During the Revolutionary War he served as a paymaster in the Seventeenth Connecticut Regiment in 1776. He was appointed as postmaster in Norwich in January, 1799 and held this office for fifteen years. He died in 1815 and [his wife] Mary died in 1838.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>

from Norwich Historic Homes and Families, researched and written by Marian K. O'Keefe and Catherine Smith Doroshevich. Stonington, Connecticut: The Pequot Press, Inc., p. 21.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Marian K. O'Keefe and Catherine Smith Doroshevich. Norwich Historic Homes and Families. Stonington, Connecticut: The Pequot Press, 1967.

Historic American Buildings Survey, No. CONN-244.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES								
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SE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Constance Luyster, Administrative Trainee**

ORGANIZATION: **Connecticut Historical Commission**      DATE: **July 29, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**75 Elm Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Hartford**      STATE: **Connecticut**      CODE: **04**

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: July 29, 1970

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

*[Signature]*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**OCT 15 1970**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ATTEST:  
*[Signature]*  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date: SEP 30 1970

5/19/70  
S. Marvick

Carpenter, Gardner House

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form (a) is (are) being returned to your office because the information checked below is lacking or has been incorrectly supplied.

Inadequate locational information.  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Geographical location codes missing or incorrect.

Classification (Item #3) incomplete.  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner of property/location of legal description necessary.  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

No Bibliography.

Acreage of nomination is not given.  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Longitude and latitude coordinates lacking, incorrect, or in wrong place.

Form is not signed by State Liaison Officer (Item #12).

Photograph/map form(s) (10-301) required for each photograph/map).

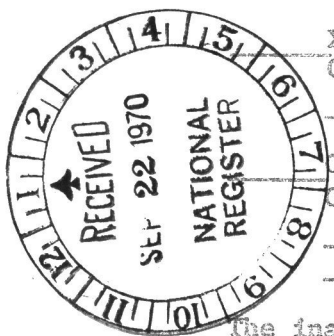
Insufficient map coverage of property.  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Description (Item #7).  
Comments: Please check the appropriate maps giving the conditions of the house. *Frankignoul*

Statement of Significance (Item #8).  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Xerox forms unacceptable.  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Other  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



The inadequacies noted above must be rectified prior to the initiation of our professional review process. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily indicate that the nomination will then meet all other National Register criteria.



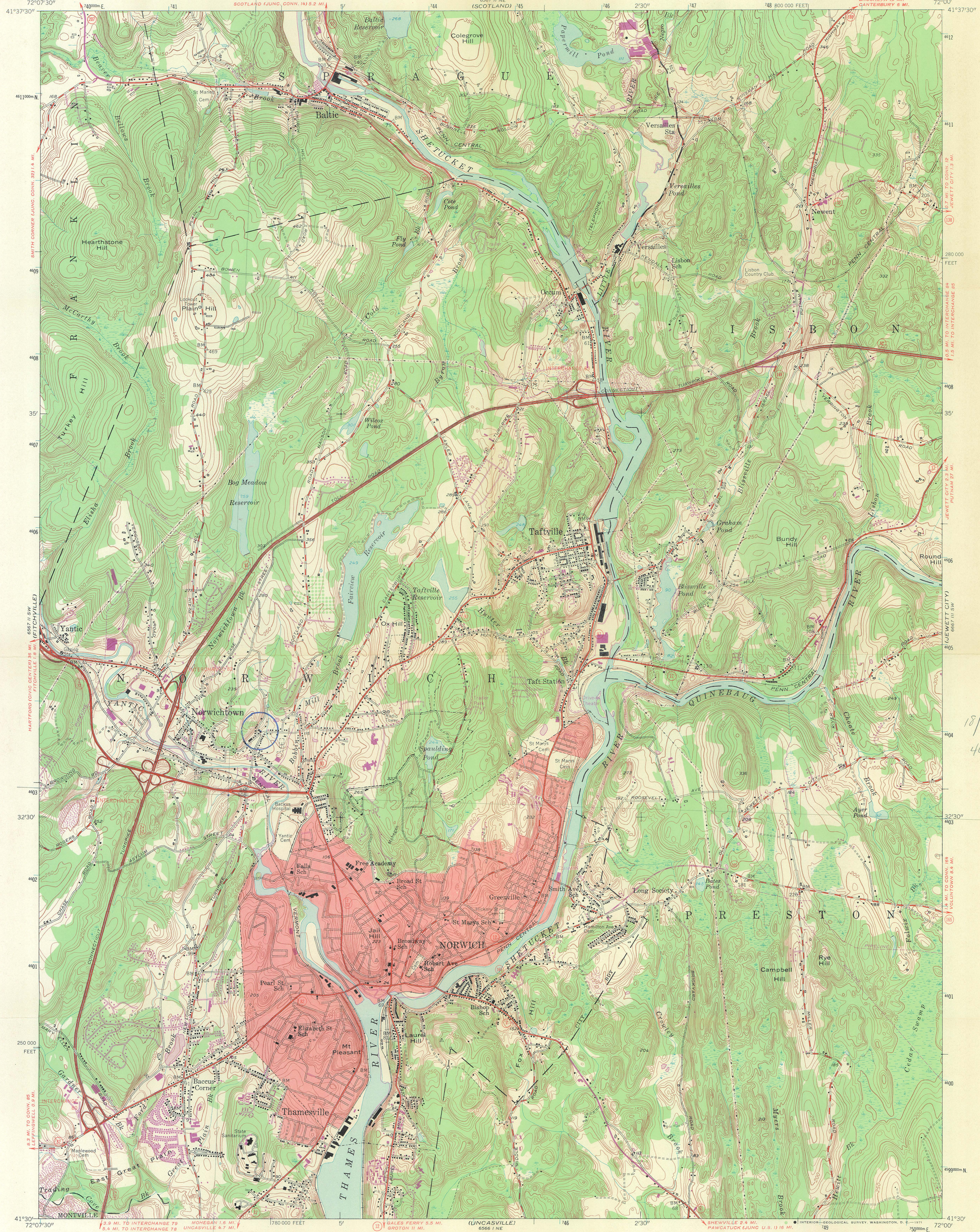
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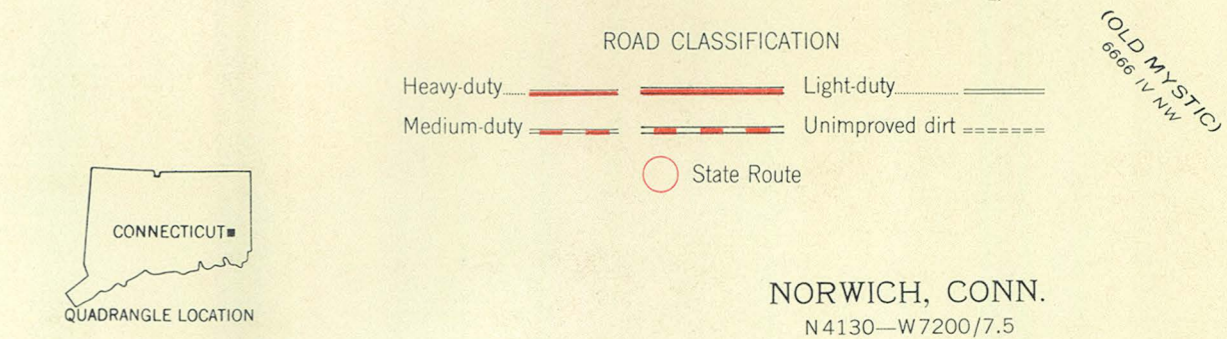
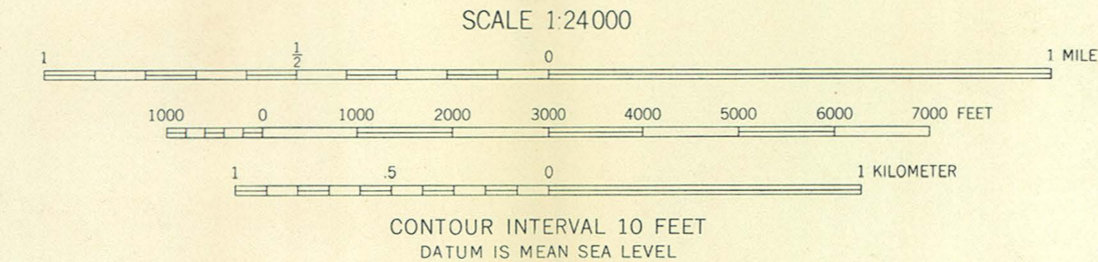
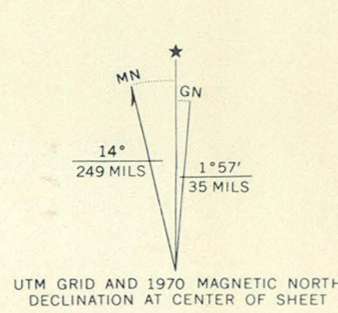






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landmark buildings are shown  
Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with  
Connecticut Highway Department from aerial photographs taken 1970  
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

75 ELM STREET HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06115

AREA CODE 203 566-3005

ERIC HATCH  
CHAIRMAN  
WILLIAM J. MORRIS  
DIRECTOR

July 11, 1970

Dr. William Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
Office of Archeology and Historical Preservation  
801 19th Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Please find enclosed here four more Inventory-Nomination Forms for the National Register. They are:

1. Converse House and Barn, Norwich
2. Gardner Carpenter House, Norwichtown *New London Co.*
3. Fort Griswold, Groton
4. New London Railroad Station, New London

The last mentioned form for the Railroad Station of New London requires special and immediate attention as the present urban renewal plan in New London calls for its demolition.

This morning a woman from the National Register staff called to speak to me about errors in the code numbers on the form for the Seth Wetmore House in Middletown. At the time of the conversation it appeared that the error occurred because the codebook was other than that required for the Inventory-Nomination forms. However, as the enclosed xerox sheets will show I have been using the correct codebook.

Another explanation of the error is required. Perhaps I have not been taught how to use the codes properly. Please send advice as to how to deal with this problem.

Sincerely yours,

*Constance Luyster*

Constance Luyster  
Administrative Trainee

Carpenter, Gardner House  
New London Co., Conn

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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 Thomas J. Dodd and Abraham A. Ribicoff and the appropriate Representatives have also been notified. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Allen Connally

Ernest Allen Connally  
Chief, Office of Archeology  
and Historic Preservation

Enclosure

OCT 15 1970

Entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

cc:

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Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

CONNECTICUT

Old Newgate Prison	East Granby, Connecticut
Carpenter, Gardner House	Norwichtown, Connecticut
Hempsted (Joshua) House	New London, Connecticut
Little Plain Historic District	Norwich, Connecticut
New London Custom House	New London, Connecticut
Turner, Dr. Phillip House	Norwichtown, Connecticut
Trinity Church	Brooklyn, Connecticut
New London County Courthouse	New London, Connecticut
Charlton, Captain Richard House	Norwichtown, Connecticut
Lockwood-Mathews Mansion	Norwalk, Connecticut
Brooks, Captain John House	Bridgeport, Connecticut

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H30-NR

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

Dear Mr. Frank:

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Sincerely yours,

(SGD) GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR.

Director

Enclosures

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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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United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

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Duplicate letter sent to: Hon. Abraham A. Ribicoff  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Director, Northeast Region

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