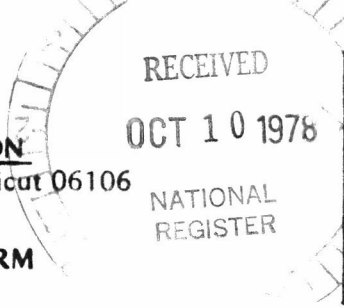


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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

- BUILDING NAME: Common: John and Isabella Hooker House Historic: _____
- TOWN/CITY: Hartford VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Hartford
- STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 140 Hawthorn Street
- OWNER(S): _____ PUBLIC PRIVATE
- USE: Present: Multiple apartment Historic: Single-family residence
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

- STYLE OF BUILDING: Gothic Villa DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1861
- MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> brick
<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt siding	<input type="checkbox"/> fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> board & batten	<input type="checkbox"/> stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> cobblestone
<input type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete: type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: <u>brownstone</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		<u>foundation/window trim</u>
- STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam balloon
 load bearing masonry structural iron or steel
 other: _____
- ROOF: type:
 gable flat mansard monitor sawtooth
 gambrel shed hip round other _____
material:
 wood shingle roll asphalt tin slate
 asphalt shingle built up tile other: _____
- NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 55' x 50'
- CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: 1906-Floor added to form 2nd story;
1924-Porte-cochere added
- RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: _____
 carriage house shop garden _____
- SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 open land woodland residential scattered buildings visible from site
 commercial industrial rural high building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Totally surrounded by ca. 1950 apartment units, the Hooker House is barely visible from the road, but retains some shrubbery immediately surrounding the house.

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

The Hooker House is a typical Gothic villa of the type popularized in the mid-nineteenth century by the books of Calvert Vaux and Andrew Jackson Downing. The steep slate roof is interrupted by gables and high dormers decorated with sawn verge boards and lit by lancet windows. The verge boards continue under the horizontal eaves as well so that the house is entirely encircled by verge boards. Construction is brick with brownstone trim. Later addition of a Collegiate Gothic porte-cochere (1924) confuses the facade but the 1906 renovation, in which the entire roof was raised and a second story added, is in sympathy with the verticality of the structure, and preserve the feeling of the original.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: Octavius Jordan Builder: _____

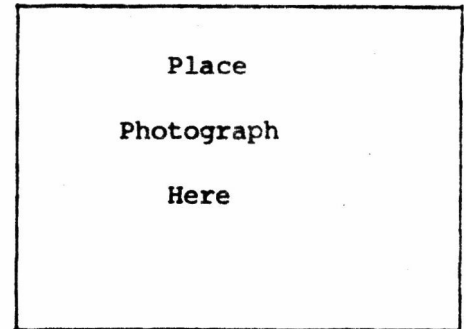
18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The Hookers started this house soon after the purchase of the Inlay Farm by John Hooker and Francis Gillette, in 1853. In the early 1860's, Octavius Jordan, an architect of English origin, was engaged to enlarge the house; its present appearance dates from Jordan's work. Two similar villas were designed by Jordan in Asylum Hill, one, now demolished, for Isabella Hooker's sister, Harriet Beecher Stowe.

The first house constructed on the Nook Farm tract, the Hooker House serves as focal point and inspiration for the eventual development of that section of Asylum Hill. It is to this house that every other house built in Nook Farm owes its origin. The Hooker-Beecher family connections helped establish the area as an enclave of literate and well-to-do Hartford notables.

PHOTOGRAPH

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date: _____ view: _____
negative on file: _____



COMPILED BY:

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19. SOURCES:

Isabella Hooker Collection, Stowe-Day Library, 77 Forest St., Hartford CT
Joseph Van Why, Nook Farm, Hartford, Stowe-Day Foundation, 1975.
Mrs. H.N. Landon, 6 Stratford Road, West Hartford, CT- Telephone interview
by David Ransom. Mrs. Landon (nee Merrow) was born in the house.

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

___ none known ___ highways ___ vandalism ___ developers ___ other: _____
___ renewal ___ private ___ deterioration ___ zoning ___ explanation: _____



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