

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
 HIST-6 NEW 5/77

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Town No.:	Site No.:		
UTM	1:8	6:8	7:2
	3:0	4:6	2:7
	4:8	0	
QUAD:	Hartford North		
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY		
<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	<input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
	Hatheway House		Butler House	
	2. TOWN/CITY		VILLAGE	
	West Hartford		Hartford	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		COUNTY	
	253 North Main Street approx. .7 acres Vol. 363, p. 188.		Hartford	
4. OWNER(S)		Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)		
residence		farmhouse		
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
		INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
		IF YES, EXPLAIN		

DESCRIPTION	7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	center chimney colonial		1774	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) chimneys
	<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: Brownstone ashlar	
	9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry		<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
	10. ROOF (Type)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
	<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
	(Material)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
2, attic		36 x 28; rear ell 19 x 32		
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
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13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ? (Alterations)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
		IF YES, EXPLAIN porch south side		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) greenhouse	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garden		
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT				
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density	

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS  
 In an area of newer single family homes on small lots, at the intersection of two busy main streets, this house is unique in that it sits in the middle of four acres with several barns and outbuildings near it

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

A fine example of a center chimney colonial farmhouse, the house is five bays across with ridge to street. Windows are original, 12/12 on the first floor and 12/10 on the second. There are five lights above the split front door. Each door has four molded panels and the doorway is surrounded by plain molding with simple Georgian "ratchets". The date 1774 is designed in the brick of the chimney. There is a single story ell to the rear on the north side and a piazza at the south end wall. A red sandstone retaining wall in front of the house probably indicates where Main Street had been graded and lowered some time in the past.

18. ARCHITECT *N/A* BUILDER Daniel Hosmer

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This house was probably built by Daniel Hosmer, a great grandson of Stephen Hosmer who built the first sawmill in the West Division, at the time of his marriage in 1774. The land this house is on was part of the large Hosmer farm. Hosmer sold the property in 1788 to Nathan Whiting, son of Colonel Nathan Whiting of New Haven, who had married a daughter of Reverend Nathaniel Hooker, second pastor of the West Division church. In 1803 the property was sold to James Butler, who lived here from 1803 until he built the Federal farmhouse to the south in 1816 (#239). When Butler built that house he sold this one to Francis Percival, a physician, whose son-in-law, George Butler, inherited the property, and it remained in the Butler family until bought by the Hatheways. This house is unusual in West Hartford in that it still retains enough land around it as well as assorted barns and outbuildings, to appear much as the original farmhouses on Main Street must have looked.

SOURCES

West Hartford Land Records, 15:288; 17:160; 18:180; 22:193  
 1854 map, 1869 map, 1896, 1909 and 1923 Atlases  
 Hall, West Hartford, p. 9, 10

PHOTO

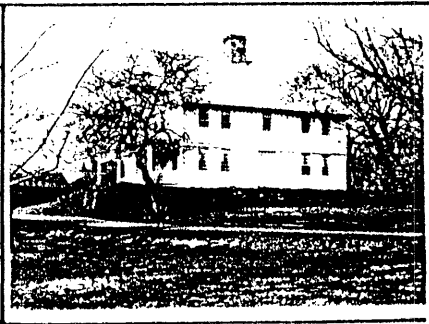
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ADDRESS 227 South Main Street, West Hartford



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known  Highways  Vandalism  Developers  Other eventual development  
 Renewal  Private  Deterioration  Zoning  Explanation is a possibility  
with such a piece  
of property

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION  
(Name change approval)  
from Butler House to  
Hosmer, Daniel, House

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