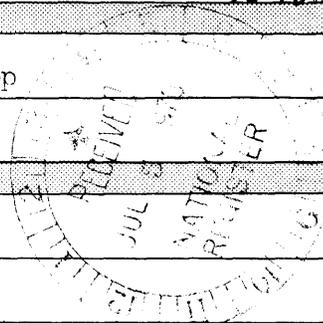


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: New London	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70-10-06-0014	DATE 10/6/70



1. NAME

COMMON: Joseph Carpenter's Silversmith Shop

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 71 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 type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 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: Society of the Founders of Norwich

STREET AND NUMBER: c/o Philip Johnson, 405 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Norwich STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Norwich STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: (1) Historic American Buildings Survey No. Conn 248
(2) Connecticut Historic Buildings and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: (1) 1960 (2) 1968 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: (2) Hartford STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06

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7. DESCRIPTION

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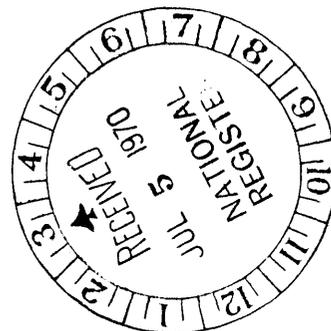
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small frame building faces southeast on the Norwichtown green. It is one and a half stories high with a gambrel roof and it was built between 1772 and 1774 as a shop.¹ The shape of the building is rectangular with a 30' wide front and 24' sides. It rests on a stone foundation and has stone entrance stoops. There is one brick chimney in the southwest corner which was originally intended for a forge. The heavy timber frame structure is covered with clapboards on the front and sides, and with flush horizontal siding on the rear. There are two simple batten doors placed next to each other in the center of the front side of the building and one very narrow door on the southwest side. The northeast and south west ends of the building have paired, horizontally sliding windows. There are two pair on the front with twenty light sash and one pair on the rear with twelve light sash. The sliding windows on the front and rear have folding batten shutters hinged at the head and sill of the windows. The gambrel roof, framed without a ridge pole overhangs two feet on the front and back with no projection on the sides. It is covered with wooden shingles.

The building has a cellar, main floor, and attic. Although it was originally a single room interrupted by one post in the center. It has been partitioned by recent users into a lobby, conference room, drafting room, storeroom and toilet. The attic is a single open space used only for storage. There is a modern disappearing overhead stairway. The main room has plaster ceilings and side board walls both vertical and horizontal with beaded edges on the boarding. The trim is simple molded wood and there is some original wrought iron hardware. Modern additions include doors, electric lighting and a space heater.

¹The information in this description has been taken from the Historic American Buildings Survey No. CONN-248

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

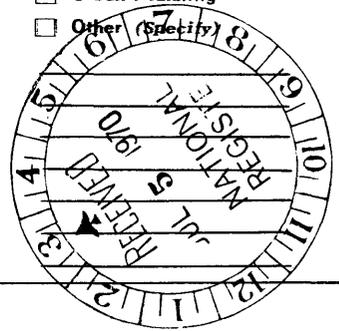
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1772 - 1774

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is an interesting example of a small frame silversmith's shop built in 1772 - 1774, representative of the extensive silver and pewter industry that flourished in the Town of Norwich during the 18th century.

Joseph Carpenter was born in 1747, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Lathrop) Carpenter. In 1775 he married Eunice, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Huntington) Fitch. They had a family of six children.

He had the shop built for him between 1772 and 1774. He was one of the most successful of the Norwich silversmiths, clockmakers and pewterers and his products are collectors' items. His stock in trade included such items as stone earrings, spectacles, gold necklaces, knee buckles, clocks, watches and engravings of paintings. He shared the shop with his brother, Gardner, who operated a mercantile business.

The shop stayed in the Carpenter family until 1915. It was restored by Norman Morrison Isham, Architect, in 1916. It is believed that this is the only silversmith shop to survive in New England.

Joseph Carpenter's last residence was in the Chelsea Parade area. He died in 1804. The Society of the Founders of Norwich, Connecticut, Inc. acquired the building in 1956.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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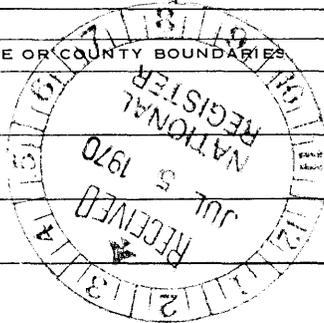
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Constance Luyster, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: **Connecticut Historical Commission** DATE: **May 27, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Hartford** STATE: **Connecticut** CODE: **06**

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]
State Liaison Officer and Chairman
Title Connecticut Historical Commission

Date May 27, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

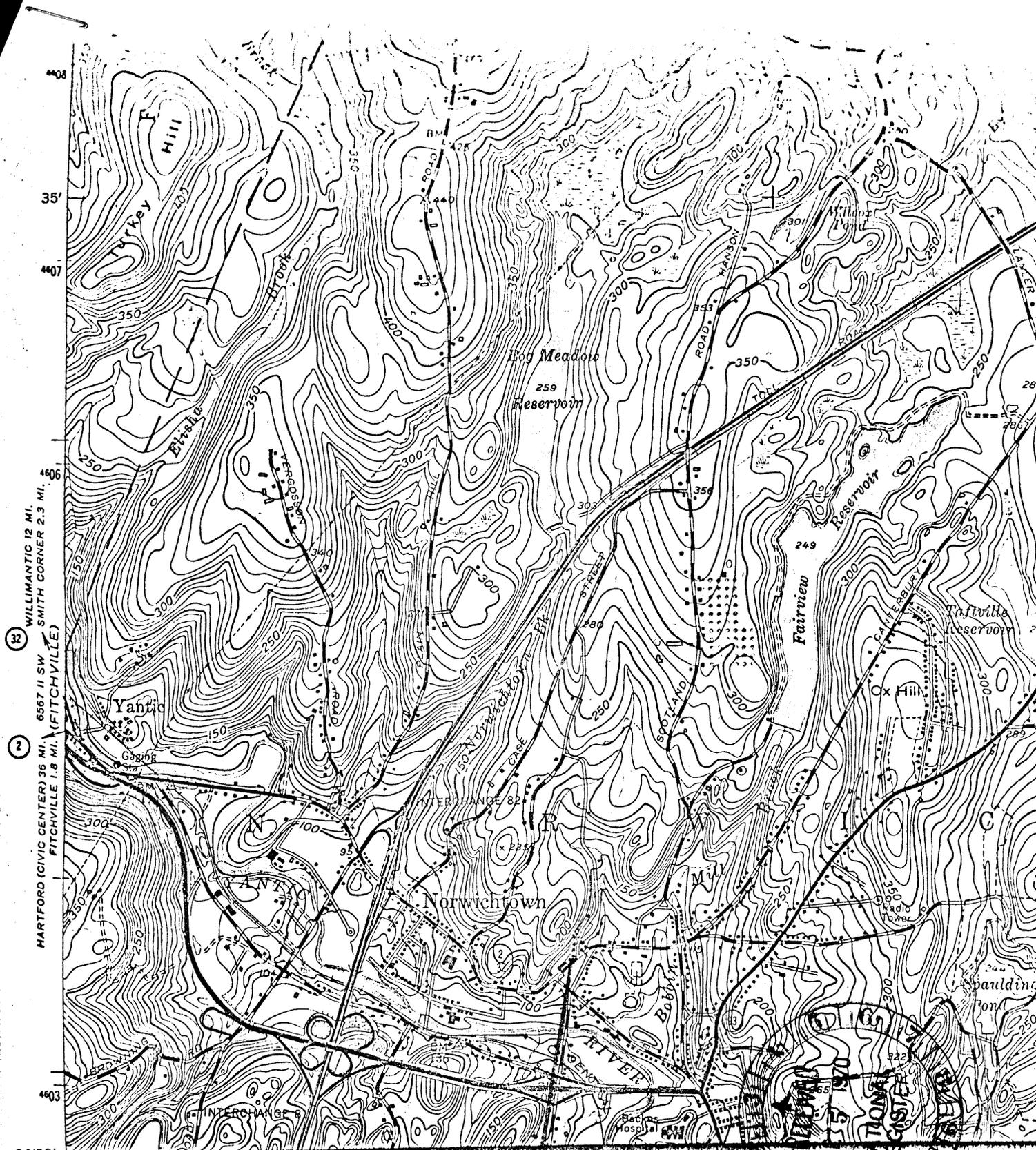
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ATTEST:

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Keeper of The National Register

Date **AUG 26 1970**



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