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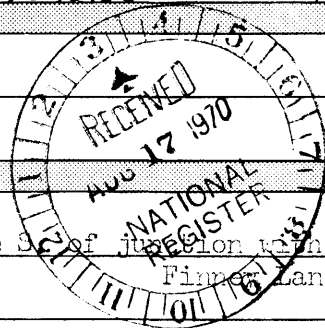
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: Windham	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.06.0012	DATE 10/6/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
✓ Captain John Clark House
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Dyer-Clark House or Dyer-Clark House



2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
On east side of Route 169, facing west, 1/10 mile S of junction with
CITY OR TOWN:
Canterbury
STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06331 COUNTY: Windham CODE: 015

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	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	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) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
J. P. Kinsey
STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 169
CITY OR TOWN:
Canterbury
STATE:
Connecticut
CODE:
06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Town Hall
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
Canterbury
STATE:
Connecticut
CODE:
06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
NPA
Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey
DATE OF SURVEY:
1966
 Federal
 State
 County
 Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Connecticut Historical Commission
STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Hartford
STATE:
Connecticut
CODE:
06

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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

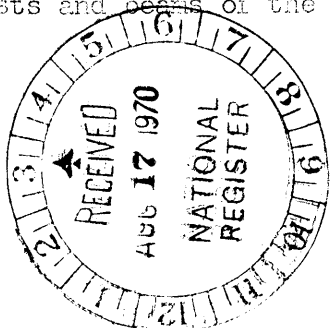
This extraordinary house has recently been refurbished, with sensitivity and good judgment. It is a remarkable structure to find in what is still a very rural area, and must reflect an interesting history of the original owner who had the resources and the taste to achieve it. There are two fronts to the structure, both exhibiting characteristics of the so-called "Canterbury" type--a hipped roof with low gable roof topping it; twin chimneys at either end of the gable; a central triangular pediment at the roof line, topping a central pavillion that either extends forward from the facade or is emphasized by flanking pilasters or some other decorative element; a Palladian window a second floor level in the pavillion and above the entry; and a main entrance doorway distinguished by an overdoor pediment of its own, with side lights, overdoor light, or both, and elaborate architectural treatment of the surrounding frame.

In this building, modillions run clear around the main cornice and under the raking cornice of the roof-line pediments. Beneath this is a Greek fret. Vertical faces of the cornices are fluted. Large fluted pilasters finish the main corners, set on high bases and with additional elements between the capitals and the cornice. Two free-standing Roman Doric columns on the west front facing the road repeat the elements between capital and cornice and the high bases also, and frame a pavillion that is flush-boarded in contrast to clapboarding elsewhere. The Palladian window here is framed by miniature fluted pilasters and arches with key-stones, the large central window showing showing spider-web muntins that are repeated in the overdoor light of the entrance below. This door also is flanked by pilasters and by sidelights of three large panes, and is capped by a triangular pediment whose tympanum contains the overdoor light. Modillions ornament the cornices here also.

The south front is nearly as elaborate, showing a similar Palladian window, but with muntins forming Gothic arches. Immediately below is a cornice with mutules, and below this a frieze with triglyphs and metopes. The pavillion here is flanked by pilasters rather than columns, and pilasters frame the door, which is here without side lights but shows an over-door light whose frame repeats the keystone frame of the Palladian window above and whose Gothic arch muntins repeat those at the second floor.

The dressed stone foundation is of a quality in keeping with the house itself, as is the reconstructed fence supported by stone posts across the principal front. The present owner, Mr. Kinsley, has had the posts and beams of the house almost completely replaced.

From Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

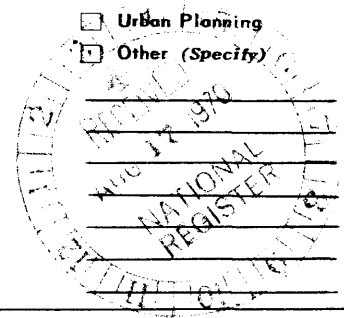
- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1802 or possibly earlier c. 1790

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | |

- Urban Planning
 Other (Specify)



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Captain John Clark House is a fine example of Georgian architecture and one of the showplaces of Eastern Connecticut. The architect-builder is the same who built the better known but smaller Prudence Crandall House in Canterbury and is identified in Crofut as probably "one Dyer". An historian of the locality, Charles Underhill, has seen deeds which show that the property on which the Dyer-Clark house stands was purchased by Captain John Clark in 1801. He believes that Clark a retired shipbuilder with the help of the Dyer who was an architect sensed a market in Canterbury for elegant houses. Thus Clark after purchasing a saw mill proceeded to enlarge the already standing Dyer house in 1802, and thereafter to construct similarly elegant buildings in Canterbury and Plainfield including the Prudence Crandall House in 1805. Underhill also points out that the original Dyer house stood on an important site in the colonial era. It is located on a two hundred foot knoll at a crossroads. He says there can be no doubt that the wide sturdy stone-wall lined lane passing the South side of the Dyer-Clark house from State Route 169 down towards the river is the original east-west Indian trail and it was for many years the highway between Boston and Hartford via Providence, Canterbury and Windham.

The house is architecturally significant as an example of the Canterbury type: a mansion exhibiting a hipped roof with low gable topping it; twin chimneys at either end of the gable; a central triangular pediment at the roof line, topping a central pavillion that either extends forward from the facade or is emphasized by flanking pilasters or some other decorative element; a Palladian window at second floor level in the pavillion and above the entry; and a main entrance doorway distinguished by an overdoor pediment of its own, with side lights overdoor light, or both, and elaborate architectural treatment of the surrounding frame.

¹ Another historian of the locality Richard H. Dana, Jr. disagrees with Mr. Underhill. He places the date of the enlargement of the Captain John Clark House at c. 1790.

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.

Dana, R.H., Jr. "Old Canterbury on the Guinnebaug," in The White Pine Series of Architectural Monographs, Vol. IX, No. 6, December, 1923.

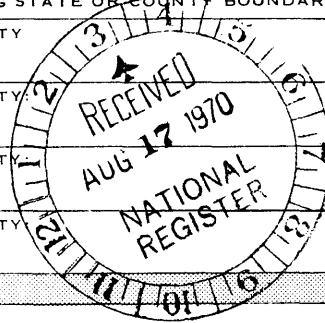
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **3**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Constance Luyster, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: March 20, 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]*
State Liaison Officer and Chairman
Title: Connecticut Historical Commission

Date: March 20, 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: _____

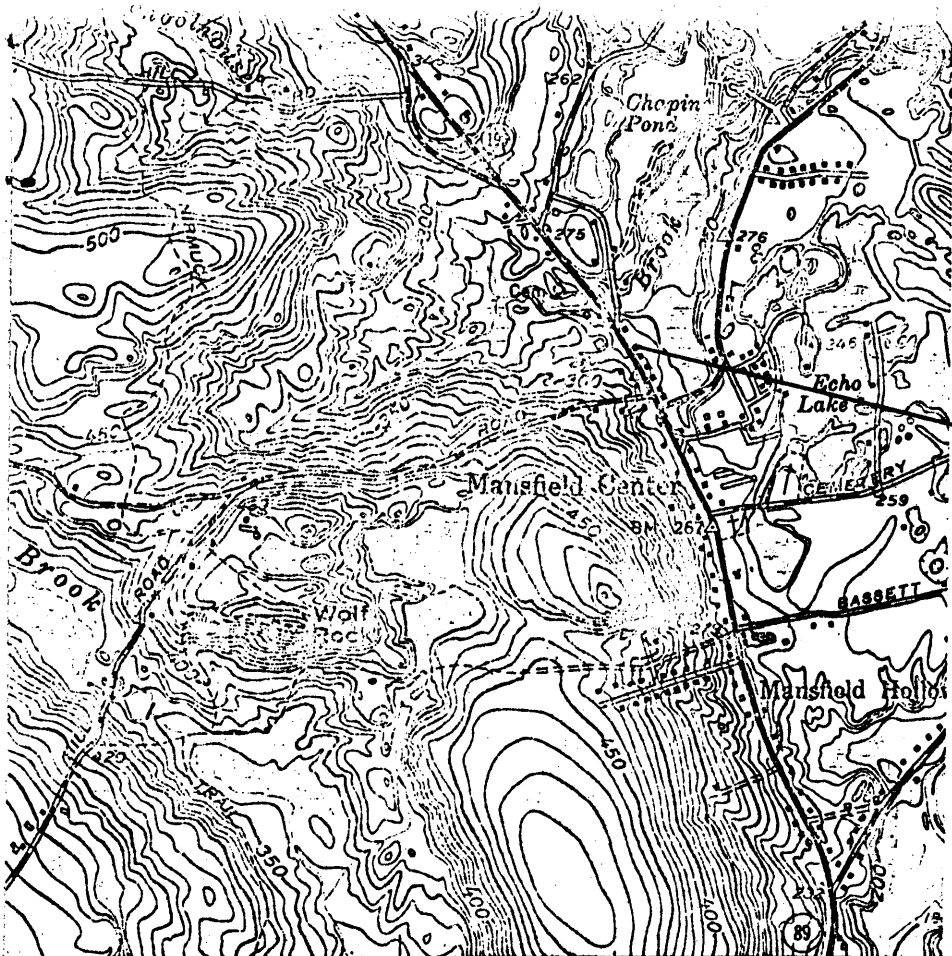
ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

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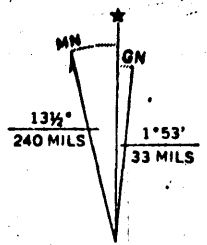
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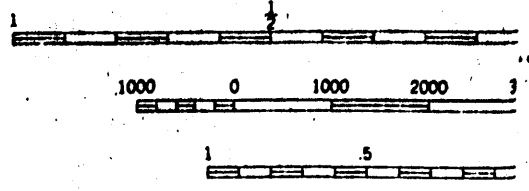


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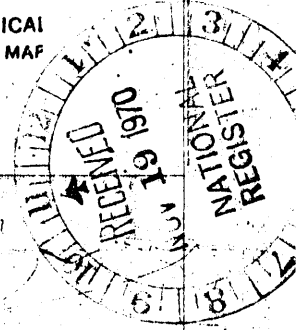
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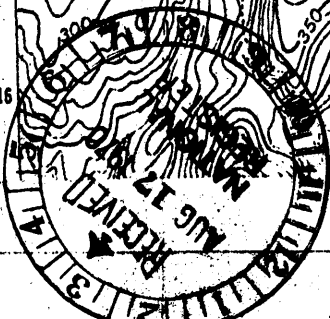


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WESTMINSTER 1.5 MI.

6587 4 NE
(SCOTLAND)

40'

416'



Latitude $41^{\circ} 39' 49''$
 Longitude $71^{\circ} 58' 26''$ Captain John Clark
 HOUSE

