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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: New London	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.06.0017	DATE 10/6/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Bradford-Huntington House

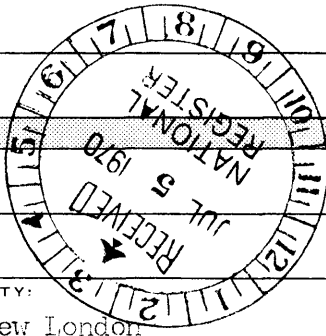
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
16 Huntington Lane

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	<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:
Dr. and Mrs. C. Glenney

STREET AND NUMBER:
16 Huntington Lane

CITY OR TOWN:
Norwichtown

STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Norwich Town 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. 247
(2) Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: (1) 1961 (2) 1968 Federal State County Local

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
(1) 75 Lbn Street

CITY OR TOWN: (1) Washington, D.C.
(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

The house is situated on the West side of Huntington Lane at the foot of a slope. It is surrounded by broad lawns and to the west of the house is a small pond. The yard is separated from the street by a low level stone wall and partly by a log fence.

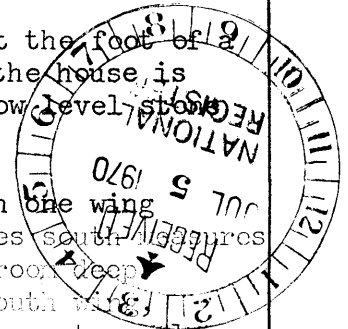
The house is two and one half stories high and L shaped with one wing facing south and the other facing east. The wing which faces south is 18' x 45' (five bays) with a center chimney type plan, one room deep. The other wing of the house projects from the rear of the south wing and faces east. It is 27' x 36', and also has a center chimney type plan. The foundations are of stone and the frame is of timber with plank walls and partitions. The exterior is clapboarded. There is a small, one story porch at the entrance to the north wing (which faces east), and a screened porch on the back, or the northwest side of the house. Each of the two wings has a large center chimney of brick, and there are two smaller chimneys on the northwest side of the house.

Openings: There are two entrances alongside each other on the east side of the north wing. One has a two leaf door, the other a single leaf, both with paneled wood doors hung on wrought-iron strap hinges. The entrance on the south side of the south wing has a six-panel door with side lights, and is apparently not contemporaneous with the wing. Windows and shutters: The north wing has double hung, wood windows with combinations of nine light sash over six light, or twelve over eight. The south wing has double hung, wood windows with combinations of six light sash over nine light sash, nine over six, nine over nine, eight over twelve, or twelve over twelve. There are no exterior shutters on the house, but the c. 1850 photo in Perkins Old Houses of the Ancient Town of Norwich, 1660 - 1800, shows the house with both of them.

The roofs of both wings have the gambrel form and are covered with wooden shingles.

The Interior: The south wing of the house, with a center chimney type plan is one room deep. The room to the east of the chimney is a living room, that to the west of the chimney is now a library. A third room on the first floor of the south wing west of the library is a narrow den. The north wing of the house, which projects from the rear of the south wing and faces east, has a center chimney with a dining room to the south and an old dining room to the north. Aligned behind the old house are a stair hall, porch, breakfast room and kitchen. Bedrooms on the second floor follow the division of space in the first-floor plan.

Stairways: The main stairway, opposite the entrance in the south wing, is a U-shaped, left-hand, open newel, open string stair with scroll cut ornament on the front string. The railing has three turned balusters per step, turned newel posts, and a handrail that is rectangular in section but shaped in long sweeping curves in elevation. The rear stairway behind the north wing is apparently later. It is a straight run, open string stair with a



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Description:

with a molded handrail, two turned balusters per step, and a wide board wainscot along the wall opposite the railing. There is a top lighted entrance from the rear opposite the stairway.

There are wide board floors throughout the house. Interior partitions are plastered plank walls, board walls, or paneled walls. Some of the plastered walls are papered. The heavy timber frame of the building is exposed in most rooms with beaded edges. Ceilings are plastered except in the library where the flooring and structure above are exposed including a chamfered summer beam. There is an exposed, cased summer beam in the living room.

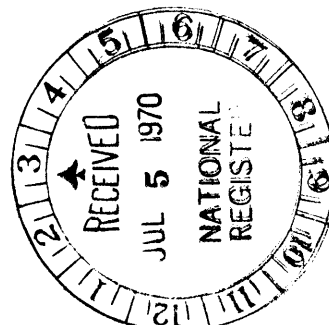
Doorways and doors: Interior doors are either wood batten doors or paneled doors, set in unrelieved frames or simple, molded frames.

The house has unmolded baseboards, and beaded edges on the timber frame where it is exposed on the interior. First floor windows in the new house have paneled interior shutters that slide horizontally in molded frames on the surface of the wall. Windows in the old dining room have hinged, batten shutters on the inside. Except for some simple wooden latches on inside doors most of the hardware throughout the house is wrought iron.

There are eight fireplaces in the house. One of these in the east bedroom of the south wing is closed up. Two are cooking fireplaces with ovens. One is located in the old dining room of the north wing and the other in the library of the wing which faces south.

Modern alterations include electric lighting and central heating. The attached sheds to the rear are now partly used as garages.

¹Most of the description had been taken directly from NABS No. CONN-247, although in a few places the description has been condensed or facts not directly relevant to it have been omitted.



8. SIGNIFICANCE

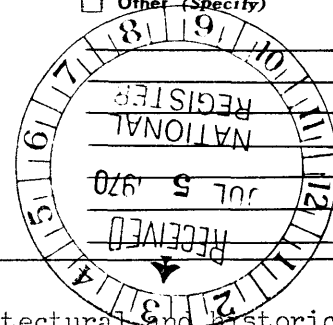
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1691 - 1740

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bradford-Huntington house is valuable for its architectural and historical interest. It is a large frame house, built in different stages at an early date. The oldest part of the house is John Bradford's "new dwelling house" built before 1691. The authorities do not agree which part of the present structure is John Bradford's "new dwelling house," nor is it readily apparent on inspection. Mrs. Chase ("History in Towns: Norwich, Connecticut" and in the Bulletin, October 8, 1935) says that Bradford's house consisted of two rooms with a gambrel roof, now the library or southwest room. Additions to this original section Mrs. Chase attributes to Simon Huntington, Jr. Thomas M. Crosby, Jr ("The Bradford Huntington House, Norwich, Connecticut") says the earliest part of the house, Bradford's "new dwelling house," is the old dining room or northeast room built by a Thomas (not John) Bradford, whom he identifies as a proprietor of Norwich. The second stage in the construction of the house, built by Simon Huntington, Jr. between 1691 and 1719, Mr. Crosby identifies as the dining room and entrance hall adjoining the old dining room. Mr. Crosby identifies a third stage, built before 1740, consisting of the parlor, center hall and chimney, and library forming the south wing of the house which he labels the "new house." He also notes the westernmost room on the south wing as an addition of c. 1740, and the various rooms on the northwest side of the house within the L formed by the two wings as a second addition, probably from the nineteenth century.

X The house was built by the Huntington family, one of the original families in the Norwich area. General Jabez Huntington owned a large number of vessels engaged in the west Indian trade. He represented Norwich in the General Assembly, served on the Committee of Safety and in 1776 was appointed one of the two major generals of the Connecticut militia. In 1777 he became sole Major General of the Connecticut militia, and was in constant correspondence with Washington, Lafayette, Hancock, Sherman, Trumbull, and many leading patriots. There is evidence that both Washington and Lafayette were visitors at the Huntington house during the revolutionary period. The historical significance of the house then, lies in its relation to a distinguished general of the Revolutionary War. Its architectural value lies in its early date, its complicated and puzzling growth pattern, and the interesting original features which it presently retains.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ada R. Chase, an article on the fireplace in the southwest room of the Bradford-Huntington House in the Bulletin (Norwich, Connecticut), October 8, 1935.

Ada R. Chase, "History in Towns: Norwich, Connecticut," Antiques, June 1961, pp. 560 - 565.

Thomas M. Crosby, Jr., "The Bradford Huntington House, Norwich, Connecticut" (Student paper in office of Professor Carroll L.V. Meeks, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut; December 15, 1958).

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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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: 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]

Title: State Liaison Officer and Chairman
 Connecticut Historical Commission

Date: June 1, 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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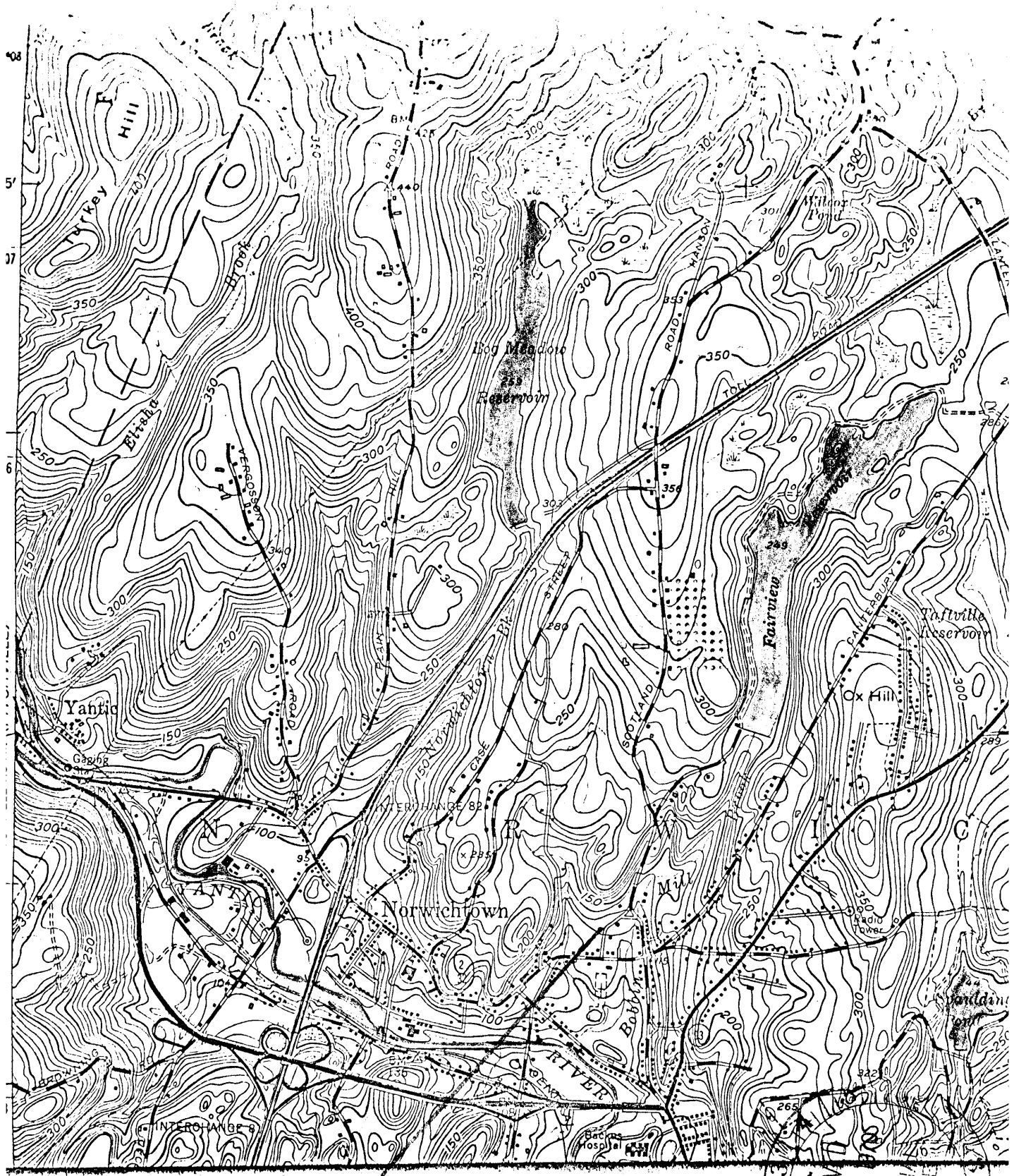
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ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: AUG 19 1970

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 Longitude $72^{\circ} 05' 20''$

