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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: Tolland	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.3.09.0004	DATE 3/11/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Williams (Rev. Eleazar) House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Located on the east side of Storrs Rd (Rte. 195) just south of intersection

CITY OR TOWN:
with Dodds Rd.
Mansfield Center

STATE Connecticut	CODE 09	COUNTY: Tolland	CODE 013
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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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Priscilla Pike

STREET AND NUMBER:
31 Farnstead Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Storrs

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
09

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Town Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
Rte 89

CITY OR TOWN:
Mansfield Center

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
09

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
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:
09

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

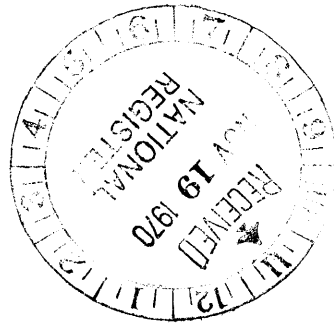
(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the northeastern side of Storrs Rd. at the northern end of the Mansfield Center Historic District. Construction of the building was originally started by Samuel Fuller, the Town Surveyor, on Home Lot No. 7 which was purchased in December 1709. In June, 1710 the Town purchased the partly finished house and lot for L32 and authorized an additional L60 for its completion as a home for the first minister, Reverend Eleazar Williams. The original construction of this period may be observed in the South Chamber where the chamfered summer beam is exposed.

Between 1750 and 1775 the house was completely remodeled into a two-chimney center hall mansion, typical of the Boston area. The panelling of this period has survived in the North Parlor and North Chamber. The front of the house, except for the outside porch, is also perfectly preserved from this same period. The original clapboards with heavy bead nailed directly to the studs are still on the front. The house was changed from a saltbox to a simple gabled roof about 1800, and in 1853 the great brick chimneys of 1760 were demolished.



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4. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1710

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

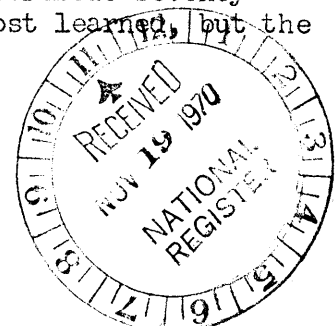
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant because of its association with Reverend Eleazar Williams who was first minister of the Congregational Church and because of its interest as a model for the study of a structures change through two centuries.

Eleazar Williams was the son of the Reverend John Williams of Deerfield, Mass. He was studying at Harvard and was the only member of the family who was not at home on the night of the French and Indian massacre, February 20, 1704. His father and five children were taken to Canada as prisoners. Two other children and a servant were killed on the doorstep of the family home. Mrs. Williams was killed two days later in Greenfield, Mass. The youngest daughter, Eunice, after years of captivity, married an Indian. Eleazar served as minister in Mansfield Center from 1710 - 1745.

The late Elmer D. Keith¹ considered this to be one of the most interesting houses in Connecticut from an architectural point of view. His comments are quoted: "Few houses show the alterations of a family of means generation after generation more clearly than does this which served as the parsonage for about seventy-five years when the clergy were not only the most learned, but the most affluent members of the community."



Elmer D. Keith was an antiquarian with a strong interest in architectural history. He was well known in Connecticut among those interested in restoration and museum work, and in the 1940 's he was in charge of federally sponsored architectural survey work (WPA?) in the state.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Inventory Form from the Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey. Compiled by Victor L. Scottron, Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Connecticut. December, 1966.

Report of the Historic District Study Committee for the Proposed Historic District in Mansfield Center, Connecticut. April, 1968.

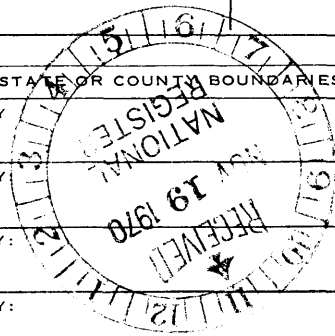
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		41° 46' 00"	72° 12' 00"	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 Acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Constance Luyster, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: October 27, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09

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: October 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

MAR 11 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register

FEB 22 1971

Date: _____