

**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	DATE
	OCT 10 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
Henry, Champion House

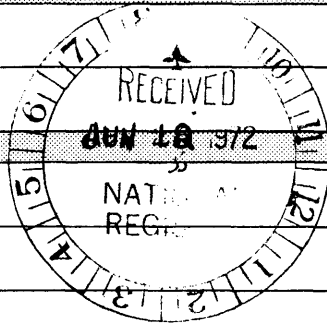
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Westchester Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Colchester

STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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 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:
D. F. Leonard

STREET AND NUMBER:
Westchester Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Colchester

STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Town Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Colchester

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:
51 Pratt 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

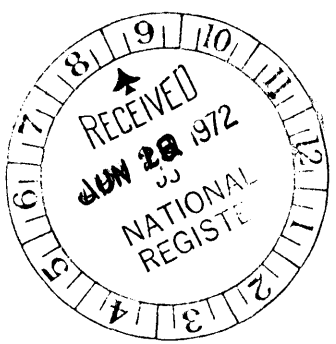
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

1 1/2 story

The Henry Champion House is an unusual house set back from the road behind a large stone wall with iron gates, well protected by trees. Its gambrel roof has a long slope to the rear, extending to almost a lean-to incorporating an attached shed on the north side. There is a one and a half story ell to the south side in the rear to which is attached a more modern conservatory or solarium with long windows and a delicate balustrade on its flat roof. A tall brick chimney rises from the far end of the ell. Massive twin brick chimneys arise from the ends of the house proper, giving balance to the large house. The three dormers of the ell resemble those on the front of the main part of the house, but are lacking their elaborate detail. Those on the front roof have triangular pediments with mutules on raking and return cornices. The entry portico is similar, with triangular pediment and mutules, but here there is a substantial frieze. The whole portico is supported on Ionic columns. The wide door, perhaps double-leaf but covered by a storm door, is flanked by double-hung sidelights. The windows at the first floor level on the facade and at both levels of the ends reflect the detail so readily found elsewhere, with mutules and dentil work. They have flat pediments and a frieze. Sash is proper twelve over twelve arrangement throughout the main portion; an occasional window in the ell is nine over nine.

The roof has wood shingles; the foundation is of stone. In 1966 when the property was surveyed the roof was set off by a delicate balustrade such as that on the roof of the conservatory; it has since been removed.

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5. SIGNIFICANCE

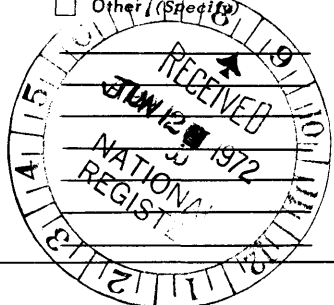
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1790

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
<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

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Colonel Henry Champion had this house built for his son, General Henry Champion, in 1790, in that part of Colchester known as Westchester. The architect was William Spratt, who also designed the Epaphroditus Champion House in East Haddam and the Deming House in Litchfield, both also architecturally important houses in Connecticut.

The Colonel (1723-1797) was an active man during the Revolution, was a deputy to the general assembly, and was deacon of the Westchester (Colchester) Church. His son, General Henry, followed his father in many ways. Born on March 16, 1751, he served his country at an early age, being present as an ensign at the Lexington Alarm. He was continuously and quickly promoted, fought at Bunker Hill, and on January 1, 1776, was made adjutant on the staff of Colonel Samuel Wyllys. Because he was an acting major of the First Battalion, Light Brigade, at the capture of Stony Point, Long Island, he always celebrated Stony Point Day, July 16, at his Colchester home.

In addition to being a military figure of some note, he was an important man in his community. He was a deputy to the general assembly in 1789, 1793-98, 1800-1805, and an assistant from 1806 to 1817. He was a deacon of the Westchester Church from 1813 to 1828. As a financier, he was involved in the amount of \$85,000 in the Connecticut Land Company, and helped to obtain a charter for the Phoenix Bank in Hartford. As a result of his work in land settlement, Champion, New York and Champion, Ohio, were named for him.

His epitaph is as follows:
 The patriotism of General Champion early led him to join the army of the Revolution. He was a brave and efficient subaltern officer at the battle of Bunker Hill. He shared in the perilous retreat of the American troops from Long Island. He rendered essential services under Kosciusko in constructing the defences at West Point. He led the First Battalion of Connecticut Light Infantry at the capture of

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Crofut, F.S.M. Guide to the History and the Historical Sites of Connecticut. Yale University Press, 1937.
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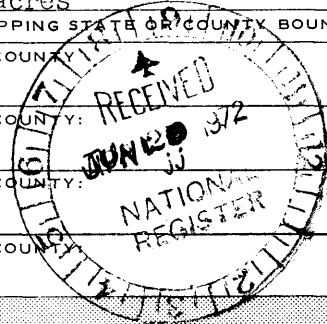
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	° ' "	° ' "		41° 32' 39"	72° 24' 50"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

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: Susan Babbitt, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: April 17, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 54 Pratt 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]

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: April 18, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 10/10/72

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 10.5.72

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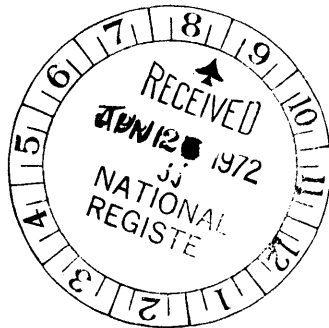
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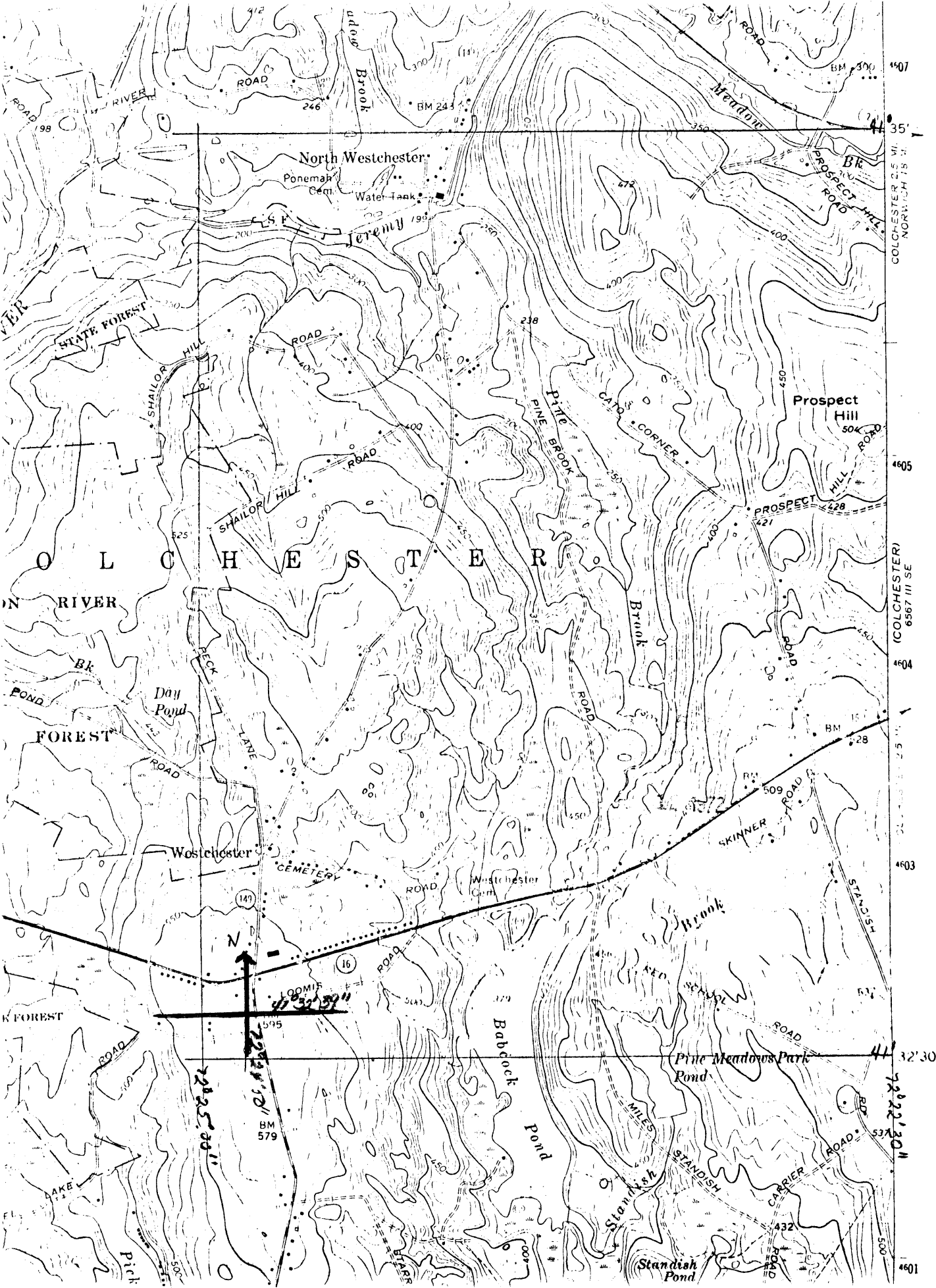
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#8 Significance

Stony Point. Subsequently he filled many offices of honor and trust in his native State. By his talents and influence he promoted the welfare of the community where he resides. He died cheered by the hope and sustained by the promises of the Gospel, leaving a memory respected by his friends, cherished by his family, and honorable to the place of his birth.¹



¹Encyclopedia of Connecticut Biography. American Historical Society, Inc. Boston; 1917. p. 30.



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35'
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NORWICH 15 W
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4604
4603
32' 30"
4601

N
147
16
LOOMIS
41 34' 30" N
41 34' 30" W
595
BM 579

COLCHESTER