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NRIS Reference Number:	88002686	Date Listed:	12/08/88
Hadlyme North Historic Property Name	District	Middlesex County	<u>C1</u> State
N/A Multiple Name			
This property is listed Places in accordance wis subject to the following notwithstanding the Nation the nomination documents.	ith the attached ng exceptions, e tional Park Serv	d nomination do exclusions, or	ocumentation amendments,
Signature of the Keeper	<u>.</u> r	/2-8-88 Date of Actio	on .
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Criteria considerations	<u>s</u> :		
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1. Name of Property				
historic name N/A	1			
other names/site number Had	llyme North His	toric District		
2. Location				
street & number See	continuation	sheet		NA not for publication
city, town Eas	st Haddam			X vicinity Hadlyme
state Connecticut Co	ode CT	county Middlesex/	New code 007	/ 011 zip code 06423/06439
3. Classification		London		
Ownership of Property	Category of I	Property	Number of Resou	urces within Property
X private	building(s	• •	Contributing	Noncontributing
public-local	X district	·)	39	12 buildings
public-State	site		2	sites
public-State	structure			
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Name of related multiple property	y listing:			buting resources previously
_N/A			listed in the Natio	onal Register <u>0</u>
4. State/Federal Agency Ce	rtification			
Signature of artifying official Director, Connect State or Federal agency and bure In my opinion, the property Signature of commenting or other State or Federal agency and bure	meets does not			October 7, 1988 Date Continuation sheet. Date
5. National Park Service Ce				
I, hereby, certify that this propert				
entered in the National Regist See continuation sheet. determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation steed of the National Register.	ational sheet.	Best J.	aurge	12-8-88
removed from the National Re	-			
		Signature of th	e reeder	Date of Action

6. Function or Use	
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
DOMESTIC/single owelling	DOMESTIC/single dwelling
DOMESTIC/secondary structure/garage	DOMESTIC/garage/storage
EDUCATION/school; FELICION/church	RELICION/church
AGRICULTURAL/outbuilding/barn	
INDUSTRY/mill/millpond	
7. Description	
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
	foundation stone
COLONIAL/Postmedieval English	walls weatherboard
MID-19TH CENTURY/Greek Revival/Gothic Revival	
	roofasphalt
	other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Hadlyme North Historic District is a small residential community which was founded in the mid-eighteenth century in the southwest corner of East Haddam. It is located just above the Lyme town line about two miles from the Connecticut River. This boundary also marks the line between Middlesex and New London counties. The district consists of two principal north-south roads, Town Street (Route 82) and Old Town Street which are located on either side and above Hungerford Brook, a small stream which flows through the area. With the exception of two buildings which are located just over the border in Lyme, the district extends from the northern intersection of these streets to the town border. Banning Road, Day Hill Road (formerly Phelps Road), and Bone Mill Road connect Route 82 to Old Town Street. Of these, only Bone Mill Road continues beyond Old Town Street to the west.

There have been a few changes to the road pattern of the district. As the names suggest, Old Town Street was the original thoroughfare and the principal street of the community in the 1800s. Town Street was added by the late eighteenth century. According to the map of 1874, there was once a connecting road between Bone Mill Road and Town Street which passed to the west of the present church. At the present time Old Town Street is not a through street due to the washout of a bridge, but the town plans to rebuild the bridge, as it has the bridge on Bone Mill Road.

The district consists of 16 houses and their associated outbuildings, three churches, a schoolhouse, and a cemetery, all dating from about 1750 to 1935. All of the buildings are of wood-framed construction, generally set on granite foundations. Several buildings now used as residences originally were built for other purposes. These include the Beckwith House, a former mill, and the house at 5 Banning Road, possibly an old mill building moved there about 1825 and converted to a house (Inventory #s 14, 1: Photograph #9). An outbuilding to the rear of 35 Old Town Street has been converted to a house (Inventory #22). Only one of the churches remains in use, the Hadlyme Congregational Church (Inventory #50). Two chapels were built on Old Town Street by an Episcopal group. The first, built about 1880, was abandoned by the church in 1901 when a new chapel was built just to the north. The old chapel has been used for storage ever since and currently is an outbuilding associated with the Wiltschire Luther House (Inventory #10; Photograph #7). The newer chapel is currently vacant.

Although Hungerford Brook was not a major source of waterpower for either eighteenth-century mills or nineteenth-century industry, there were several stone

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Addre	ss of Property or Lot	Owner(s)	Mailing Address	
5	Banning Road	Chester E. & Gertrude Olmstead,	5 Banning Road, E.Hado	dam 06421
	Bone Mill Road (13)	Town of East Haddam/ Hadlyme Cong	. Church E.Hado	dam 06423
97	Bone Mill Road	Dorothy Hanna (c/o Maude Gates)	97 Bone Mill Rd.E.Hade	dam 0642
	Bone Mill Road (15)	"	11	
1	Old Town Street	Fred W. & Kathleen E. Harrington	1 Old Town St. Hadlyn	me 0643
	Old Town Street(8:4 (Barn in Old Lyme)	Arthur M. & Caroline S. Kohs	32 Arkay Dr. Higgan	um 06441
7	Old Town Street	Mary D. Gates	P.O. Box 116, Hadly	me 0643
11	Old Town Street	Marjorie Kenyon	11 Old Town St. F. Had	dam 0642
	Old Town Street (17)	Betty L. Davies	19 Old Town St halyn	me 06439
19	Old Town Street	David Davies	19 Old Town St. Hadly	me 0643
29	Old Town Street	Matthew J. Goldman	39 Old Town St. Hadly	me 0643
35	Old Town Street	Sybil Goldman	35 Old Town St. Hadly	me 0643
	Old Town Street(16)	n ·	II .	
39	Old Town Street	Ethan J. Goldman(c/o M.J. Goldman	n)39 Old Town St. Hadly	me 0643
53	Old Town Street	Donald T. & Marian V. Buck	53 Old Town St. Hadly	me 0643
	Old Town Street(9,		11	
	Town Street (Lyme,	8:8) Ann Penfield 100 Trainin	ng Hill Rd., Middletowr	ո 0645
2	Town Street	James F. Orr	2 Town Street Hadly	
10	Town Street (33-6)	<u> </u>	Box 364, Hadly	
	Town Street (18-2')	Roger A. & Jane Gesele	8 Davidson Lane, West	
15	Town Street	Arnold & Michelle M. Williams	15 Town Street E.Hac	
18	Town Street	Virginia Swan		idam 0642
21	Town Street	Robert & Deborah J. Panfili	21 Town Street Hadly	
24	Town Street	Justin Luther, c/o Virginia Swan		ddam 0642
25	Town Street	Evelyn Foster	25 Town Street Hadly	•
	Town Street (22)	William Leary (c/o C.M. Hansen)	P.O. Box 6 No. Wind	
32	Town Street	Thomas F. Vanderheck & Sheldon Mann	Box 437 Had1 (Continued next page)	
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structures in the district, including at least two dams. The dams have been reduced to scattered rubble by repeated flooding of the brook but another structure remains. It is an unusual rectangular stone-walled pond to the north of the Beckwith House, on the east bank of a small feeder stream which joins the Hungerford Brook there (Inventory #15).

The Congregational Church and the North School, set on either side of Bone Mill Road, are the foci of the district. The school, a typical wood-framed gable-roofed building with clapboard siding, was built in 1794 (Inventory #4; Photograph #1). The church, the second building on this site, was built in the Greek Revival style in 1840 as a simple pedimented structure with a two-stage square tower. With the exception of the replacement of the stone foundation with concrete block, it has retained its exterior features and materials. (Inventory #50; Photograph #2). The school also still has on the site its original privy set on a permanent granite foundation (Inventory #5).

Four of the six houses built in the colonial manner were constructed in the eighteenth century. The oldest, the original parsonage for the Congregational Church, is located on Old Town Street. Originally built about 1750 in a four-room, four-bay plan, it has had several additions over the years, but has retained its central-chimney in the main block which provides flues for five fireplaces (Inventory #24; Photograph #3). Two gambrel-roofed houses were built on Town Street about 1790. The Comstock House at the south end of the street is a large three-story building with a dormered roof (Inventory #28; Photograph #4). The Willey House, a smaller one-and-one-half story building, displays an exceptionally fine ashlar foundation of cut granite (Inventory #40; Photograph #5). The fourth eighteenth-century house, located at the south end of Old Town Street, is a typical two-story, five-bay, center-chimney house set well back from the road with its gable end towards the street. The house is in the process of being restored. Its associated barn is located to the south of the house just across the town border in Lyme (Inventory #s 8, 9). Another house of this type, also located in Lyme at the foot of Town Street, has an unusual recessed entranceway. The configuration of this entrance suggests that the house may have once served as a store (Inventory #26). The last of the colonial forms is the Day House, a saltbox with an integral ell, the only one of its type in the district. It is located just to the south and below the North School (Inventory # 45; Photograph #6).

All of the five nineteenth-century buildings built as houses in the district date from after 1850. They include three late Greek Revivals and two rather plain vernacular buildings. The Greek Revivals range from two one-and-one-half story cottages, the Wiltschire Luther House on Old Town Street (Inventory #10; Photograph #7) and the Williams-Tolles House on Town Street (Inventory #39), to a typical Greek Revival farmhouse on Town Street, the Almon Day House (Inventory #35; Photograph

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#8). The latter house, one of the few historic farmsteads in the district and the location of an early post office, has several extensive additions to the side and rear and three associated outbuildings.

Four early twentieth-century houses and a store complete the district. Two of the houses are simple vernacular buildings constructed in the the first decade, the Charles Peiser House and the last Congregational Parsonage, a reconstruction of an earlier building on this site that was destroyed by fire (Inventory #s 6, 48; Photographs #10, 11). A barn across the street from the former house has a verified original construction date of 1835, although it may have been rebuilt since that time. The last buildings constructed in the historic period of the district are two compatible Cape-style houses built about 1935 (Inventory #s 21, 30).

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	INVENTORY OF CONTR	IBUTING AND NON-CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES		
#	Address	Name/Style/Date	C/N	C Photo
1.	5 Banning Road	19th-c. vernacular, c.1825	С	
2.	5 n	Shoemaker's Shop, c.1850	С	
3.	5 "	Garage, n.d.	NC	
4.	Bone Mill Road	North School, 1794	C	1
5.	и	North School Privy, 1794	C	
6.	97 "	CHARLES PEISER HOUSE 20th-c. domestic, 1902	C	10
7.	97 "	Barn assoc. with #6, 1835	С	10
8.	1 Old Town Street	LUTHER HOUSE Colonial, c,1785	С	
9.	1 "	Barn assoc. with #8, n.d.	С	
10.	7 "	WILTSCHIRE LUTHER HOUSE Greek Revival, c.1850	С	7
11.	7 "	HADLYME EPISCOPAL CHAPEL c. 1880	С	7
12.	11 "	GRACE EPISCOPAL CHAPEL Gothic Revival, 1901	С	7
13.	11 "	Barn/garage assoc. with #12	С	
14.	11 "	BECKWITH HOUSE Mill converted to house, c.1800	С	9
15.	11 "	Rock-walled millpond, c.1870	С	
16.	19 "	MATILDA BROCKWAY HOUSE 19th-c. vernacular, 1875	С	
17.	19 "	Shed/garage assoc. with #16, c.1970	NC	
18.	19 "	Barn assoc. with #16, c.1900	С	
19.	19 "	Garage/apt assoc. with #16, c1985	NC	

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20.	29	**	Barn/machine shop, c.1865	С	
21.	35	11	House, Cape, c.1935	С	
22.	35	Ħ	Outbuilding conv. to house, c.1900	С	
23.	39	Old Town Street	PHELPS HOUSE 19th-c. vernacular, 1861	С	
24.	53	н	CONGREGATIONAL PARSONAGE (1st) Colonial, c.1750	С	3
25.	53	77	Barn assoc. with #24, c.1985	NC	
26.		Town Street (Route 82)	House, Colonial, c.1800	С	
27.		Ħ	Garage assoc. with #26, n.d.	NC	
28.	2	π	COMSTOCK HOUSE Gambrel, c.1790	С	4
29.	2	11	Barn/garage assoc. with #28, c.1900	С	
30.	15	***	House, Cape, c. 1935	С	
31.	15	Ħ	Garage, assoc. with #30, c.1980	NC	
32.	18	Ħ	Multiple attached barns/shops,c.1870	С	
33.	21	п	Gas station/store, early 20th-c. commercial, c.1900	С	
34.	21	***	Modern brick garage, n.d.	NC	
35.	24	n	ALMON DAY HOUSE Greek Revival, c.1860	С	8
36.	24	п	19th-c. Barn with cupola assoc. with #34, n.d.	С	
37.	24	п	19th-c. Barn assoc. with #34, n.d.	С	
38.	24	n	19th-c. Shed assoc. with #34, n.d.	С	
39.	25	Ħ	WILLIAMS/TOLLES HOUSE	С	

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40.	32	Town Street (Route 82)	WILLEY HOUSE Gambrel, c.1790	С	5
41.	32	11	Outbuilding assoc. w. #40, c. 1900	С	
42.	32	11	Outbuilding assoc. w. #40, c. 1930	С	
43.	40	11	House, ranch, c.1970	NC	
44.	40	11	Garage assoc. with #43, c.1970	NC	
45.	41	n	DAY HOUSE Saltbox, c.1810	С	6
46.	42	11	House, ranch, c.1985	NC	
47.	42	11	Garage assoc. with #46	NC	
48.	46	11	HADLYME CONGREGATIONAL PARSONAGE Early 20th-c. domestic, 1908	С	11
49.	46	Ħ	Barn/garage assoc. with #48, c.1880	С	
50.		n	HADLYME CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Greek Revival, 1840	С	2
51.		11	HADLYME CEMETERY, 1750-1900	С	
52.	50	Ħ	House, Neo-Colonial, c.1985	NC	
53.	50	11	Barn, c.1880	С	

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List of Photographs

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All photographs listed below were taken by Cunningham Associates Ltd. in February, 1988. The negatives are on file at the Connecticut Historical Commission, Hartford, Connecticut.

- 1. Hadlyme North School (facing west).
- 2. Hadlyme Congregational Church (facing northeast).
- Congregational Parsonage (facing west).
- 4. Comstock House (facing east).
- 5. Willey House (facing northeast).
- 6. Day House (facing southwest).
- 7. Hadlyme Espiscopal Chapel, Luther House, Grace Espiscopal Chapel (1 r; facing northwest).
- 8. Almon Day House (facing east).
- 9. Beckwith House (facing west).
- 10. Charles Peiser Barn; Charles Peiser House (1 r; facing northwest).
- 11. Third Congregational Parsonage (facing northeast).

8. Statement of Significance		
Certifying official has considered the significance of this prop nationally	erty in relation to other properties:	
Applicable National Register Criteria A B XC	D	
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	□D □E □F □G	
Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions) ARCHITECTURE	Period of Significance 1750 - 1935	Significant Dates N/A
	Cultural Affiliation	
Significant Person N/A	Architect/Builder None known	

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Hadlyme North Historic District is architecturally significant as a small exceptionally cohesive, well-preserved rural community containing residential, institutional, agricultural, and industrial buildings dating from about 1750 to 1935 (Criterion C).

Historical Background

The district comprises the original institutional center for the Hadlyme Ecclesiastical Society founded in 1742. This church society was the third established in East Haddam, a town founded in 1685 on the east bank of the Connecticut River (originally part of Haddam on the west bank). It was one of the few such societies to to be formed in Connecticut which crossed town boundaries; roughly one—third was located in Lyme. From 1743 until the society was dissolved in 1890, the meeting houses for the society were all located in the district, both built on the same site (Inventory #50). The three Congregational parsonages built or owned by the society were all also located there; two are still standing today (Inventory #s 24, 46). The original society cemetery was also established in the district to the north of the church (Inventory #51). By the time a schoolhouse was built by the society in 1794, it had become necessary to differentiate between the two villages of Hadlyme, one of which is located in Lyme, and the building was named the Hadlyme North School (Inventory #4). The society itself became known as the Hadlyme North Ecclesiastical Society.

Although the village of Hadlyme contained in this district remained the institutional center for a wider area throughout its history, none of the typical village mill sites were established in the colonial period. Grist and saw mills utilized by the village residents were all located on streams to the east, west, and north of the center which had a greater waterpower potential than Hungerford Brook. Few traces are left of the industrial sites of the nineteenth century. The only sites in the district in the late nineteenth century were a tannery below Bone Mill Road and a

9. Major Bibliographical References	
Beers, F.W. County Atlas of Middlesex. Connect Hadlyme Church Records, Vols. 1-4. (On file at Parker, Francis Hubert. "Contributions to the ticut Valley Advertiser. Moodus, Conn.: 1914-1 Architectural and Historical Survey of East Ha	the Rathbun Library, East Haddam). History of East Haddam, Connecticut," Connec-
	See continuation sheet
Previous documentation on file (NPS): preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)	Primary location of additional data:
has been requested	X State historic preservation office
previously listed in the National Register	Other State agency
previously determined eligible by the National Register designated a National Historic Landmark	Federal agency Local government
recorded by Historic American Buildings	University
Survey #	X Other
recorded by Historic American Engineering	Specify repository:
Record #	Rathbun Library, East Haddam, Connecticut
10. Geographical Data	
Acreage of property 81	
LITAL Defenses	
UTM References	B
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	X See continuation sheet
Verbal Boundary Description	
	X See continuation sheet
	IA) ood community characteristics
Boundary Justification	
The district boundaries were drawn to encompas	s the maximum number of historic resources
associated with the period of significance of tion of the boundaries.	the district. See district map for delinea-
	See continuation sheet
11. Form Prepared By Reviewed by John Herzan	, National Register Coordinator
name/titleJan Cunningham, National Register	
organizationCunningham Associates Ltd.	date <u>3/24/88</u>
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cider mill, neither of which require abundant waterpower. A mill site, unidentified by function or type on any of the historic maps, is located on the west side of the district. The only remaining site with any structural remains, it required a substantial millpond to provide enough power to run machinery (Inventory #s 14, 15).

Architectural Significance

The historic integrity of Hadlyme North Historic District is exceptional. Of the 12 non-contributing buildings, eight are secondary structures which have little impact upon the historic appearance of the village. Only three modern houses have been constructed and most of them are located on the upper part of Town Street. The houses, and in many cases, the barns, are well-preserved, displaying most of their original types of material. Although several houses are individually significant, for the most part they are subordinate players to the institutional buildings at the center of the district.

It is the school and its neighboring church that establish the district's distinctly rural village character. These two buildings are classics of their types, spare, functional wood-frame structures which convey the essence of New England's early institutional architecture prior to 1850. Both are exceptionally well-preserved, particularly the school, which has been restored by a local group formed for this purpose.

Several distinguished examples of New England Colonials on Town Street are almost perfect representatives of the gambrel and the saltbox form. Both the Comstock House and its smaller neighbor, the Willey House, are superior examples of the gambrel form; each has exceptional exterior integrity (Inventory #s 2, 40). The Day House, a late example of a saltbox, is also well preserved (Inventory #45).

A greater architectural range is found on lower Old Town Street where simple Gothic chapels are interpersed with a Greek Revival cottage, a converted mill, and several old barns. This surprising collection is not as readily accessible to public view since this street is not as well travelled as Town Street, but it adds diversity and historical interest to an otherwise very typical rural streetscape.

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Boundary Description:

Beginning at a point on the northern property line of Lot 8-1, Map 3 of the East Haddam Tax Assessor's Records where it joins the rear property line of Lot 8, the district boundary runs along the north property line of Lot 8-1 to 01d Town Street, crosses the street, and runs in a northwesterly direction up the streetline of Lot 9 to the corner of Old Town Street and Town Street (Route 82), before turning and running in a southeasterly direction and running along the street line on the west side to a point directly opposite the north property line of Lot 25. Here the boundary crosses the street and runs around the perimeter of said lot to a point directly the eastern (rear) property line of Lot 30, crosses Clark Hill Road and runs in a southerly direction along the rear property lines of Lots 30 and 31, crosses Lots 32-1, 32, 33-2, to a driveway at the south said of the last lot. At this point the boundary returns in a westerly direction along the southern side of said driveway to a point directly above the rear property line of Lot 34, then turns again to the south, crosses Lot 33-6 and runs along the rear property line of Lot 32, crosses Route 82 and the town line of Lyme, runs around a portion of Lot 8, Map 8 of the Lyme Tax Assessor's Records so as to include the garage and house on this property before returning to recross said town line. Here the boundary runs along the north street line of Banning Road and crosses Old Town St. and turns to run in a southerly direction along the west street line of said street to once again cross said town line to encompass the entire property of Lot 4, Map 8 referenced above and returns in a northerly direction up the west bank of Hungerford Brook, the general location of the rear property lines of Lots 1, 2, 3, to the west branch of said brook located generally on Lot 5-1, runs along said branch and apportion of the rear property line of Lot 5-1 and the rear line of Lot 5. Here the boundary crosses Bone Mill Road and continues along the rear property line of Lot 7 and crosses Lot 8-1 in a northwesterly direction to return to the first point. Described boundaries are shown on the district map.

