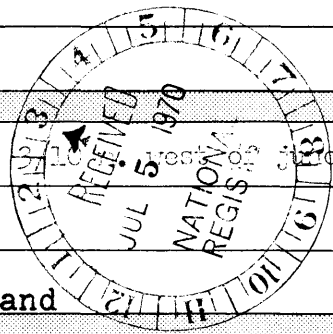


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: CONNECTICUT	
COUNTY: TOLLAND	
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ENTRY NUMBER 170.10.09.0033	DATE 10/22/70



1. NAME

COMMON:
Nathan Hale Homestead

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Deacon Richard Hale House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
South Street, south side of street facing NE, with beachy road

CITY OR TOWN:
Coventry

STATE: **Connecticut** CODE: **06** COUNTY: **Tolland** CODE: **013**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, Inc. of Connecticut

STREET AND NUMBER:
394 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Hartford** STATE: **Connecticut** CODE: **06**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Town Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route #31

CITY OR TOWN: **Coventry** STATE: **Connecticut** CODE: **06**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **13** CODE: **09**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Connecticut Historic Structures & Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1968** 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)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

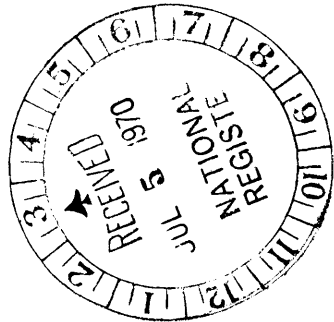
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

For its historical associations alone, national in significance, this property is outstanding without considering its architectural distinction, which is noteworthy. It is not the birthplace of the Revolutionary War hero, said to have stood near the east side of the present building constructed in the year of Hale's death, 1776. Part of the earlier structure is reputed to have been incorporated into the 26-foot ell added to his large new house by Nathan's father, Deacon Richard Hale, and adjunct later extended to 106 feet and a striking feature of the present structure. Since a single central chimney could hardly have served the rooms in so large a building, two of considerable size rise through the roof peak. The exterior is plain, beyond beaded corner boards, moulding at the outer edge of the cornice and crown moulding between wall and cornice, and a moulding around front entry frame with a large crown moulding forming a flat pediment above a 6-pane overdoor light. Clapboards on the east side are replacements, but those on the west and front are graduated from the bottom upward, skived at the joints, and fastened with large handwrought nails. There are extensive grounds, outbuildings, and stone walls that contribute to the attractive setting of this shrine to a national hero.

is plain,

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*5 1/2 ft. x 1 1/2 ft. (chairs?)
two - one in*



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) 1776

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-		_____	
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

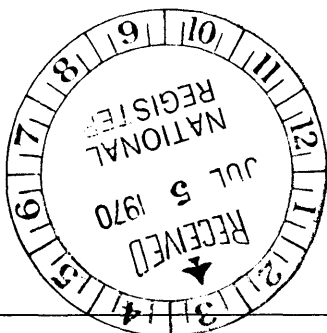
Aside from its associations and picturesque setting, the Hale Homestead has much to offer as a Connecticut landmark. Authorities are critical when it is claimed a house was built during the Revolution but Deacon Hale's house is fortunately documented. Therefore, the Hale Homestead serves not only to show how Deacon Hale, a typical hard-working Connecticut settler prospered but reflects the subtle changes in the architecture of the period. It might well be called a "key" house.

It is doubtful if Nathan ever saw the new house, but it is certain that he knew about it and heard the plans discussed in January 1776 when he was home on leave from the Army. Nathan was hanged on 22 September 1776, and the Hales moved into the house on 31 October, a house of mourning and sorrow. The family, ignorant of the hero-worshipers to come, pulled down the hero's birthplace. Grand as the house may have been in its time, with its larger than usual proportions, two chimneys and central hall, it was an austere home and probably was for several years. It was not the habit to finish houses in those days, particularly in the interior. The house is simple and severe but none-the-less refined, reflecting the character of the family. Its severity is expressed in the bold, straight lines without any overhangs and its lack of any architectural ornamentation.

The ell, or at least part of it, was built at the same time as the house. One curious feature is the "grafting" of the north wall of the old house to the south side of the ell, so when the empty house was dismantled, the remaining end was sheathed and clapboarded. The woodwork was finished off in rooms from year to year, when time and money permitted and some rooms show the change of taste and the handiwork of different joiners.

Nathan Hale and the Homestead
 Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, Inc.
 1969

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Crofut, Florence S. M., Guide to the History and the Historic Sites of Connecticut. Yale University Press, 1937

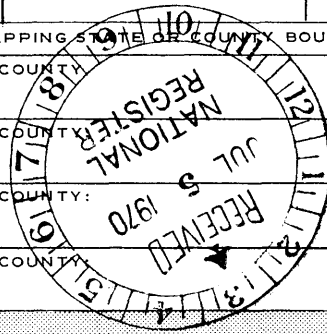
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	72°	20'	46"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Herbert C. Darbee, Associate Director

ORGANIZATION: **Connecticut Historical Commission** DATE: **August 25, 1969**

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: *Eric Hatch*
Eric Hatch

Title: State Liaison Officer and Chairman, Conn. Historical Comm.

Date: August 25, 1969

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

Ernest Allen Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

OCT 22 1970

Date _____

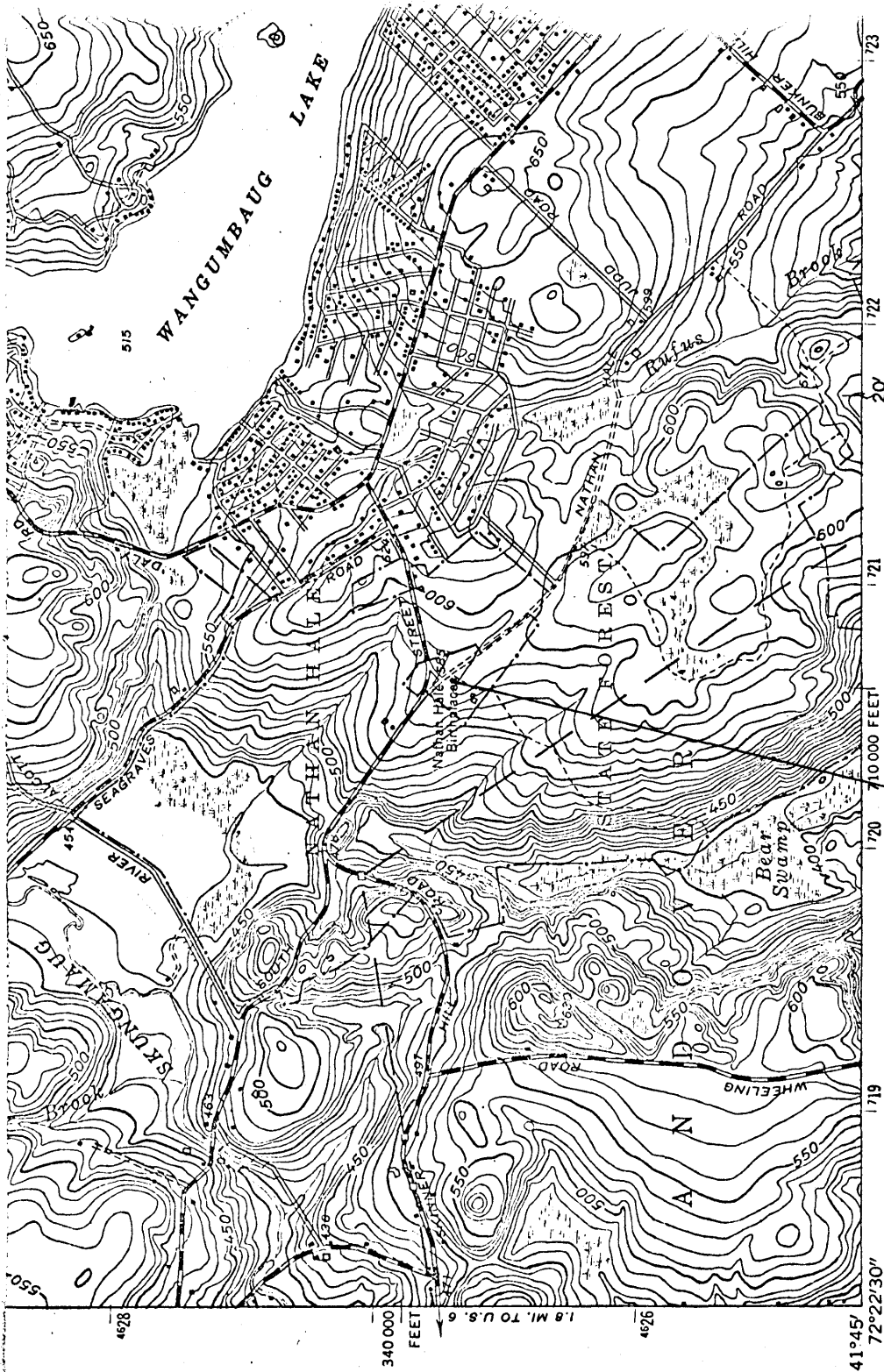
ATTEST:

William J. Kurlough
Keeper of The National Register

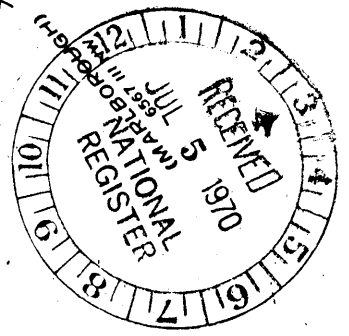
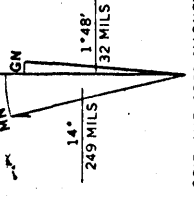
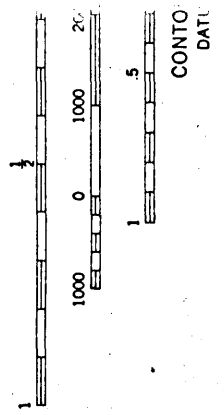
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UTM GRID AND 1953 MAGNETIC NORTH
 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

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