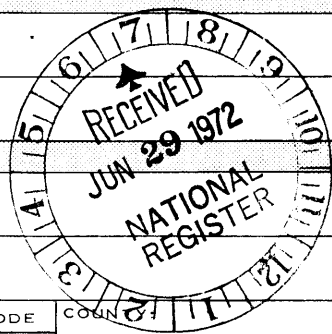


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON:
General William Hart House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
350 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Old Saybrook

STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09 COUNTY: Middlesex CODE: 007

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
New Owner: First Congregational Church
~~Wife of Mrs. Henry de la Motte~~

STREET AND NUMBER:
366 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Old Saybrook STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Town Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Old Saybrook STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: (1) Historic Ancestral Building Survey
(2) Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: (1) 1970, 1961 (2) 1957 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: (1) Yale University
(2) Connecticut Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
(2) 50 South Prospect Street

CITY OR TOWN: (1) New Haven STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09
(2) Hartford

2nd District Congressman: Robert Steele

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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

2/24/8.

The house is of the typical pine window people, but has a center hall with a chimney and chi keys. In its date, 1777, one would more readily expect a center chi key house. The detail suggests the Georgian style, with moulded cornices beneath the overhanging eaves and return cornices at the side ends. Corner boards are wide, becoming essentially pilasters with capitals at the tops. The front entry portico is more Federal in style than Georgian, but may be a product of a restoration undertaken in the 1830's. Pilasters flank the doorway and matching columns are free standing, supporting the portico. An entablature includes architrave, frieze, and cornice, with dentils on both return and return cornices. There is space above the door for a light, but this has a space that has been filled with plaster.

Window sash is the one or better over better on the first and second floors, while at attic level it is six over six.

The interior reveals a display side floor boards, old varnishing and paneling, and the fireplace panels of the corner fireplaces. The stairs from the front hall are embellished with fine mouldings, paneling and turned newels.

The back porch has recently had and the house stands empty. Plans for the town reportedly show this area to be razed for garden apartments.

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4. 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) 1767

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William Hart, Jr., an architect, built this house in 1767 for his bride, Esther Tuckinshan, a great granddaughter of Reverend Thomas Tuckinshan, one of the founders of Yale College. Hart was the son of Reverend William Hart and Mary Plume, both of Old Saybrook. He served during the Revolutionary War, rising to the rank of General, and was later a candidate for the office of Governor of the State of Connecticut. When he died in 1817 the house went to Captain Richard Hood, who died at sea, leaving the property to his daughter. Miss Hood conducted a boarding school in the house until her death in 1821. She left the property to Walter Ferriman, her nephew, who added a veranda to the south side, lengthened the windows here, and added the front door with glass panels. It was either Mr. Ferriman or the successive owner who did the restoration in the 1930's.

The house has an early date for its form, but other buildings in the immediate area follow a similar design. There appears to be no doubt about the date, for it has been corroborated by research done by local people. The house is of the size, proportions and of some architectural interest. Sited just below the business section of Old Saybrook's Main Street, and between two churches, the General Hart House is a locally important structure and is significant to Old Saybrook as one in a series of 18th century houses along southern Main Street, all well cared for but rapidly being encroached upon by creeping commercialism.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		72°	22'	32"
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Susan Balbitt, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission

DATE: June 3, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
 59 South Prospect 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: June 11, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

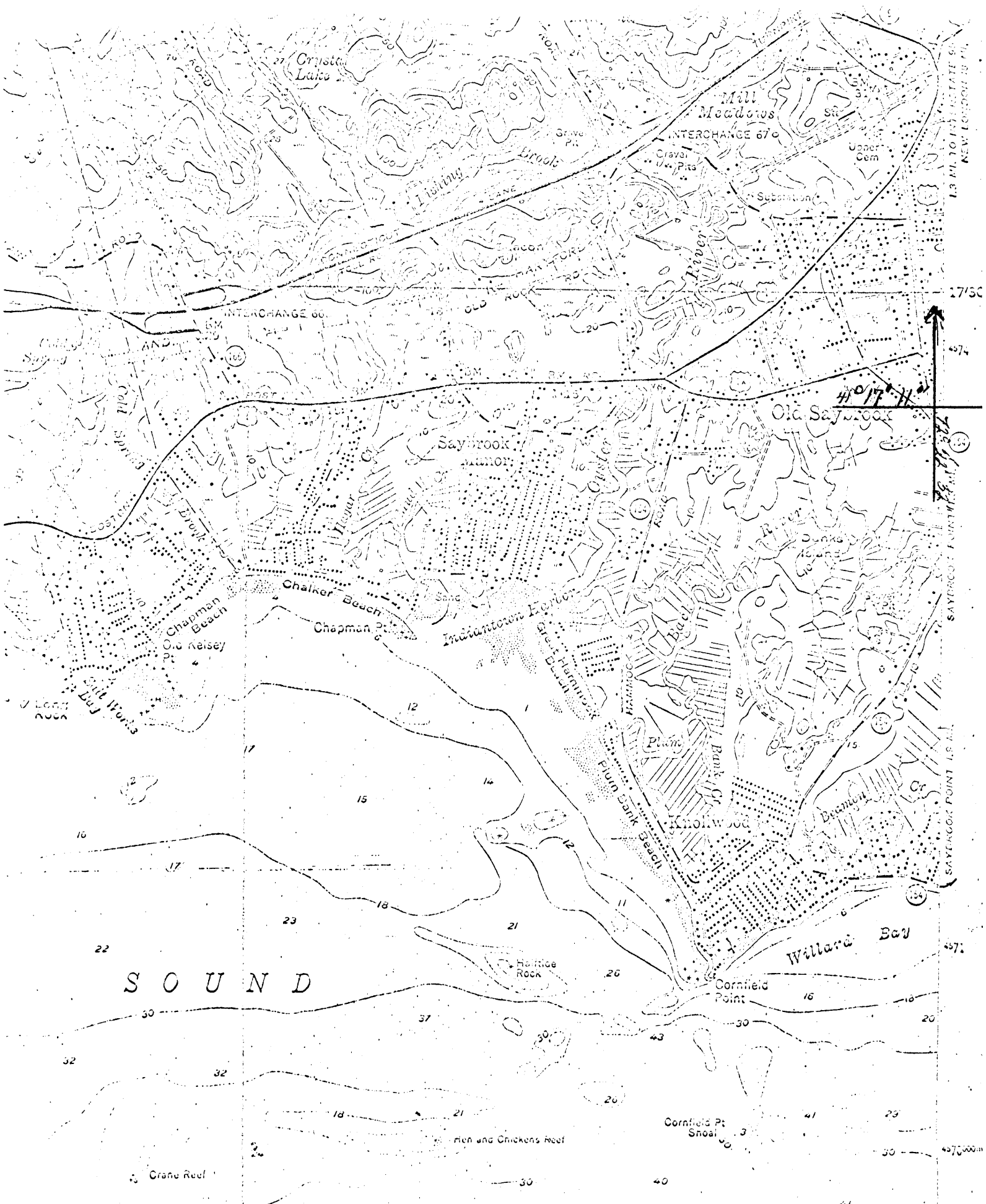
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 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 11/9/72

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: Nov. 6, 1972

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