

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

For Buildings and Structures

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TOWN NO.:		SITE NO.:	
UTM: 18	/	/	/
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

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IDENTIFICATION

- BUILDING NAME: Common: N/A Historic: Mulville House
- TOWN/CITY: Norfolk VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Litchfield
- STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Mountain Road, south side
- OWNER(S): Peter G. & Theresa R. Mulville, Mountain Road, Norfolk, CT 06058 PUBLIC PRIVATE _____
- USE: Present: Residence Historic: Residence
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

- STYLE OF BUILDING: Georgian Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1931
- MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 clapboard asbestos siding brick
 wood shingle asphalt siding fieldstone
 board & batten stucco cobblestone
 aluminum siding concrete: type: _____ cut stone: type: _____
 other: _____
- STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam balloon
 load bearing masonry structural iron or steel
 other: _____
- ROOF: type:
 gable flat mansard monitor sawtooth
 gambrel shed hip round other _____
material:
 wood shingle roll asphalt tin slate
 asphalt shingle built up tile other: _____
- NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 42 x 46'
- CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: _____
- RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: _____
 carriage house shop garden _____
- SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 open land woodland residential scattered buildings visible from site
 commercial industrial rural high building density
- INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The house is on a large lot without trees.

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

The Mulville House is the only known house of brick construction designed by Taylor, perhaps because the client was a masonry contractor. At the time of construction, the brick was painted white with a formula designed to weather to intermittent coverage, as seen at present, and the brick has not been painted since that time.

The front (north) elevation has a central gable with the west side sloping down to first floor level. On the east side, the slope stops at second floor level at the front, but about one-third of the way back continues. In the space thus created is an entrance porch entered through an elliptical arch. There is a corresponding

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: Taylor & Levi, Comm. 347 Builder: _____ (continued)

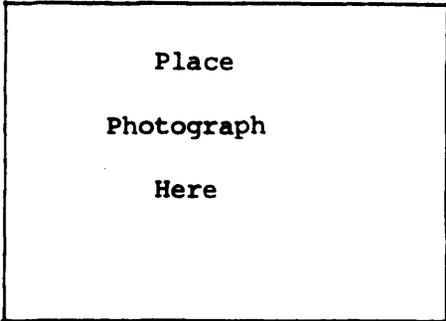
18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

On the one hand, this is not a typical Taylor house because of the brick construction. On the other hand, the design includes typical Taylor elements such as the broad gabled roof, the elliptical arch, the gabled portico, and, in the garage, diamond-paned windows.

The Mulville House is important in the study of Taylor's career because it is unique among his Georgian Revival commissions in Norfolk. It is the only brick structure he is known to have designed. In addition, the roof treatment, narrow gable in front and broad gable in back, is an innovative feature more attributable to Taylor's love of the unconventional than to the Georgian Revival style. But the elliptical arches, fanlight windows, dormers and porches place the house in the Georgian Revival segment of Taylor's work, in which style his works far outnumber those of any other Norfolk architect.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: D. Ransom
date: November 1978 view: Northwest
negative on file: Connecticut Historical Commission



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19. SOURCES:

Prints of construction drawings are in the Taylor Collection.

~~20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS~~

Verbal boundary description: NLR 57/667, 6 acres.

UTM Reference: 18/648370/649720.

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known highways vandalism developers other: _____
 renewal private deterioration zoning explanation: _____

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elliptical arch on the front of a porch on the west side. On the rear (south) elevation, the slopes of the wide gable continue on both sides to first floor level, framing a central gabled entrance porch with round columns at its corners. Peaked dormers in the east and west slopes of the roof have wood shingled sides.