

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Town No.:		Site No.:	
UTM	1:8	6:8	7:7;2:0 4:5 7:4 5:8:0
QUAD:	Branford		
DISTRICT		IF NR, SPECIFY	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	<input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
Eliphalet Howd House			
2. TOWN/CITY		VILLAGE	COUNTY
Branford			New Haven
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
675 East Main Street Map J4, Block 2, Lot 4			
4. OWNER(S)			
Dee R. Burtraw and Karen L. Hinman <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Commercial		One-Family Dwelling	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	During business hours
7. STYLE OF BUILDING			DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
New England Colonial			1730-1775
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
(Material)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
2 1/2	36 feet x 39 feet		
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ?	(Alterations)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
		Shed-roofed ell at rear - date unknown	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheds	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	1 1/2 story house converted to shop
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density		
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
Located on a main highway (Route 1); bordered on east and west by open space.			

(OVER)

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Constructed on a nearly-square plan with its ridge parallel to the street, this structure has a steeply-pitched roof (45° or 12:12) with a stone center chimney which straddles the ridge. The house has a five-bay, nine window facade with twelve-over-twelve sash. It has hewn overhangs of both the second floor and the attic story. The entry has a pair of paneled doors with a glazed transom, flanked by pilasters and capped by a decorated frieze and projecting cornice. The gable ends have five windows, suggesting a five-room plan. The exterior is finished with clapboards on all sides; the box cornice at the street facade features a row of dentil moldings.

18. ARCHITECT

N/A

BUILDER

Unknown

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

The Eliphalet Howd House was first recorded in the W.P.A. survey and dated 1754 based on a marker. Land record research is inconclusive but indicates the possibility of a date as early as the 1730's. Hewn overhangs suggest a date not later than the third quarter of the 18th century.

Architecturally, the Eliphalet Howd House represents the typical full two-story, central chimney New England house as it evolved at the close of the Second Period, 1691-1720 (Keith). It is significant in Branford's collection of eighteenth-century houses for its integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. As an example of eighteenth-century colonial architecture, it meets Criteria C of the National Register of Historic Places.

SOURCES

W.P.A., Federal Writers Project, "Census of Old or Distinctive Buildings in the State of Connecticut," c.1936, No. 14.
 Maps. Whiteford, 1852; Beers, 1868.
 Branford Historical Society Records.

PHOTO

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VIEW

North & East Elev.

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Expiration _____