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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Litchfield Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Irregular rectangle coterminous with village and borough
of Litchfield

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Litchfield

___ VICINITY OF

6th

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Toby Moffett

STATE

Connecticut

CODE

COUNTY

Litchfield

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

 IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

See continuation sheet

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

___ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Litchfield Town Hall

STREET & NUMBER

West Street

CITY, TOWN

Litchfield

STATE

CT

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Litchfield Historic District in the town of Litchfield, Connecticut, is approximately one mile wide by two miles long, centered on the principal east-west and north-south streets. Its boundaries are coterminous with those of the village of Litchfield and with those of the borough of Litchfield. A local historic district, The Old and Historic Litchfield District, established by special act of the 1959 Connecticut General Assembly, copy attached, has the same boundaries. In 1968 the north-south central section of the district received recognition as a National Historic Landmark historic district, copy attached.

Litchfield is an old Connecticut hill town, elevation 960 feet, settled in 1719 in the northwest quarter of the state between the Shepaug and Naugatuck river valleys. Primarily a residential community, the district comprises approximately 475 sites and structures, of which 12 are non-conforming intrusions detracting from the integrity of the district. Twenty-eight structures in the district are listed on the State Register of Historic Buildings; of these 17 date from the 18th century. The four main streets, North, South, East, and West Streets, come together at the center Green.

Although the district has gracious colonial homes on wide, tree lined streets, for which Litchfield is widely known, it also contains 19th century Greek Revival, Stick Style, Italianate, Queen Anne, and turn-of-the-century vernacular structures, and contemporary 20th century houses. This description will discuss the 19th and 20th century buildings as well as the earlier structures to which reference is usually, and erroneously, limited when thinking of Litchfield. The splendid trees which line the streets add to the confusion because they did not exist in colonial times. The planting of trees began in the 19th century. Thus, this description will nullify to some degree the myth of Litchfield as nothing more than a colonial village. This misconception, widely held, was actively encouraged by the town itself in the early 20th century, spurred by the 200th anniversary celebration of its founding.

None of Litchfield's first houses, constructed in 1721, survives. Nor do the original meetinghouse, school, or courthouse. These public buildings stood at the intersection of the main streets from which they were cleared away in 1820-1827, thereby making space for the Green. Thus the Green itself, often thought to be arch-typical of colonial villages, in Litchfield does not date back to colonial times.

On the north side of the Green, east of North Street, are located next door to each other two of the few non-residential buildings that do survive from the 18th century, a shop and a tavern. The shop, a one and one-half story narrow building with its ridge line perpendicular to the street, was built in 1781 by Dr. Reuben Smith and was moved to its present location in 1812 when Luke Lewis purchased the 1782 tavern. The tavern is a five-bay clap-boarded house with pitched roof and two chimneys in the end walls. Lewis added the operable bow windows to the ground floor of the shop and a lunette window in its gable, and put a Federal porch on the tavern, which he used as a dwelling.

The other surviving 18th century non-residential structure is the Tapping Reeve law school, built in 1785. A National Historic Landmark, this one-room, plain, pitched roof structure is located on the west side of South Street in the yard of the Tapping Reeve house.

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Structures and sites contributing to the character of the district are designated C. Nonconforming intrusions detracting from the integrity of the district are designated NC.

The block and lot numbers are the final digits to the right. Where more than one address is shown, the mailing address is the address to the left.

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| C ACERBI JOHN B & JUDITH K | 155 498 | 196-46-45 |
| WEST STREET | | |
| C ACHESON WENDEL ET VX. | 150 487 | 219-37-43 |
| EAST STREET | | |
| C ACKERMAN JAMES F., JR. & HARRIET B. | 149 502 | 221-38-110 |
| SOUTH STREET | | |
| C ADDISON ROBERT & RUTH E. | 122 138 | 219-37A-3 |
| TORRINGTON ROAD RT 202 | | |
| C ADKINS RAYMOND H & VIVIAN C | 154 174 | 197-47E-28 |
| WOODRUFF STREET | | |
| C ALLCROFT CHARLES E & ELIZABETH B. | 122 164 | 206-36-30 |
| BEECHER LANE | | |
| C ANDERSON GEORGE V., JR. & HELEN L | 152 538 | 219-37A-12 |
| EAST STREET | | |
| C ANDERSON GOTTHARD B & VIRGINIA S BOX 351 | 118 196 | 221-38-92 |
| SOUTH STREET | | |

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- C BARRETT EST OF PATRICK, JOSEPHINE
& JOHN & NEWBURY MARTHA 96 558 197-47E-3
BOX 532 MEADOW STREET & WESTOVER ROAD

- C BEARDSLEY JOHN F 154 376 199-47D-3
OLD SOUTH ROAD

- C BECKWITH CHARLOTTE C. &
SUTHERLAND A. 127 509 206-47-13
SOUTH STREET

- C BEEBE RICHARD K. & JANE R. 154 743 208-47A-5
MEADOW STREET

- C BELANCIK JOHN G. & MARGARET R. 144 522 219-38-54
EAST STREET

- C BELL VIRGINIA F. & GORDON KNOX 133 158 219-38-84
SOUTH STREET SOUTH STREET

- C BELLEW PATRICK H. 134 134 194-46-3
PROSPECT STREET

- C BERLET EDWARD B & RUTH K. 128 346 206-47F-4
MEADOW STREET MEADOW STREET

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| C | BIRKS WINE CELLAR | 115 402 | 206-47-27 |
| | WEST STREET | | |
| C | BISAILLION ALBERT & MARGARET | 128 334 | 206-47F-9 |
| | MEADOW STREET | | |
| C | BOCKUS VAN C. | 119 174 | 194-45-17 |
| | PROSPECT STREET | | |
| C | BOGARDUS MARTHA A. & PRICE DOROTHY B. | 115 316 | 196-47G-4 |
| | BOX 934 WEST ST WEST STREET | | |
| C | BONVICINI LOUISE & JOAN B | 128 111 | 206-36-51 |
| | BOX 807 TORRINGTON, CONN. 06790 NORTH STREET | | |
| C | BOTWINICK NELSON G. & LEONE R. | 142 415 | 196-47G-2 |
| | C/O G.S OPPENHIEMER 41-38 WESTMORELD ST LITTLE NECK, N.Y. 11363 WEST STREET | | |
| C | BOYNTON OREN K & ELIZABETH M. | 154 762 | 194-45-1 |
| | PROSPECT STREET | | |
| C | BOYNTON VIRGINIA S. | 128 191 | 210-47C-20 |
| | OLD SOUTH ROAD | | |
| C | BOYNTON JEFFREY G & JO N. | 149 470 | 208-47-46 |
| | MEADOW STREET | | |

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| C | BROOKS ELIZABETH C. BOX 1066 | 134 345 PROSPECT STREET | 194-46-1 |
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| C | BRENNAN RICHARD M. & PATRICIA A. | 128 420 MEADOW STREET | 206-47F-2 |
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| C | BRENNAN ROSE M. | 102 576 TORRINGTON ROAD RT 202 | 129-37A-6 |
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| C | BRENNAN WILLIAM D. & ESTHER | 118 580 OLD SOUTH ROAD | 210-47C-22 |
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| C | BREWSTER MARY B. & JOSEPHINE | 122 224 SOUTH STREET | 221-38-96 |
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| C | BRICKLEY RICHARD L %BRICKLEY SEARS + COLE 75 FEDERAL ST BOSTON MASS 02110 | 156 640 NORTH STREET | 206-36-39 |
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| C | BRIGGS WILLIAM & ISABEL | 136 731 WEST STREET & SPENCER STREET | 206-46-61 |
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| C | BROWN ALICE G. | 95 515 TORRINGTON ROAD RT. 202 | 219-37-22 |
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| C | BRYANT THOMAS W. | 108 42 PROSPECT STREET | 194-45-19 |

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- C RUDNY JOSEPH F. & MARY ELLEN 149 590 208-47-6
WOLCOTT STREET
-
- C BULL LUDLOW EST.
C/O COLONIAL BK&TRST CO. 117 559 206-36-50
NORTH STREET TO ROUTE 202
WATERBURY, CONN.
-
- C BUTLER PIERCE J + ANNE G 156 365 197-47E-10
MEADOW STREET
-
- C BUTLER W JACK&PATRICIA FLEMMING 149 85 194-46-4
PROSPECT STREET
-
- C CADMUS RICHARD H. & JUDITH E. 128 347 221-38-109
SOUTH STREET
-
- C CAESAR HENRY I. 132 458 206-36-52
NORTH STREET & EAST STREET
-
- C CAHILL NORMAN C. 152 250 208-47-44
MEADOW STREET
-
- C CANFIELD CHRISTINE R. 150 510 206-36-34
BEECHER LANE
-
- C CARDILLO BENJAMIN 108 233 206-47-39
MEADOW STREET (REAR)
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| C | CARDILLO MARY ARAGONA MEADOW STREET | 107 464 | 206-47-38 | | |
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| C | CASADEI ANTHONY N. SEDEGWICK LANE | 102 117 | 219-37B-1 | | |
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| C | CASADEI MARK | 125 468 | 197-47E-33 | | |
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| C | CASADEI MARK A. & SUSANNE K. MEADOW STREET | 142 651 | 197-47E-22 | | |
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| C | CASADEI NINO S EST | 156 29 | 219-37A-17 | | |
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| NC | CASADEI NINO S EST | 156 29 | 197-47E-32 | | |
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| C | CASADEI NINO S EST | 156 29 | 219-37A-5 | | |
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| C | CASEY ANTHONY J. & MARGARET B. SOUTH STREET (REAR) | 128 284 | 110-47C-33 | | |
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| C | CASEY ANTHONY J. & MARGARET B. SOUTH STREET (REAR) | 115 102 | 210-47C-32 | | |
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| C | CASEY JAMES A. & JULIA WOODRUFF ST | 111 109 | 196-47G-16 | | |

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C COLLINS ERNEST V & JOAN M 128 394 197-47E-11
1401 BELL RD MEADOW STREET
CHARGIN FALLS, OH. 44022

C COLVOCORESSES HAROLD LEE 129 149 219-38-69
BOX 44 EAST STREET

C COMPORESI JOHN J. & MARY K. 111 180 219-37B-5
EAST STREET & SEDGEWICK LANE

C COMPORESI MARY ET AL 97 668 196-46-53
SPENCER STREET SPENCER STREET

C CONCANNON MARY B. 136 1 219-37-42
EAST STREET

C CONROY MARY SEPPLES 111 133 196-46-48
WEST STREET

C COOK MARY H. 118 291 194-45-15
PROSPECT STREET

C COOK WILLIAM H + MARGERY T 152 434 219-38-87
SOUTH STREET SOUTH STREET

C COONEY JOHN H. & ROBERT J. 154 453 219-38-50
EAST STREET

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- C COPELAND SHARLENE JEAN 153 550 194-45-9
TALMADGE AVENUE
- C CORDANI RAYMOND & SYLVIA 150 207 196-46-49
WEST STREET & SPENCER STREET
- C CORDON CHARLES G. & VERNA LEE 136 685 219-37A-13
EAST STREET & SEDGÉWICK LANE
- C CRAMER MILTON L. & JUDITH G. 126 597 208-47-4
WOLCOTT STREET
- C CRAMER ROSE D. 129 177 210-47C-18
OLD SOUTH ROAD
- C CRAWFORD R. MAYO 122 228 208-47A-13
WOLCOTT STREET
- C CROWE MARY JANE 139 460 206-46-76
NORTH STREET
- C CRUTCH MARION I. 97 602 219-37A-10
TORR. RD RT 202) & EAST ST.
- C CRUTCH WITH T. 142 670 196-46-41
WEST STREET (REAR)

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C CURTISS ROSE M & RICHARD J. 128 427 219-38-61
EAST STREET

C CURTISS ROSE M. & RICHARD J. 132 615 219-38-60
EAST STREET

C DALTON-MORRIS PETER A J & JUNE I. 131 391 206-36-32
BOX 829 BEECHER LANE

C DANAHY THOMAS H & NANCY B 132 88 206-47-11A
BOX 553 SOUTH ST (REAR)

C DANNER FREDERICK B & ELIZABETH NEILL 139 744 194-45-14
PROSPECT STREET

C DAROSS JOHN 153 12 206-46-60
SPENCER STREET SPENCER STREET

NC North dwelling on street
DAROSS JOHN 103 642 197-47E-24
SPENCER STREET WOODRUFF STREET

C other dwellings

C DAUTRICH ALBERT W. 97 689 206-46-66
WEST STREET

C DEACON ARTHUR D. & SONS INC. 128 95 208-47-48
MEADOW STREET

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- C DEACON HILDA M. & RUTH E. 150 591 208-47-1
P O BOX 698 WOLCOTT STREET & MEADOW STRE
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- C DEACON ROSALIND B. 127 142 197-47E-25
WOODRUFF STREET
-
- C DEAN BUEL D. & MARGARET 111 594 217-36-66
TORRINGTON ROAD TORRINGTON ROAD
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- C DEAN BUEL D. & MARGARET H. 136 68 217-36-67
TORRINGTON ROAD TORRINGTON ROAD RT. 202
-
- C DEARTH WILLIAM H. & ELIZABETH B. 136 210 204-35-1
NORFOLK & GOSHEN RD NORFOLK ROAD & GOSHEN ROAD
-
- C DENICOLA TILLOE E. & KATHRYN M. 118 327 219-38-71
EAST STREET EAST STREET
-
- C DEPEYSTER FREDERIC & SUZANNE 137 517 194-46-14
SHELDON LANE
-
- C DIEM MELVIN & MARGARET 102 457 208-47A-10
SOUTH STREET
-
- C DINICOLA JOSEPH L & TESSA M. 136 348 219-3A-67
EAST ST EAST STREET

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C DLUGOKIMSKI BARBARA C. 128 353 296-46-42
WEST STREET (REAR)

C DOBBINS WILLIAM DAVID & AGATHA 124 110 210-470-14
OLD SOUTH ROAD

C DORE EDWARD T. & MARY S. 219-374-8
TORRINGTON ROAD RT. 202

C DORE EDWARD T. & MARY S. 145 461 206-47-28
WEST STREET

C DORVEL ARNOLD A &
JOY DEESTA 156 375 200-47A-11
SOUTH STREET

C DOS SANTOS KENNETH & ALICE L. 136 24 219-37A-7
TORRINGTON ROAD RT. 202

C DOYLE JANE R. & KATHERINE C. 114 256 219-37-23
TORRINGTON ROAD RT. 202

C DOYLE LOUISE 109 586 206-36-59
TORRINGTON ROAD TORRINGTON ROAD RT 202

C DOYLE ROGER A & SUZANNE M. 152 398 201-38-115
SOUTH STREET

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| C | DRAIN BARBARA C. BOX 244 | 136 100 MEADOW STREET | 197-47E-8 |
| C | DRISCOLL KENNETH V. LINCOLN PLACE | 129 168 TORRINGTON ROAD RT 202 | 206-36-61 |
| C | DUBRASKA VIVIAN N. | 154 599 SHELDON LANE | 194-46-20 |
| C | DUECT JOHN 43-53 14TH AVE SO. ST PETERSBURG FLA 33711 | 111 67 WEST STREET | 206-47-22 |
| C | DWAN ELIZABETH W. | 144 744 SEGEWICK LANE | 219-37A-16 |
| C | EBNER ROBERT R & DIANE L. | 135 791 WOODRUFF STREET | 206-47F-22 |
| C | EHMKE HOWARD J. JR. & ELEANOR | 118 396 WEST STREET | 196-47G-5 |
| C | ELLIS LILLIAN W. | 119 178 SOUTH STREET | 208-47-10 |
| C | ELLIS MARGARET H. | 128 273 WOLCOTT STREET | 208-47-3 |

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C ELLS MARTHA F. 131 17 199-470-6
OLD SOUTH ROAD

C EVANGELISTI RICHARD & GEORGETTE 139 97 206-475-8
MEADOW STREET

C EYANSON, MARY HARRISON, TRUSTEES
C/O MARY LOU REID 138 77 197-470-9
OLD SOUTH ROAD

C FABRI AURELIO 219-37A-18
SEDEWICK AVE & KARL STREET

C FABRI AURELIO 219-37-26
TORR. RD 202 & KARL ST

C FABRI BRUNO A. & MARY H. 115 34 219-37-29
KARL STREET

C FABRI ELLIOTT 111 592 219-37-27
BOX 394 KARL STREET

C FABRI OCTAVIO D & MARY A 155 674 219-37-28
BOX 14 KARL STREET

C FABRI T. ZINA 131 71 219-37-24
TORRINGTON ROAD RT 202

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| C | FABRI TERESA | 219-37-25 | |
| | TORRINGTON ROAD RT 202 | | |
| C | FABRI TERESA ZINA | 118 158 | 219-37A-1 |
| | TORR. RD RT 202 & KARL STREET | | |
| C | FABRO BERNICE F. | 128 352 | 194-45-8 |
| | TALMADGE AVE | | |
| C | FARRELL FLORENCE K. | 128 53 | 206-36-40 |
| | NORTH STREET | | |
| C | FAUST MARY B. & ELBERT R. | 136 335 | 206-46-78 |
| | NORTH STREET | | |
| C | FENN BARBARA BOX 442 | | 219-37A-11 |
| | EAST STREET | | |
| C | FINAM ROBERT D OLD SOUTH ROAD | 157 292 | 206-47C-2 |
| | OLD SOUTH ROAD | | |
| C | FIRST NATL BANK OF LITCHFIELD | 127 522 | 206-46-74 |
| | NORTH STREET | | |
| C | FISCHER JANE D. TRUSTEE C/O CT BANK & TRUST 1 CONSTRUCTION PLAZA HARTFORD CONN. | 154 203 | 194-45-2 |
| | NORTH STREET | | |

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OLD SOUTH ROAD

C FITZGERALD JEANNE MCCORMICK 154 467 221-38-113
SOUTH STREET

C FLAHERTY VILMA L. 136 645 200-47A-1
MEADOW STREET MEADOW STREET

C FLAMENT, EMMA B. 136 365 200-47C-11
OLD SOUTH ROAD

C FLECK JOST J 154 24 196-46-37
RT 109 WEST ST
WASHINGTON DEPOT CT 06794

C FOORD WILLIAM M. JR. 109 360 194-45-20
PROSPECT ST. PROSPECT STREET

C FORD RAYMOND L + YVONNE E 157 2 206-47-11
SOUTH STREET

C FOSS GRANVILLE S & ELIZABETH M. 144 761 206-36-35
BEECHER LANE

C FRANZIOLI ORSOLA BAND 125 541 196-46-56
SPENCER STREET SPENCER STREET

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| C | FRENCH RUTH L. | 122 505 | 219-37-40 |
| | EAST STREET | | |
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| C | FRETTS MARY ROSE & ALFORD J. JR. | 118 33 | 219-37A-14 |
| | RD1 | SEDEWICK AVENUE | |
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| C | FRIEDMAN HOWARD D. | 152 590 | 197-47E-16 |
| | MEADOW STREET | | |
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| C | FRIEDMAN HOWARD D. | 152 590 | 197-47E-7 |
| | MEADOW STREET | | |
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| C | FRIEDMAN HOWARD D. | 152 590 | 208-47A-4 |
| | MEADOW STREET | | |
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| C | GADOMSKI, JOSEPH & JUNE | 139 212 | 219-38-52 |
| | BOX 432 | EAST STREET REAR | |
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| C | GAGARIN, ANDREW | 138 314 | 197-47E-31 |
| | WOODRUFF STREET | | |
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| C | GAGARIN, ANDREW | 142 96 | 197-47E-30 |
| | WOODRUFF ST-RUSSELL ST-GALLOWS | | |
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| C | GAGARIN, ANDREW | 139 209 | 206-47F-20 |
| | WOODRUFF LANE | | |
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| C | GAGARIN, JAMIE P. | 153 43 | 208-47B-2 |
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GALLOWS LANE GALLOWS LANE 350, LAKE STICOLD SO

C GALVIN RICHARD V. 153 506 196-476-13
N. M. J NELLER JR. WOODRUFF STREET
WOODRUFF STREET

C GANIM RAYMOND W. & TODD B LOVELL 150 244 206-46-79
2192 MAIN ST NORTH STREET
STRATFORD, CONN. 06491

C GECI GERALD G. & HELEN M. 144 300 208-47-50
MEADOW ST. MEADOW STREET

C GIBNEY RAYMOND A & CAROLE A 155 328 208-47A-7
SOUTH STREET

C GILLIS THOMAS F. & JACQUELINE M. 149 198 208-47A-9
SOUTH STREET

C GIROUX JOAN T 157 269 219-37A-4
TORRINGTON ROAD RT 202

C GOLDSMITH RICHARD W. & MARY M. 144 409 197-47D-8
OLD SOUTH ROAD

C GRIESS ARTHUR J B + HARRIET M 154 630 208-47C-45
OLD SOUTH ROAD TO SOUTH STREET

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- C HAIGHT SHERMAN P JR
X MARGARET G.
CHESTNUT HILL RD. 152 160 221-38-99
SOUTH STREET

- C HALL MARY P. K. 123 166 221-38-108
SOUTH STREET

- C HAMILL ELISABETH R. 157 353 219-38-90
SOUTH STREET

- C HAMILL ELIZABETH R. 153 139 219-38-80
SOUTH STREET

- C HAMILL JOHN L. 144 305 219-38-81
SOUTH ST. SOUTH ST. REAR

- C HAMLIN ELBERT B. 154 490 208-47A-15
WOLCOTT STREET

- C HAPGOOD CHARLES G. 154 779 194-46-19
SHELDON LANE

- C HARLOW HAROLD G. 154 75 206-46-87
BOX 561 NORTH STREET

- C HARRIS DANIEL J. 134 376 208-47-45
19 S. ARINGTON MEADOW STREET
ARLINGTON, VA.

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OLD SOUTH ROAD

C HART HARRY R. TRUSTEE 129 176 206-47-14
X SOUTH STREET

C HART HARRY R. TRUSTEE 129 176 206-47-14
WEST STREET

C HART JERREMS C. & REATA K. 127 155 221-38-95
BOX 128 SOUTH STREET

C HART REATA K. 128 356 221-38-94
SOUTH STREET

C HATHEWAY MINA P. & EST 206 47-16
HART NATL BK & TR CO
777 MAIN ST WEST STREET REAR
HARTFORD CT 06115

C HATHEWAY RUTH H. 135 51 194-46-18
SHELDON LANE SHELDON LANE

C HATSTAT NANCY W. 137 499 197-47E-27
WOODRUFF STREET

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C HENRICH JUDITH R. & KENNETH 135 511 221-30-111
SOUTH STREET

C HESTER JOSEPH BOX 917 WOODRUFF ST. 196-47G-11

C HESTER JOSEPH BOX 917 WOODRUFF STREET 197-47F-34

C HESTERBERG AMELIA V. 128 404 210-47C-26
SOUTH STREET

C HICKOX LYDIA PROSPECT ST PROSPECT STREET 194-46-5

C HICKOX LYDIA PROSPECT ST PROSPECT STREET 194-45-16

C HIGGINS ROBERT W. & H. LOUISE 117 508 196-46-55
SPENCER STREET SPENCER STREET

C HIRSKY MARTIN A & LINDA L 139 451 219-37D-3
SEDGEWICK AVE

C HOOPES CHARLES DALLETT & LYNN RAY 132 333 206-46-89
NORTH STREET

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SOUTH STREET

C HUDSON EUTAN & GERALDINE 135 598 221-38-107
SOUTH STREET

C HULL JOHN R. & ELSIE F. 114 538 197-47E-4
BOX 51 MEADOW STREET (REAR)

C HUNT FERNIE 110 546 206-47-19
NORFOLK ROAD WEST STREET

C HUTCHINSON LEONARD W. 197-47E-18
MEADOW STREET MEADOW STREET

C HUVELLE C.H. 110 395 206-36-33
BEECHER LANE BEECHER LANE (REAR)

C INGRAHAM HELGA J. EST. 153 744 219-38-85
SOUTH STREET

C *Front bldg.*
IRWIN WILLIAM JOSEPH 208-47-49
MEADOW STREET MEADOW STREET

NC *Rear bldg.*

C *Front bldg.* NC *Rear bldg.*
IVES ROBERT 118 260 206-47F-1
MEADOW STREET MEADOW STREET & WOODRUFF STREET

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C JACK E. MORRIS 206-46-85
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C JACQUEMIN JOY CORLESS & GORDON E 155 787 206-47F-6
MEADOW STREET

NC JALBERT KARL J. 141 141 219-37-39
EAST STREET
WOODBURY, CONN. 06798

C JOHNSON BARCELY G JR & PATRICIA B 136 495 206-47C-46
OLD SOUTH ROAD TO SOUTH STREET

C JOHNSON C. RAYMOND & CAROLYN 154 657 206-47A-16
WOLCOTT STREET & MEADOW STREET

C JONES FRANK B. & JULIA B. 135 660 206-47A-14
WOLCOTT STREET

C JUHAS JOSEPH A. & ETHEL H. 135 506 206-46-81
NORTH STREET (REAR)

C KEEGAN MARGARET K. 111 514 196-46-24
SHELDON LANE
SHELDON LANE

C KELLY CATHERINE T. 134 632 219-37B-4
EAST STREET
SEDEGWICK AVENUE

C KEPPELMAN JEAN TRIPP 120 529 194-45-10
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BOX 472 WOODRUFF STREET

- C KULESH JAMES J. & MARSHA D. 142 265 208-47-2
WOLCOTT STREET

- C LANDRY MICHAEL A. & IRENE 149 281 196-46-59
WEST ST WEST STREET

- C LAUTHIER ROGER A & ELIZABETH P. 135 739 197-47F-29
BOX 337 WOODRUFF STREET

- C LAYTON JACQUILINE 206-47F-24
BOX 874 WOODRUFF STREET

- C LIGGETT ALEXANDER COVENTRY EST. 150 773 208-47A-6A
2339 MASS. AVE WESTOVER ROAD
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008

- C LINDSTROM LEONARD C & BARBARA M. 122 214 196-46-22
SHELDON LANE SHELDON LANE

- C LINSLEY CHARLES E. 145 51 196-46-46
WEST STREET

- C LITCHFIELD COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL CTR INC. 97 117 206-47-26
WEST STREET WEST STREET

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RUSSELL STREET
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- NC LITCHFIELD FUEL CO INC. 142 359 197-47E-35
RUSSELL STREET & WOODRUFF STREET
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- C LITCHFIELD MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO. 115 244 219-38-75
SOUTH STREET
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- C LITKE RUDOLPH J. & JANE A. 150 756 210-47C-25
RD 3 SOUTH STREET
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- C LITTLE ESTHER H. 108 552 210-47C-13
OLD SOUTH ROAD
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- C LONGLEY RODMAN & JOAN HULL 206-47-43
MEADOW STREET MEADOW STREET
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- C LOSEF LEON W & BETTIE B. 131 565 199-47D-4
OLD SOUTH ROAD
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- C LOYER MARY I. 155 1 221-38-105
SOUTH STREET
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- C LUSSIER JAMES E & NANCY F 135 383 219-37A-2
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MEADOW STREET

C MACDONALD BARBARA B. 149 294 206-46-77
NORTH STREET

C MACDONALD WILLIAM H. 137 356 206-47-17
C/O JOHN H IVES WEST STREET & SOUTH STREET
DUNBAR RD SHARON, CONN. 06069

C MACMASTERS DUNCAN R. & PAMELA 133 397 194-45-22
PROSPECT STREET

C MANES LOUIS S. & MARY P. 111 75 221-38-102
BOX 114 SOUTH STREET

C MANES MARY P. 153 560 196-47G-3
BOX 114 WEST STREET

C MARCIANO JOHN JR. & NICOLENE 144 33 206-36-59-A
TORRINGTON ROAD RT 202

C MARINO JOSEPH S. & MARY H. 118 530 197-47E-40
GALLOWS LANE

C MARRIN OSWALD W. JR. 109 565 194-45-5
TALMADGE AVENUE

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EAST STREET

C MATTHEWS EDGAR M. & ETHEL K. 121 491 194-46-17
1504 KAY ST SHELDON LANE
HARRISBURG PENN 17109

C MCALLISTER LAWRENCE J. 152 80 210-47C-30
2353 BOSTON POST RD SOUTH STREET (REAR)
LARCHMONT, N.Y. 10538

C MCDERMOTT VINA M 154 486 219-37-38
EAST STREET

C MCDEVITT JOSEPH & MARTHA 139 354 196-47C-6
WEST STREET

C MCGOVERN ALICE J. 144 376 219-38-74
SOUTH STREET

C MCGURK TERRENCE J. & ANN P. 125 216 208-47C-38
SOUTH STREET

C MCLEOD MARJORIE B. 150 716 206-36-41A
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C METRO JOHN & KAT 136 29 210-47C-34
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BEECHER LANE
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- C MILLER RONALD S & LUCILLE M 106 571 198-476-9
RUSSELL STREET
-
- C MINETTI HUGO A & CLAIRE 108 481 206-36-62
BOX 946 TORRINGTON ROAD RT 202
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- C MORAGHAN MARTIN J JR & JANE P 194-46-7
PROSPECT STREET
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- C MORSE FRANCES E. 138 176 206-47F-5
MEADOW STREET
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- C MORTARA MICHAEL P + VIRGINIA L 156 9 206-36-44
NORTH STREET
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- C MOSELEY MILDRED 150 773 208-47B-1
OLD SOUTH ROAD & GALLOUS LANE
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- C MOURGUIART SUZANNE & ISIDORE 206-47-42
BOX 877 MEADOW STREET

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C MURPHY JOSEPH E. 111 139 206-47F-12
BOX 517 WEST STREET

C NEAGLE JOHN J & MADELINE J 118 583 210-47C-27
SOUTH STREET

C NELSON JOEL P. 153 316 208-47-5
WOLCOTT STREET

C NEUGUTH WILLIAM F JR & LAUERNE C 157 257 206-46-86
NORTH STREET

C NEWTON WILLIAM & CAROLYN 118 7 196-47G-8
RUSSELL ST RUSSELL STREET

C NIGRELLI THOMAS J & BARBARA S 129 192 206-47-40
MEADOW ST MEADOW STREET

C O'BRIEN L ORRPTA CO-TRUSTEES 144 513 219-38-49
% NAT'L BK OF WESTCHESTER EAST STREET
31 MAMARONECK AVE
WHITE PLAINS N Y 10601

C O'BRIEN LOUISE C 118 575 219-38-48
P O BOX 283 EAST STREET

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- C O'DONNELL GERTRUDE P 121 526 219-39-51
EAST ST EAST STREET
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- C O'LEARY PETER J + AGNES P 122 233 208-47C-44
SOUTH STREET
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- C PALISADES REALTY ASSOCIATES 145 233 206-47-15
BOX 278 SOUTH STREET
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- C PATTERSON FLORENCE R. 111 525 206-36-47
NORTH STREET
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- C PEARSON CARL J & MARGARET B. 145 192 196-46-44
WEST STREET
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- C PECHA ANNA 133 192 210-50-9
STRAITS TURNPIKE & OLD SOUTH RD
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- C PECHA STEPHEN P, JR. & LUCILLE K 117 485 197-47E-15
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- C PERLOTTO AMERICA & PHYLLIS T 128 479 206-47F-11
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BEACH STREET WEST STREET
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- C PERUSSE GERALD & MARGARET K 137 785 196-46-43
BOX 919 WEST STREET
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- C PFEFFER CHARLES A & MARGARET A 128 509 206-46-62
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- C PICO CLARENCE W & MARY SUE 142 582 206-46-91
NORTH STREET
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- C PLATT THERESA S. 123 566 208-47A-12
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- C PLEHN HILDEGARD T. 128 97 194-45-7
BOX 42 TALMADGE AVENUE
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- C PLEHN HILDEGARD T. 118 567 194-45-6
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- C PLOSCHER JACQUES & OLGA 150 335 206-47-41
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C PRIVITERA JOSEPH H + LINDA F 155 272 197-47E-6
MEADOW STREET

C PROTZMAN DONALD E & BARBARA W. 128 168 219-38-70
EAST STREET

C PURDY CLIFFORD A & MARGARET C 122 21 210-47C-35
BOX 995 SOUTH STREET

C QUERY RICHARD C. 134 432 219-38-82
BOX 884 SOUTH STREET

C QUINN MICHAEL & MARY 208-47C-43
SOUTH STREET

C QUINTARD PETER & KATHRYN T. 150 386 221-38-106
SOUTH STREET

C R-H INC. 149 695 206-46-75
NORTH STREET

C RAAB GROVER JR & ANN VAIL 139 622 206-46-58
SPENCER STREET SPENCER STREET

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| | WEST STREET (REAR) | |
| C | READ VICTORIA | 149 544 221-38-97 |
| | SOUTH STREET | |
| C | REALTY HOLDING CO. C/O GUION & STEVENS | 154 616 206-47F-17 |
| | WEST ST WEST STREET | |
| C | REICHENBACH MARGARET G & CAMPBELL KAREN | 144 53 206-47F-23 |
| | WOODRUFF STREET | |
| C | REID MARY LOU EYANSON | 121 535 194-46-6 |
| | PROSPECT STREET | |
| C | REIL WILFRED J JR & GLADYS B | 128 425 197-47E-21 |
| | MEADOW STREET MEADOW STREET | |
| C | REYNOLDS LUCILLE M | 141 225 221-38-101 |
| | BOX 1129 SOUTH STREET | |
| C | RIGGS MADENE | 129 60 196-46-23 |
| | BOX 411 SHELDON LANE | |
| C | RISLEY WILLIAM & VIRGINIA | 156 414 194-46-13 |
| | PROSPECT STREET | |

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OLD SOUTH ROAD
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- C ROBUSK REALTY COMPANY 134 488 206-46-72
79 E. PUTNAM AVE WEST STREET
GREENWICH, CONN. 06830
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- C ROGERS ALICE M. 138 668 219-37P-2
SEDGEWICK AVE TO KARL STREET
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- C ROLLI AUGUSTA J 126 289 221-38-112
SOUTH STREET
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- C ROLLI JOSEPH L + RITA B 118 308 210-47C-36
SOUTH STREET
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- C ROMAINE EDWARD A & MARY V. 128 254 219-37-31
KARL STREET
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- C ROSENBERG PAUL MORDECAI 144 225 219-38-68
EAST STREET
-
- C RUTKOWSKI CHESTER & MURIEL F. 111 146 219-38-53
EAST STREET
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- C RZEWNICKI ROGER & BLANCHE H. 153 89 219-38-89
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| C | RYAN JEAN O. | 131 641 | 208-47C-5 |
| | OLD SOUTH ROAD | | |
| C | SABIA RALPH J & CATHERINE A. | 141 777 | 206-46-84 |
| | NORTH STREET (REAR) | | |
| C | SADLER JULIUS T. JR. & JACQUELIN D. JONES | 118 354 | 206-36-49 |
| | NORTH STREET | | |
| C | SAMPONARD MARIE O. | 111 265 | 219-38-91 |
| | SOUTH STREET | | |
| C | SAMPONARD PHILIP G. | 149 595 | 206-36-37 |
| | NORTH STREET | | |
| C | SANCTUM THE C/O MACKLIN CUNNINGHAM | | 219-38-77 |
| | SOUTH STREET | | |
| C | SANSING JAMES G & VICTORIA B | 144 222 | 208-47-7 |
| | SOUTH STREET | | |
| NC | SASS LEO R & THERESA H. | 128 102 | 219-38-55 |
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| C | SCANLON JOHN F & LAURA J. | 128 441 | 208-47C-6 |
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| C | SEPPLER EDWARD M. JR. | 121 575 WEST STREET | 206-46-71 |
| C | SEPPLER JOHN W. | 102 148 SOUTH STREET | 208-47C-42 |
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| C | SEPPLER MARY FRANCES | 157 124 SPENCER STREET | 196-46-51 |
| C | SHAFFER ALICE D | 155 707 EAST STREET | 219-37B-7 |
| C | SHERMAN ALICE WOLCOTT EST 30X 306 | 155 511 SOUTH STREET | 219-3a-83 |
| C | SHELDON CHARLES A. | 144 754 OLD SOUTH ROAD | 208-47C-12 |
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C SIMONCELLI JUDITH A 157 58 206-46-57
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C SIMPSON WILLIAM S. 127 261 206-36-29
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C SKOGLUND MARJORIE P 1560625 196-46-52
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C SKONYECZNY DAVID & MARLENE 128 239 206-36-58
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C SMITH MARCIA BLANK 128 162 206-36-42
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C SMITH PAUL 157 399 219-37B-6
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C SMITH PAUL & JESS H. 134 143 206-36-43
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C SMITH WARREN P. 136 647 206-47-12
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C SNYDER CHALLIS J. 125 577 194-45-11
7 HEMLOCK RD TALMADGE AVE
BRONXVILLE, N.Y. 10708

C SOUTHERN N/E TELEPHONE CO. 206-47E-15
227 CHURCH STREET WEST STREET
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C SPANDEMBERG JOHN W & CAROLYN G. 206-47E-7
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C SPENCER GEORGE H & MADELINE B. 122 186 197-47E-2
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C SPRUYT FREDERIK J & C LUCILLE 153 110 208-47C-8
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C ST. MICHAELS PARISH 152 204 219-33-7E
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C STAHL BENJAMIN F & CAROLYN B 154 736 219-38-65
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C STANCS ALBERT D & VIRGINIA R. 149 619 194-45-18
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C STONE BARBARA O +
CARRIE E O'NEIL 157 330 219-38-66
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C STONE BARBARA O. 136 109 206-47-23
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C SULLIVAN WILLIAM C & MARGARET C 156 686 210-47C-15
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C SURDAM BENJAMIN H & GRACE H. 122 8 219-38-64
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| C | TALCOTT JAMES H & ELEANOR T | 152 423 | | 206-46-88 | |
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| C | THIELENS GERALDINE O. | 153 616 | | 194-45-21 | |
| | | PROSPECT STREET | | | |
| C | THOMPSON BARBARA SCHOFIELD | 155 156 | | 196-476-7 | |
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| C | THOMPSON MARGARET K. | 115 64 | | 197-47E-1 | |
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| C | THOMS FLOYD & KATHERINE L. | | | 206-46-68 | |
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| C | THOMS JOHN H | | | | |
| | % CYNTHIA THOMS | 156 154 | | 219-38-86 | |
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| C | TIBBS JOHN C & DOROTHY M. | 122 113 | | 206-36-63 | |
| | TORRINGTON ROAD | TORRINGTON ROAD RT 202 | | | |
| C | TIEMAN FREDERICK L & EDNA O. | 138 610 | | 206-46-69 | |
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- C TOKHEIM MARY P. 152 634 206-36-38
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- C TORRANT FRANCES L & MARY H. 115 104 197-47E-23
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- C TURNQUIST KENNETH A & SANDRA 153 595 208-47-47
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- C TYRRELL JOEL W & ANNE F. 127 326 210-47C-17
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- C UDELL ROBERT C & PATRICIA A. 152 529 219-37-33
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C MIRILLA ADRIAN D & RITA T. 152 469 208-47-51
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C VALERIE DOROTHY M 154 753 208-47C-40339
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C VAN GESTEL MARK W & KATHLEEN M 155 62 196-476-12
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C VANDERPOOL JOAN W. 136 614 206-46-77A
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C VANONI VIVIENNE VALLI 138 224 206-36-41
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C VIRTUE BYRON R & HELEN N 129 59 199-470-7
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C VONDERMUHLL GEO. A JR & VALERIE 137 229 194-46-2
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C VONDERMUHLL VALERIE 152 365 194-46-2A
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C WARNER C NORTON JR & MARJORIE C. 126 235 206-36-48
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C WARNER CHARLES N III & SUSAN R. 136 563 194-46-16
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C WEIR MARTIN J. JR. 118 549 221-38-103
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NC WEIRS MOTOR SALES INC. 206-47-32
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C WHITE CHARLES M + BARBARA 156 462 206-46-80
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C WHITCHILL ANGELICA 107 631 206-47-29
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C WIGGIN LEWIS M. 126 485 219-38-98
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C WILEY EDWARD R & KATHLEEN M. 138 16 219-374-6
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C WILLIAMS ENID V. 137 256 206-46-90
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C WILSON FLORENCE ELIZABETH 156 258 208-47C-9
OLD SOUTH ROAD OLD SOUTH RD

C WINSLOW HARRY J & NADIA A. 131 490 196-46-40
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C WOODRUFF COURTS, INC.
C/O SOCIETY FOR SAVINGS 128 287 206-47F-19
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C WOODRUFF ISABEL P. 118 207 197-47E-5
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STANLEY J 156 585 206-36-64
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C ZABOLUSKY STANLEY J &
ELIZABETH C. 206-36-65
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C ZAPPLUA MARION D. 128 283 196-476-15
164 MIGEON AVE WOODRUFF STREET
TORRINGTON, CONN. 06790

C ZEFFIRO FRANK & DIRCE 206-46-83
NORTH STREET (REAR)

C ZEFFIRO RONALD G. 128 438 206-46-82
MINERVA LANE NORTH STREET (REAR)

C ZINSER GUY E & JANET R. 153 38 206-46-59
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SEDGWICK AVENUE
72 FRZN TAX \$35.95

C BOGAROUS, MARTHA A. 115 316 196-47G-4
DOROTHY B. PRICE
BOX 934 WEST STREET WEST ST.
67 FRZN TAX \$8.59

C FINAN, JAMES J. & EMMA A. 111 338 219-37-37
EAST ST. EAST STREET
67 FRZN TAX \$12.15

C FLAHERTY FREDERICK L. EST + 141 404 206-47-37
ISABEL S. MEADOW STREET
MEADOW ST. *67* FRZN TAX \$9.48

C KNOX THOMAS J. & BRIDIE M. 208-47C-7
OLD SOUTH ROAD
69 FRZN TAX \$11.73

C MORGAN GERTRUDE M. 139 724 208-47C-3
OLD SOUTH ROAD
67 FRZN TAX \$11.43

C PIKOSKY MARJORIE 141 280 206-47-35
MEADOW STREET MEADOW STREET
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C SIMONCELLI JOHN & RUSSELL 137 753 196-47G-10
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C WEIR INENE R. 132 539 208-47C-41
BOX 822 SOUTH STREET

C BIGELOW, GEORGE W. & ELSIE K. 115 507 219-37B-9
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C BRENNAN, MARY F. 125 390 197-47E-9
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C CASADEI, EGLE N. 124 436 196-47G-14
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C CONROY MARY SEPPLIS 196-4E-48
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C CURTISS ROSE M. &
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C PECHA ANNA 133 192 210-50-9
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C POOLF IRMA W & HARMON 108 136 206-36-45
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- C WRAY MARY ANNA B. 145 676 194-44-3
NORTH STREET

- C CONNECTICUT, STATE OF HIGHWAY 197 47E 36
RUSSELL STREET

- C CONNECTICUT, STATE OF HIGHWAY & BARN 96-227 196 47H 24A
RUSSELL ST

- C FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 206 36 55
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- C LITCHFIELD CEMETERY ASSOC. 219 37 41
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- C LITCHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY 208 47 B
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C LITCHFIELD TOWN OF 196 46 31A
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C LITCHFIELD TOWN OF 122-322 206 46 67
TOWN OFFICE BLDG. WEST STREET

C LITCHFIELD TOWN OF 154-297 219 38 48A
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C LITCHFIELD TOWN OF 122-108 196 47H 23
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C LITCHFIELD, COUNTY OF STATE JAIL 206 46 73
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C MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF CONN. 157 461 197-478-11A
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C NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CT. INC. THE 122-439 221 36 100
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C OLIVER WOLCOTT LIBRARY INC. THE 208 47A 8
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C ST. ANTHONY'S OF PADUA ROMAN CATHOLIC CORP. 139-190 219 38 79
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C ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH 152-204 208 38 75
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LITCHFIELD 128-246 206 47F 13A

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Street is composed of well designed, attractive, functional one-story units.

There are few intrusions in the district. Garages, cinder block structures, and one poorly designed apartment complex are non-conforming.

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The law school has been substantially rebuilt in recent years.

No houses of architectural pretension were built until after 1752 when Litchfield's designation as the county seat brought to the village a number of people of sophistication and affluence. Houses surviving from the years after 1752 and before the Revolutionary War include the Oliver Wolcott, Sr., house, 1753, on South Street, a National Historic Landmark; the Elisha Sheldon House, 1760, on North Street; and the Tapping Reeve house, 1774, on South Street. The Oliver Wolcott, Sr., house has retained its integrity of mass as compared to the others, which have been enlarged by additions. The Wolcott house has five bays, center chimney, and beaded clapboards. The pediment caps over the windows and the gabled portico with fluted columns and fanlight are from the later Georgian period but enhance the appearance of the house. The Reeve house, across the street, has a hip roof and central chimney, with ventilators under the eaves, added later, that are filled with sawn wood patterns.

The Elisha Sheldon house, "Sheldon Tavern," is perhaps the best known of Litchfield's mansions. It was altered in 1790 by architect William Sprats. Over central pavilion with Palladian window and dentilled pediment it has a high hip roof and one of the town's few captain's walks.

Two less pretentious houses survive from these years. One is the William Marsh house, 1761, built well back from the main streets on Old South Road on the site of the original home lot of John March, one of the first settlers. The other, built on North Street in 1770 by Reuben Smith, M. D., is noteworthy for still having its Gothic Revival porch that was added in late 19th century. Most such Gothic additions, once numerous, were removed during the town's early 20th century drive to re-establish its "colonial" appearance.

Since Litchfield prospered after the Revolution, the construction of large Federal homes continued. The 1775 gambrel roof house on North Street next door to Elisha Sheldon's was purchased in 1784 by Sheldon's wartime associate, Benjamin Talmadge, who added the two side porches with two-story columns. Dr. Daniel Sheldon built a four-bay, center chimney house on North Street in 1785, similar in plan and interior detail to the Tapping Reeve house built 20 years earlier. Alexander Catlin constructed his large gambrel roof house at the head of North Street in 1792.

Julius Deming in 1793 engaged William Sprats to design his Federal mansion across North Street from Benjamin Talmadge. Its center pavilion at ground floor has recessed entrance porch with Corinthian columns, above which is a Palladian window, and at the top a decorative pediment with fan-shaped window. The design is similar to that provided by Sprats for his 1790 remodeling of the Sheldon house. The Deming house as designed by Sprats had a low hip roof with balustrade that was replaced in the 19th century by the present mansard roof.

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Smaller five-bay, gable roof, central chimney houses were built during these years at various locations in the district. One example is the Fanny Morse house of 1780 on West Street next door to the firehouse. Double houses also appeared, such as that built by Benjamin Hanks on South Street in 1780. By the end of the 18th century most new development necessarily occurred along the east-west axis and the side streets where more land was available. Width of these lots was smaller, a circumstance that encouraged building houses of greater depth than width. The contemporary Greek Revival practice of putting the gable end toward the street accommodated this change from the Georgian and Federal modes.

Typical of this genre is the Seymour house, 1819, on South Street. Its gable with half-round window forms a pediment toward the street over a three-bay facade. Others of similar design are scattered through the district. A more impressive Greek Revival house is that built in 1832 by Alanson Abbe on South Street. Its hip roof projects over a two-story front portico that runs the full width of the house. A colossal order of six Doric columns runs from the granite platform to the roofline.

Two houses built in 1814 at the head of East Street facing the Green are of brick construction, which is rare in residential buildings in Litchfield. They continue the Federal idiom of the prior decades.

As the 19th century progressed, East, West, and Meadow Streets, and Old South Road were increasingly built up with more modest frame houses lived in by mechanics, tradesmen, and service people. Intricate bargeboards, turned porch posts, and scroll saw brackets characterized these houses, although much of such decorative embellishment was later removed. Groups of houses on the north side of East Street (c. 1875), the west side of Meadow Street (1850-1875) and the east side of Old South Road (1890's) illustrate this development. Typical profusion of gables, brackets, and decorative ironwork is found in the 1864 Edward Seymour house and 1867 Buel-Cook house on either side of the Abbe Greek Revival house on South Street. Two Italianate villas also appear on South Street, the 1855 Woodruff house, and the 1871 Wiggin house. The Queen Anne style is represented by the 1887 Baldwin house on West Street, the 1892 Beldon house on North Street, and the 1895 Sedgwick house on West Street.

As part of the effort to colonialize the town, almost all of these 19th century houses have been painted white, whereas originally they were the various earth tones of greys, reds, greens, and yellows popular in the 19th century. This extrinsic application of uniform whiteness coupled with the removal of characteristic 19th century architectural trim together have been quite effective in creating a first impression of an 18th century streetscape.

The earliest surviving 19th century non-residential building is the 1812 county jail at the northwest corner of the Green. It is a rectangular three-story red brick building with

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stone lintels and low pitched roof. In the gable facing North Street is a half-round window, not glazed. The jail continues to be used for its original purpose.

Adjacent to the jail on North Street is the 1815 Phoenix Bank, also still used for its original purpose. Its four two-story columns support an elaborate entablature and pediment. Triglyphs, cornice and raking cornices, and an elliptical window contribute to the ornamentation. Oliver Wolcott, Jr., who played a part in bringing the bank to Litchfield, used similar Adamesque ornament two years later when he added a second floor ballroom in 1817 to the 1799 Wadsworth House on South Street.

At the northeast corner of the Green is the Congregational Church. The widely distributed pictures of its Ionic portico and tall spire make the church the best known symbol of Litchfield. The third structure occupied by the congregation, it was constructed in 1829 and rebuilt 100 years later. The four-stage Gibbsian tower and spire dominate the Green; on the interior the domed ceiling and low gallery on three sides are equally elegant.

On the west side of South Street, adjoining the Green, is a three-story wooden commercial block, the Beckwith Block. Now housing the Post Office on the ground floor, and offices upstairs. Its front facade is faced with smooth, matched boarding. Pilasters at the corners of the building and at the corners of a shallow central pavilion are one story high. Above them a colossal order of pilasters rises two stories to a modillioned cornice and to a small pediment over the pavilion that has a semi-elliptical window. The State Register of Historic Buildings records a date of 1840 for the Beckwith Block that is consistent with its appearance but in fact it was constructed toward the end of the century.

The Methodist Church of 1885 on the corner of West and Meadow Streets is an example of the board-and-batten carpenter Gothic style. The Beckwith Block and the Methodist Church are on either side of the West Street commercial section, but far enough away to have avoided destruction in the 1886 fire in which the frame commercial buildings at that location burned to the ground. Two- and three-story brick commercial blocks then were constructed as replacements. These have stone trim, fancy brickwork at the cornices, and one has granite lintels over the store fronts. The store fronts have been "colonialized" by the introduction of windows, with small panes, painted white. In the center of this block is the present granite Court House, designed by Robert W. Hill in 1889 to replace earlier buildings lost by fire. Originally built in the style of northern Italy with round arched entranceway and windows, and tower with pyramidal roof, it, too, has been "colonialized." The quoins at the corners of the building and the corners of the tower, and the arches over the entrance and over the windows in the tower, have been painted white. The pyramidal roof has been replaced with a bell-shaped dome, formerly gilded, with an eagle finial. The turrets of the

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clock tower have been replaced by Colonial Revival pilasters and Adamesque trim. The Court House remains a striking building and handsomely terminates the vista from North Street.

Across West Street from the Court House is the firehouse of 1891, now used for commercial purposes. Constructed of brick two and one-half stories high, its chief interest lies in its massive granite trim. The recessed entranceway has a heavy granite frame with a segmental arch. Above it a large tripartite window has a Gibbs surround executed in quarry faced granite, and a heavy granite lintel. In the gable is a round window surrounded by a ring of granite.

Diagonally across the Green, where South Street begins, is the Litchfield Historical Society's museum. Designed in the Renaissance Revival style, its 1893 date makes it an early example, for a country town, of the Beaux Arts influence then spreading across the nation. The wings of this ell-shaped brick building are connected by a quarter round Ionic portico executed in stone. In the facade facing South Street is a Palladian window glazed with stained glass by Tiffany.

With the advent of the 20th century the colonial revival, fashionable throughout the Northeast, struck Litchfield with great force. Typical are the 1895 Underwood house on the site of Miss Pierce's School on North Street, and around the corner on Prospect Street the Quincy house of 1914. Both have similar white clapboards, Georgian entranceway, and classic-inspired detail applied to a balloon frame.

The same approach continued into post-World War II construction as seen in the houses built along Sheldon Lane which have pitched roofs, center chimneys, white clapboards and black shutters. Sheldon Lane is contiguous to the North Street/Prospect Street area. The three streets, close to one another, have white frame houses built at different times, some smaller and less elaborate in detail, but all in the same tradition of Georgian, Federal, and then Colonial Revival architecture.

Several noted 20th century architects have designed homes in Litchfield. For example, Marcel Breuer did a house in 1956 at the corner of Old South Road and Gallows Lane on a sloping site with a magnificent view of the Litchfield hills. Built of fieldstone and teak, from the entrance level it appears to be one story high under a flat roof, but its second floor is below the first, taking advantage of the sloping ground to present a many-windowed southwest facade toward the setting sun. This is one of three Breuer houses in Litchfield.

The Oliver Wolcott, Jr., house, with a large glass-walled addition constructed in 1966 to the design of Elliot Noyes, now serves as the village library. Here the Federal and modern together are surprisingly compatible and well serve the library purpose. A Department of Housing and Urban Development housing project for the elderly at the eastern end of East

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Street is composed of well designed, attractive, functional one-story units.

Clusters of post-World War II houses are located at the south end of South Street and on Sheldon Lane and Woodruff Court. They are built in compatible scale and materials to the older houses, and follow the Colonial Revival mode.

Several open spaces are included in the district. Property 36-28 is a school grounds. Property 37-41 is the community's first cemetery; ✓ Oliver Wolcott is buried here. Property 47D 11 formerly was owned by the White Memorial Foundation, a private family organization devoted to preservation of wild life and open land. Alain C. White, author of the 1920 history of Litchfield, was a member of this family. Although the property is now individually owned as part of the grounds to a residence, it continues to be protected by deed covenants pursuant to the objectives of the White foundation. 47E 30 is owned by the same person.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

American history for 250 years is reflected by the buildings which comprise the Litchfield Historic District. The architectural excellence of the village is matched by the interest of the events that are associated with the buildings. The district provides an exceptional opportunity to study buildings of architectural merit that tell the history of a Connecticut village.

The National Historic Sites survey of 1967 on which was based the National Historic Landmark designation of part of the village of Litchfield as an historic district describes its importance as, "Litchfield is a good example of a late 18th century New England town." While this is true, in part, for the north-south axis incorporated in the Landmark historic district, it is only a partial and minimal statement of the significance of Litchfield. The purpose of this nomination is to complete the statement of significance by setting forth an account of Litchfield buildings and the events that shaped them in a frame of reference larger in both time and space. As contrasted with the 1967 survey, the significance here expands from the narrow north-south central axis to the full village, and from the late 18th century (only) to the full span of Litchfield's history from 1715 to the present.

On March 2, 1715, representatives of Hartford and Windsor bought 44,800 acres from the Indians by formal deed for a consideration of fifteen pounds. Two years later the land was resold to the new town's proprietors for one penny three farthings per acre. The way in which the town center was immediately laid out was of permanent importance. The general plan was that of "the great cross axis of a linear ridge top site."¹ That cross axis exists today as East and West Streets and North and South Streets. The streets were unusually wide, so wide that in the center was a common grazing area. On either side of the common were narrow roadways and beyond the two roadways were the building lines. In the early 19th century trees were planted along both sides of the roadways. These tree-lined roadways are today sidewalks and the modern streets run through the commons.

In 1719 Litchfield's location was remote. The nearest neighbors were 15 miles away in Woodbury. To the west and north expanses of wilderness separated the town from the Hudson River and from Canada. The settlers suffered the ravages of the Inter-Colonial Wars, and those who left under the pressure forfeited their property rights.

In 1751 occurred an event of lasting importance in the history of Litchfield. In that year a new county was established and in a vigorous competition with Goshen, Litchfield was named as county seat. This victory was the foundation upon which Litchfield built its success legally, socially, and commercially for the next century and a quarter. The Supreme Court

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the Litchfield Historic District is coterminous with the boundary of the Borough of Litchfield. *see revised continuation sheet 11-2-78*

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12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

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LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE *Director, Connecticut Historical Commission* DATE *5/1/78*

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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of Errors, the Superior Court, and the County Court all met in Litchfield until 1873. Designation as county seat meant that Litchfield grew. From a population of 1,366 in 1756 it almost doubled in eighteen years to 2,544 in 1774.

One of the men drawn to the new county seat was Oliver Wolcott, Sr. (1726-1797). He was soon appointed probate judge and was elected to represent Connecticut in the Continental Congress, where he was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. His handsome Georgian house on South Street reflects the prominent position he held in the town, state, and nation. Other men of his caliber were also attracted to the county seat and additional fine houses were built on North and South Streets. This architectural excellence resulted from the fact that Litchfield had been named the county seat.

During the Revolution Litchfield's remote location was an asset, both because it was many miles from the seacoast where towns were subject to British raids and because it was on the great, safe inland routes from New York to Boston and from New Haven to Albany. These considerations made Litchfield a good site for a supply depot, in which capacity it functioned throughout the war. Among other activities, iron from northwestern Connecticut mines was forged into articles of war at Litchfield. General Washington paid a well documented visit to the town, stopping at Sheldon Tavern.²

In the post-Revolution years Litchfield's citizens further developed the entrepreneurial talent and commercial expertise of the war years and entered into a remarkable period of prosperity, known as the Golden Age, that lasted until the War of 1812. Trade expanded to the four corners of the world. Benjamin Talmadge, Julius Deming (1755-1838), and Oliver Wolcott, Jr. (1760-1833) formed the Litchfield China Trading Company to operate the ship Trident. Profits from the China trade helped build their Federal houses in Litchfield.

Deming's is one of the few houses in Litchfield for which the architect is known. He was William Sprats, a former British prisoner of war who had remained in this country after the Revolution. Sprats came to Litchfield on the recommendation of John Cowles of Farmington and went on to East Haddam to build a house for Deming's brother-in-law, Epapuroditus Champion. The Deming and Champion houses are among the most distinguished Federal houses in Connecticut. While in Litchfield, Sprats remodelled Sheldon Tavern in 1790 and in 1795 designed the Court House, which later burned.

One of the lawyers who came to Litchfield was Tapping Reeve (1744-1823). He established in 1784 the nation's first law school. Young men aspiring to the law came to Litchfield from all over the country to pursue their studies there until the school closed in 1833. Seventeen graduates of the school became United States Senators; one of them was John C. Calhoun. Another famous student was Reeve's brother-in-law, Aaron Burr.

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Industrial activity which had grown during the Revolution continued in the years that followed. The 1810 census recorded the most important industry as fabricating iron which was processed in four forges, one slit mill, and one nail factory. In addition, there were 49 other industrial establishments, including 18 saw mills, six fulling mills, and five tanneries in the town at large. In the village itself were cabinet makers and other artisans, and a papier-mache factory. The village's position at the intersection of important stage coach routes insured steady commercial activity.

The Golden Age in Litchfield brought progressive achievements in other fields as well as law and commerce, including the first school for higher education of girls (Miss Pierce's Female Academy, dating from 1792), the first Temperance Association (1789), the first stirrings toward establishment of foreign missions (1811), and the first legal argument, by Tapping Reeve, in favor of independent property rights for married women (1813).

The War of 1812 ended this prosperous period. The Embargo Act closed down the sea trade, and the town entered into a period of reduced activity lasting until the Civil War. During these years, railroads were built in the river valleys on either side of Litchfield, drawing industry down from the hill towns such as Litchfield to the valley towns with a new, vital transportation. The industrial revolution brought great changes to the valley towns, but not to Litchfield.

Political events during these years, however, were important to Litchfield. In 1814 Thomas Jefferson's new political party was trying to establish a foothold in the state. The party found an ally in the Episcopalians, who were fighting for a measure of recognition from the Congregationalists, still the established church. The issue was joined, as it happened, in connection with a bill in the legislature to grant a charter to the Phoenix Bank. The Federalists of Litchfield, led by Oliver Wolcott, Jr., chose to support the bill in association with the Jeffersonians and Episcopalians, and the bill was passed. Soon after came a measure of acceptance for the Episcopalians, the Toleration Act.

Pursuant to prior understanding, in return for Litchfield's support in securing the bank's charter, the Phoenix Bank promptly opened a branch in Litchfield. Thus, the 1815 Adamesque bank building owes its origin to Oliver Wolcott's political alliance. Wolcott continued active in politics and in 1817 was elected governor of Connecticut at the head of the Toleration Party ticket. The following year, he was re-elected governor at the head of the "Constitution and Reform" ticket, along with majorities in both houses for the same ticket.

The political trend of which this activity was a part culminated in 1818 at the constitutional convention chaired by Oliver Wolcott, Jr., at which the Congregational Church was disestablished. The Rev. Lyman Beecher, then pastor of the Litchfield Church, remarked that, "It was as dark a day as I ever saw." His famous children, Henry Ward Beecher,

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Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Isabella Beecher Hooker, all born in Litchfield, went on to belie his word.

The political structure of Litchfield was changed in 1818 when the boundaries of a smaller village, as separate from the town, were established by the Connecticut General Assembly. Then in 1885 the borough was chartered and the present form of local government was established. The village, borough, local historic district, and historic district contemplated by this nomination all have the same boundaries.

At the conclusion of the Civil War Litchfield became a summer resort town. Its high altitude and nearby mineral springs were thought to be healthful and, most important, in 1872 it became possible to reach Litchfield by railroad. In that year, after having been passed by for decades, Litchfield, via the Shepaug Valley Railroad which connected with the Housatonic Railroad at Hawleyville, Connecticut, became a part of the nationwide railroad grid. It was 102 miles to New York City.

Summer people needed hotels. Three, now demolished, were built in the district. Hotels needed workers; Irish immigrants then flooding the country, were able to reach Litchfield on the railroad. Later followed by immigrants from Italy, they came as tradesmen, mechanics, and domestics. Modest houses were built for them on the side streets, a particularly fine row being on the south side of East Street. Their descendents have continued in town, often active as businessmen and elected officials.

In addition to maintaining and renovating the old houses, summer people built new homes which, with the turn of the century, were likely to be in the Colonial Revival style. Prospect Street has several examples.

With the 20th century determination to "colonialize" everything came restoration of the third Congregational Church, now famous as a symbol of Litchfield. Originally built in 1829 on the model of David Hoadley's churches in Cheshire and Plainville, it was probably designed by Levi Newell of Southington. But in 1873, being out of fashion, it was moved from its site to become an armory and dance hall. In its place was built the fourth Congregational Church, a typical Victorian masonry structure of round-headed windows and arches, attached square tower, and triangular dormers. In the 1930's the action was reversed. The fourth church was demolished and the third church was put back in position. Refurbished with a new interior that faithfully reproduces the original, it has assumed an air of permanence that belies its checkered career.

Improved highways in the 20th century have made it practical for people to live in Litchfield and work in the valley towns, thereby adding to Litchfield's viability. The houses originally built for summer use are now lived in the year round.

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During the past 100 years, the success of Litchfield in surviving as a village of unusual grace, charm, and historic character has been due to all the factors already mentioned and to a further factor which, although intangible, is equally important - the sense of civic responsibility with which the old families so amply endowed the community. The example set by the Talmadge, Deming, Wolcott, and Seymour families is still felt. Thus, a Deming descendent in mid-19th century was active in the village improvement society and provided funds for the new firehouse after the fire of 1886. One Talmadge descendent gave the Historical Society museum in 1893; another was its curator in 1920. While newer generations have made their principal residences elsewhere, they have maintained the family homes, and their constructive interest in Litchfield has been taken up by the town in general. The old standards of civic responsibility continue very much in vogue.

The architectural excellence and historic interest of Litchfield have developed in a sequence of understandable steps. Specific economic and political events have a relationship with specific Litchfield buildings that can be clearly observed. The people who made the steps have left their presence in the village. The past is present today and the ambience and historic character of Litchfield are built upon and reflect the district's history and development over a period of two and one-half centuries.

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except that:

1. The district boundary encompasses in their entirety all properties included on the borough tax list, some of which are divided by the borough line.
2. The district boundary does not include those portions of properties not on the borough tax list that are within the borough boundary.
3. Property 47C 22, which is not on the borough tax list, is included in the district.
4. A section of property 36-27 is excluded from the district.

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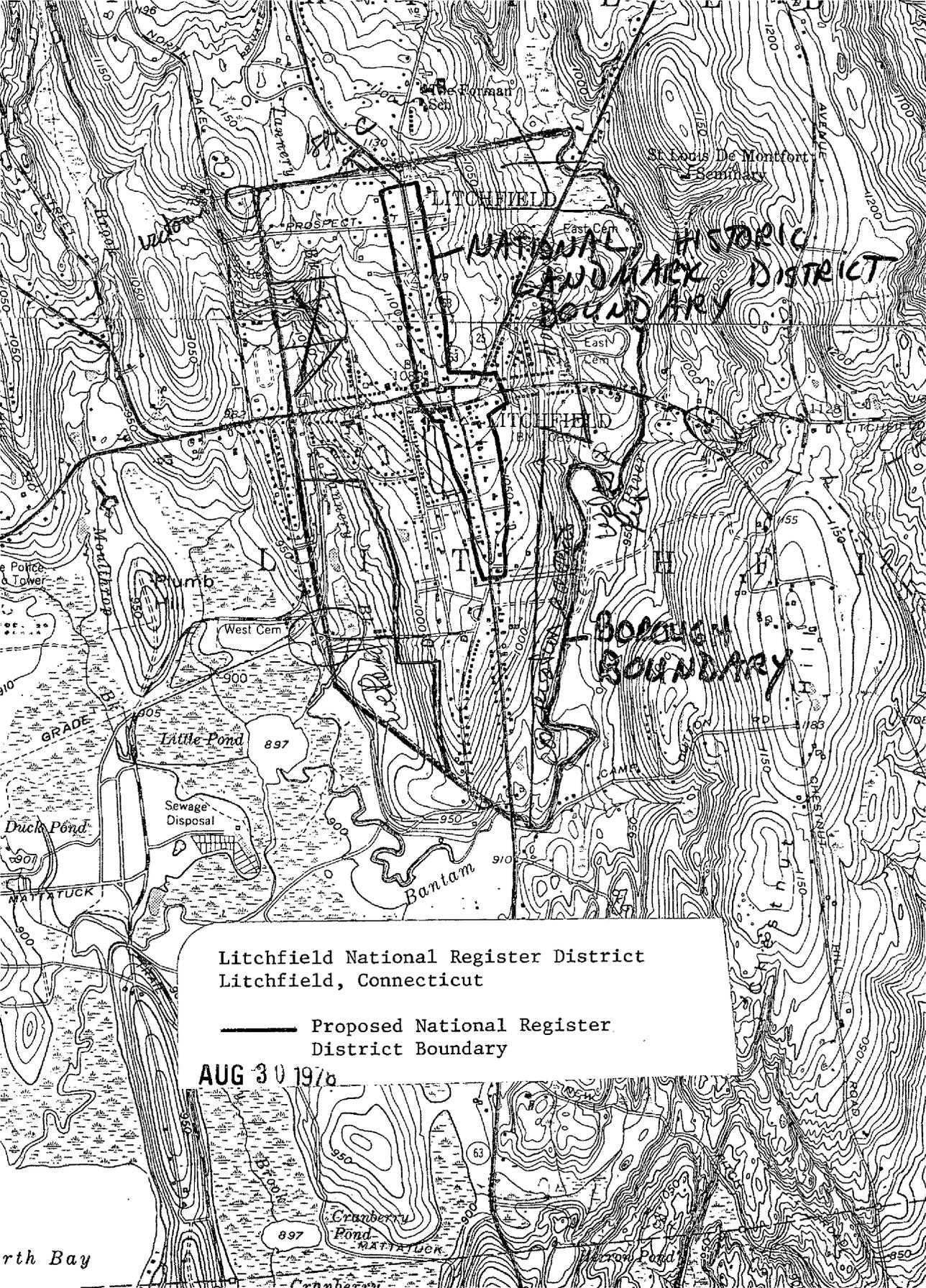
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