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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: Hartford	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71.3.09.0001	DATE 3/11/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Butler-McCook Homestead

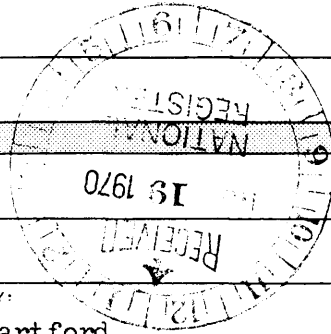
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
396 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Hartford

STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09 COUNTY: Hartford CODE: 003



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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) <u>Office of the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Miss Frances McCook

STREET AND NUMBER:
396 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Municipal Building

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Connecticut Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm Street

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

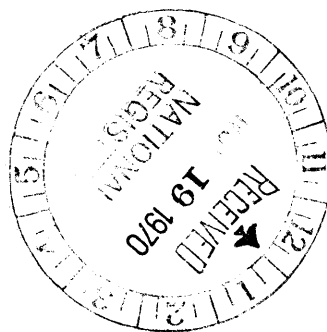
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Butler-McCook House was built in 1782 and was a typical house of the period with central hallway plan and two chimneys. It was two stories tall, had a cistern under the kitchen and a paved cellar under the main house. Added to it in the rear was an older ell (c. 1740), which was formerly a blacksmith's shop, and which was converted into a kitchen when the main house was built.

Later nineteenth century additions include additional chimneys, dormer windows, a second story gable in the center of the facade, and a porch over the front door. The builder of the house, Dr. Daniel Butler, is believed to have kept his office in the northwest room. Another member of the family, Dr. John Butler McCook, annexed his office to the homestead in 1895. This is a single story balustraded building located on the south side of the house which now serves as the office of the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society. The rooms of the interior retain their wainscoting and paneling as well as furniture and other souvenirs of the descendants of the first Dr. Butler.

The gardens of the Butler-McCook house were designed by the Swiss landscape gardener Jacob Weideman who also landscaped Bushnell and Retreat Park as well as many other homes in Connecticut. Among the memorabilia of the family is a water color wash drawing of the garden plan by Weideman.

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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) 1782

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Home of a</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>prominent local</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>family.</u> |
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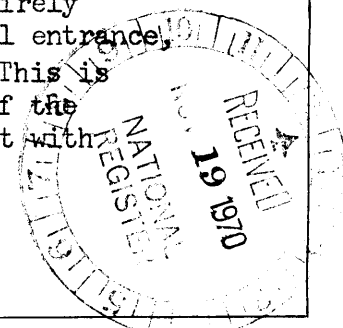
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house is significant as the home of a locally distinguished family for almost two centuries and because it is one of the few old houses remaining in the city of Hartford, and because of its gardens designed in the nineteenth century by the distinguished landscape architect Jacob Weideman.

The main part of the house was build by Dr. Daniel Butler, son of Moses Butler, who in turn was descended from Richard Butler, early Hartford settler. Moses Butler conducted Butler's Tavern located where the Central Baptist Church is now. His son, Daniel was born in the tavern. When he married he married Sarah (Sheldon) Ledyard of another celebrated Connecticut family. After expanding the homestead by adding to the blacksmith shop of Will Hooker, he maintained his offices in one of the front rooms of the house. Dr. Butler's son John Butler maintained a paper mill in nearby Burnside and his daughter Eliza Sheldon Butler married in 1866 Dr. John James McCook, who taught modern languages at Trinity College for forty years and served as rector of St. John's Church in East Hartford for sixty years. He was widely known for his studies and researches in the fields of sociology and criminology and McCook Hospital in Hartford is named for him.

Although Dr. McCook, professor and rector, was a native of Ohio, all his children were born in the homestead. His son, the late Dr. John Butler McCook, rendered distinguished medical and surgical service in Hartford, besides serving in the Spanish American War and World War I. In 1895 Dr. John Butler McCook's office, an entirely separate one-story unit, with its own individual entrance, was added to the south side of the homestead. This is the annex, cited earlier, which is the office of the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society by arrangement with Miss Frances McCook and her brother Anson.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Butler-McCook Homestead" in the Connecticut Antiquarian, Bulletin of the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, Inc. (December, 1968) Volume XX, No. 2.

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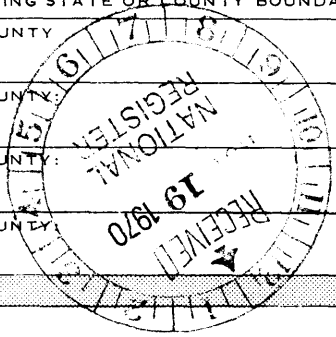
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Constance Luyster, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: September 15, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 75 Elm 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 and Chairman Connecticut Historical Commission

Date: September 15, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: MAR 11 1971

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: JAN 21 1971

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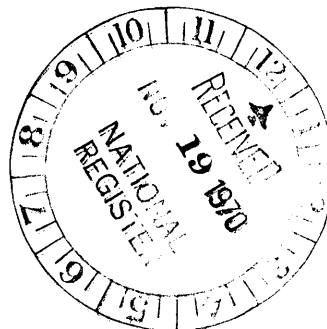
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The Butler-McCook Homestead
Statement of Significance:

The McCooks plan to bequeath in perpetuity to the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society the homestead, its entire contents unchanged and the garden for the benefit of the citizens of the city and state for which they have affection....As Anson McCook, with Miss Frances has expressed it:

"My sister and I like to think of the house and land, linked together as they have been for centuries, as a future historical park, a permanent landmark of the old Hartford, a Hartford that is fast disappearing. The homestead would be open to the public. It would show graphically how successive generations of an old Hartford family had actually lived for almost two centuries in the same abode, at the same hearth and under the same roof. After rambling through the house, visitors could include the garden in their tour."



¹The information on the McCook family was condensed from The Courant Magazine, a Sunday publication of the Hartford Courant (July 29, 1962). Anson McCook is now dead, but Miss Frances McCook, now ninety years old, still lives.

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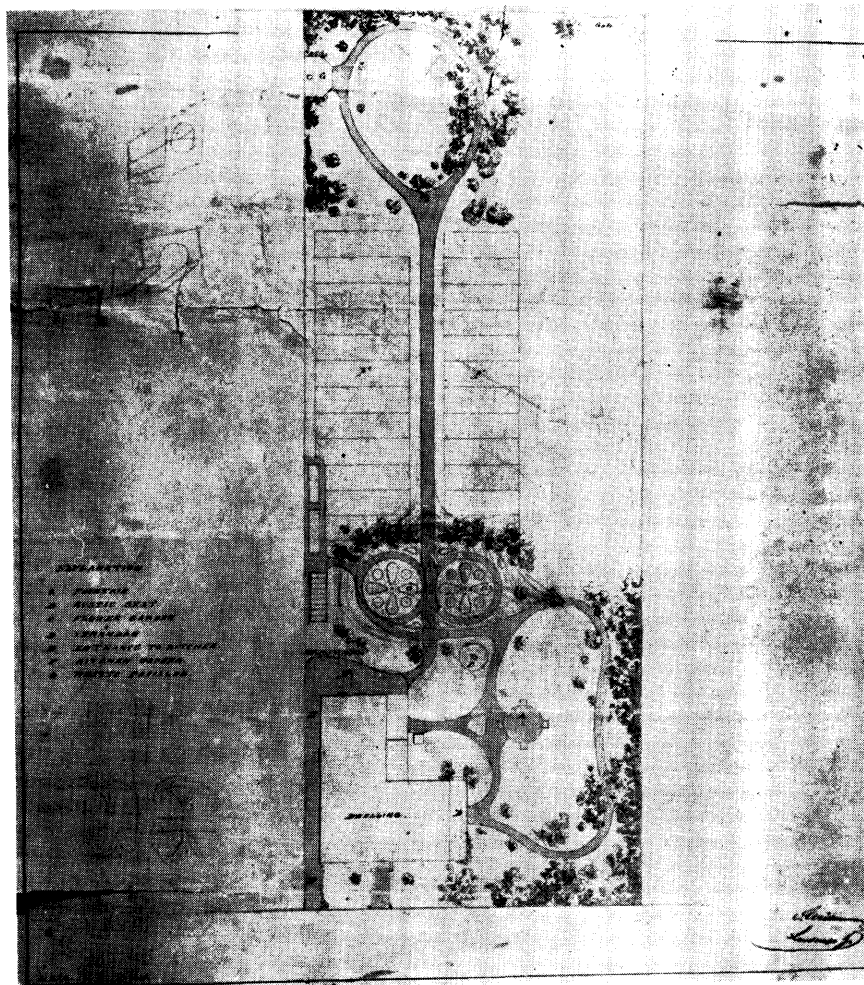
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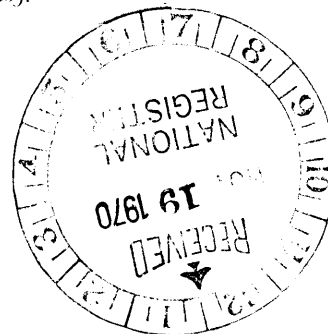
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Plan for the Butler-McCook Homestead Garden reproduced in The Connecticut Antiquarian, Bulletin of the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society Inc. of Connecticut (December, 1968).



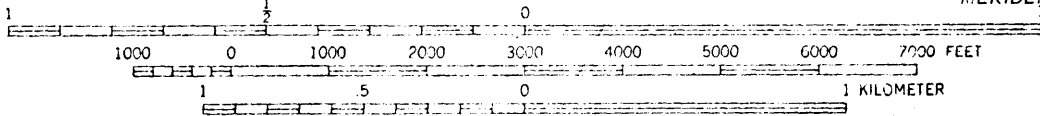
Plan for Butler-McCook Homestead garden by Jacob Weidenman in 1865.





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SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 1.7 FEET



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BULLER-MCCOOK HOMESTEAD
LATITUDE $41^{\circ} 45' 38''$
LONGITUDE $71^{\circ} 40' 31''$

