

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM 1:8 6:8 4:5 1:0 4:5 7:3 2:0:0	
QUAD:	Branford
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span>	
	Private Residence <span style="float: right;">John Tyler House</span>	
	2. TOWN CITY	COUNTY
	Branford	New Haven
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	
242-250 East Main St. Map F6, Block 1, Lot 5; .50 acres		
4. OWNER(S)		
Warren B. and Mandana A. Hopper <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private</span>		
5. USE (Present) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span>		
One-family dwelling <span style="float: right;">Same</span>		
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE IF YES, EXPLAIN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
DESCRIPTION	7. STYLE OF BUILDING	
	New England Colonial	
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	c.1710	
	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 type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		
2 1/2		
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
38 feet x 38 feet		
12. CONDITION (Structural) <span style="float: right;">(Exterior)</span>		
<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) IF YES, EXPLAIN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Shed dormer at rear - date unknown		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden		
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density		
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		
Located on corner of Mill Plain and Main Street; bordered on west by a brook and wetlands; on the east by Mill Plain Road.		

(OVER)

**DESCRIPTION (Continued)**

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

Constructed on a square plan with its ridge parallel to the street, this structure has a steeply-pitched roof (45° or 12:12) with a lean-to addition and a stone center chimney set back of the ridge. A large shed dormer at the rear appears to be a twentieth-century addition. The house has a symmetrical five-bay, nine-window facade with twelve-over-twelve sash and features a hooded entrance with twin bench seats on the stoop. Its gables have three windows indicating its original two-room plan. The exterior has clapboard siding. Doors and windows are simply trimmed.

18. ARCHITECT  
N/A

BUILDER  
Attributed to John Tyler, Jr.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was recorded by the Colonial Dames as the Jimmie Palmer Place. According to research done for the Colonial Dames survey, the house was built about 1715 or a little later for John Tyler, Jr. on land originally granted to George Tyler by the town. The date of the added lean-to is unknown. Kelly dates the house c.1710 and notes the structural evidence for the added lean-to. The W.P.A. survey, which included some research notes of land records, corroborates the c.1710 date.

Architecturally, the house falls within the Second Period, 1690-1720 (Keith) with its central chimney, two-room plan with added lean-to.

The John Tyler house 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 architecture, it meets Criteria C of the National Register of Historic Places.

**SOURCES**

Maps: Whiteford, 1852; Beers, 1868.  
 Colonial Dames of America. Connecticut. "Old Houses of Connecticut, 1900-1962."  
 Kelly, J. Frederick, The Early Domestic Architecture of Connecticut. Dover Pub.: New York, 1963, p. 105-106.  
 W.P.A. Federal Writers Project, "Census of Old or Distinctive Buildings in the State of Connecticut," c.1936 No. 48.

**PHOTO**

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VIEW  
South Elevation

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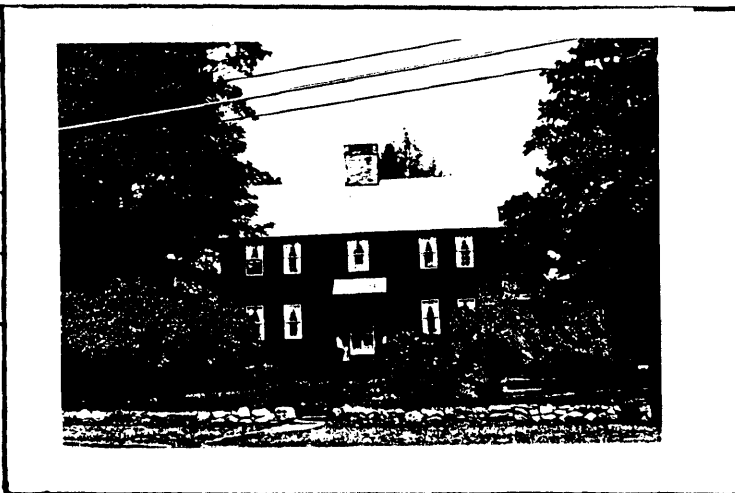
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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known     Highways     Vandalism     Developers     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal     Private     Deterioration     Zoning     Explanaton \_\_\_\_\_