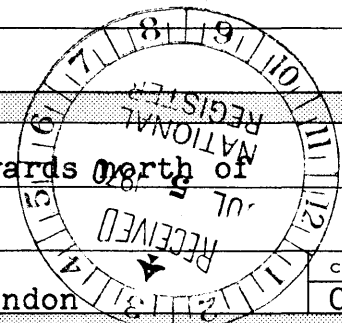


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: CONNECTICUT	
COUNTY: NEW LONDON	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
70.10.06.0009	10/6/70



1. NAME

COMMON:
War Office

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Capt. Joseph Trumbull Store and Office

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Near southwest corner of town green, 350 yards north of West Town St.

CITY OR TOWN:
Colchester Road, Route 207
Lebanon

STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06249 COUNTY: New London CODE: 011

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:
206 Euclid Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Waterbury

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Town Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
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CITY OR TOWN:
Lebanon

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
06

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/2 Acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1966 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Connecticut Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Hartford

STATE:
Connecticut

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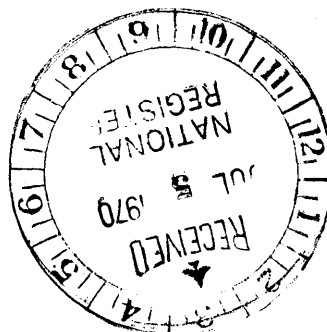
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
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INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Characterized as perhaps the most important single building in Connecticut associated with the Revolutionary War, the War Office originally served Captain Joseph Trumbull (1678 - 1755) as store and office for his extensive mercantile interests. It is a small structure of central-chimney plan, 1½ stories, gambrel roof, with two stone fireplaces back to back dividing the interior into two rooms. The facade is not symmetrical, the entry being placed near the left front corner of the structure and a window to the right for each of the rooms. Heavy window frames of early style project considerably beyond the plane of the clapboard wall, with caps of heavy moulding. The window at second floor level on the building end shows a Triangular pediment cap similar to those at first floor front of the Jonathan Trumbull house nearby. Since the structure is set fairly high on stone foundation, two stone steps lead to the entrance. Interior is severely plain and devoted to an exhibit of old tools, utensils, and artifacts.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

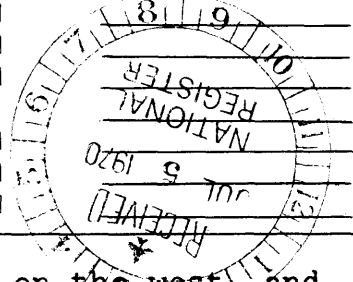
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Built C. 1732**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Facing the street bordering Lebanon green on the west, and after two movings now located a few hundred feet north of the intersection with the Colchester road, stands a small gambrel-roofed building that is one of the best known and best loved of the historic memorials of Revolutionary days. This was the War Office of Governor Trumbull. It was erected early in the eighteenth century on the north corner of the Colchester road and next to the governor's house. In 1824 both were moved a short way north. The building, from about 1732, served as the country store of Capt. Joseph Trumbull, who used it also as an office for his large shipping interests. The successor to his business was his son Jonathan Trumbull, who used the building later on as a War Office. This came to be a center for noted visitors in Lebanon. The War Council of Connecticut, or Council of Safety, was first appointed in May, 1775, by the General Assembly, to assist the governor when the General Assembly was not in session. Probably 1145 of its sessions were held in that little building. Its nine members have been well called "the minute men of the General Assembly." Even the so-called Epitome of the Acts of the Council gives an insight into the important participation of Connecticut in the war of the American Revolution. There in that little War Office, couriers came and went to Congress and to army headquarters; there, councils of war were held with Continental and French officers. The War Office has had many distinguished visitors who include Washington, Count de Rochambeau, Admiral de Ternay, Du de Lauzun, General Lafayette, Marquis de Chastellux, Generals Sullivan, Knox, and Putnam, as well as Samuel Adams, John Jay, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin. After the war of the American Revolution, passing into other hands, the building deteriorated and was finally deserted. About 1891 its owner, Mrs. Bethiah H. Wattles, presented it to the Connecticut Sons of the American Revolution. The building was restored to its original war-time appearance by that organization, the present owner, and dedicated on Flag Day, 1891. The lower part is now used as a museum open to visitors, and in the summer months is the meeting place of the present custodians, the Governor Jonathan Trumbull Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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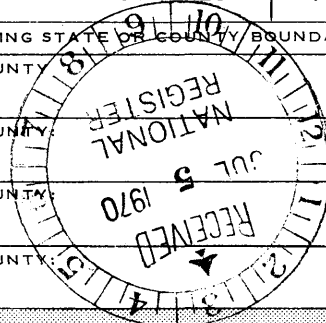
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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							72	12	55

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Herbert C. Darbee, Associate Director

ORGANIZATION: **Connecticut Historical Commission** DATE: **August 25, 1969**

STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Hartford** STATE: **Connecticut** CODE: **06**

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: *Eric Hatch*
Eric Hatch

Title: State Liaison Officer and Chairman, Conn. Historical Comm.

Date: August 15, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

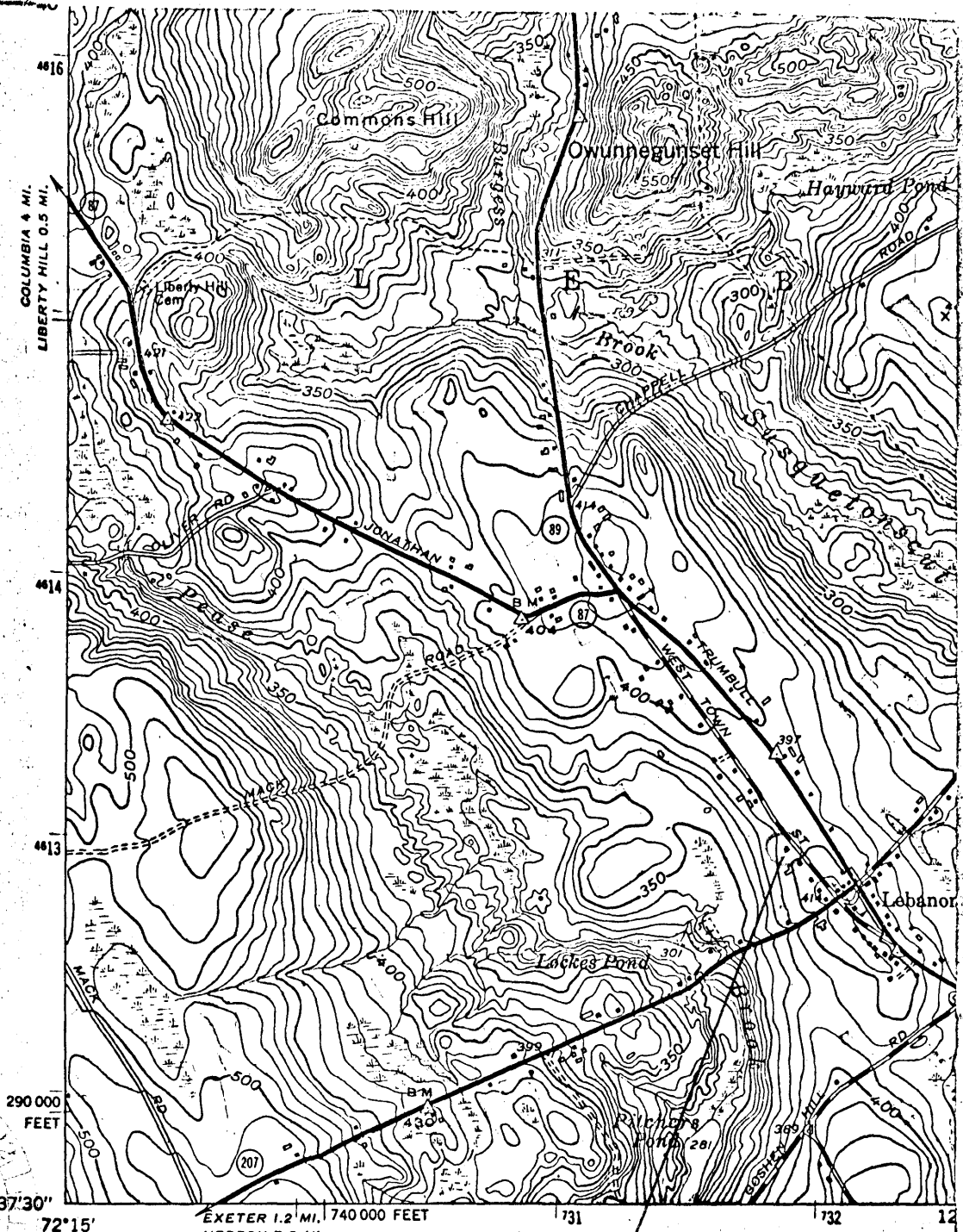
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Date: _____

ATTEST:

William J. Conroy
Keeper of The National Register

Date: **AUG 19 1970**



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 10,000-foot grid based on Connecticut coordinate system
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
 zone 18, shown in blue

Capt. Joseph Trumbull
 War Office

Latitude 41° 38' 13"
 Longitude 72° 12' 55"
 240 MILS
 1" = 52' / 33 MILS

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