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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: New London	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70,10,09,0036	DATE 10/28/70

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Deshon-Allyn House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
613 Williams Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
New London

STATE Connecticut	CODE 06320	COUNTY: New London	CODE 011
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Lyman Allyn Museum

STREET AND NUMBER:  
100 Mohegan Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
New London

STATE:  
Connecticut

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
New London Municipal Building

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
New London

STATE:  
Connecticut

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Connecticut Historic Buildings and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1968  Federal  State  County  Local

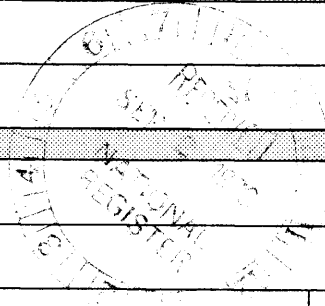
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Connecticut Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Hartford

STATE:  
Connecticut

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Deshon-Allyn House has a four square plan. It is a hip-roofed four chimney late Federal-Greek Revival mansion which combines features taken from Georgian architecture as well as the Greek Revival mode which was to dominate American architecture in the decades between 1830 and 1850.

The exterior is of massive granite construction, the corners edged with finished stone quoins. Beneath the eaves, a heavy, carved cornice ornamented with a simple frieze of triglyphs and metopes is carried around the building. The six-panel front door is flanked by slender Ionic columns, sidelights, and topped with a square transom. The mullions are of carved wood, ornamented with lead palmettes. The same treatment is applied to a beautifully executed Palladian window above the front door. All the windows (including the Palladian window) and the door are enclosed in rectangular frames of finished granite like that of the angle quoins of the corners.

With a large central hall and four square rooms on each floor, each room contains a fireplace, four original. The others are characteristic of the Federal period, including a black marble one, installed when the Hillhouse Mansion in New Haven was torn down. The house is furnished as of 1829 with furniture and decorative accessories from the Lyman Allyn Museum collections, all outstanding pieces. The portraits, landscapes and other pictures on display are in keeping with the era.



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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1829

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

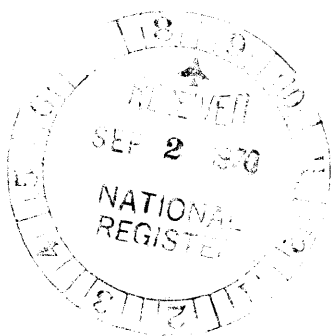
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<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	<u>Documents whalers'</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	<u>prosperity</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Of unusual charm and distinction the Deshon-Allyn House, located on the grounds of the Lyman Allyn Museum, was built in 1829 by Captain Daniel Deshon, prosperous and prominent whaling master. Its architecture embodies the elegance and character of the late Federal, early Greek Revival periods. Though the architect is not known, many of the interesting interior details were taken from the handbooks of Asher Benjamin.

The house was purchased in 1851 by another prosperous whaler, Captain Lyman Allyn, and was occupied by the Allyn family until acquired by the museum. Thus it is significant not only for its excellent architecture but also because it documents the prosperity and distinctive life style of the successful whalers of New London.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

H.F. Randolph Mason, Historic Houses of Connecticut (Open to the Public). Stonington, Conn.: The Pequot Press, 2nd ed., 1966.

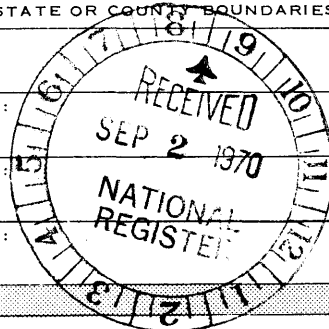
**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **3**

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: **August 18, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**75 Elm Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Hartford** STATE: **Connecticut** CODE: **0280**

**12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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]*  
State Liaison Officer and  
Title: Chairman, Connecticut Historical Commission

Date: August 18, 1970

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

*[Signature]*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: OCT 28 1970

ATTEST:  
*[Signature]*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: OCT 20 1970

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

UNCASVILLE 4.2 MI.  
QUAKER HILL 1.9 MI.  
2 520 000 FEET (N.Y.)

72°07'30" 741000m E  
41°22'30"

DESHON-ALLYW HOUSE

Latitude 41° 22' 21"

Longitude 72° 06' 19"

