

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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

IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
Private Residence		Thomas Harrison House	
2. TOWN, CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Branford		New Haven	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
23 North Harbor Street		Map D8, Block 2, Lot 8.1; .14 acres	
4. OWNER(S)			
Philip S. Chorozny, Sr.		<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Two-Family Dwelling		One-Family Dwelling	
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		
7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Vernacular Georgian		c.1725	
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 type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor
<input checked="" 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	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
1 1/2	49 feet x 35 feet		
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
		<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good
		<input checked="" 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	Ell at south end - date unknown
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
			Apts. at 73, 75, 79 Bradley Street - 1976
<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 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 within former borough; narrow street connecting Main and Harbor Streets; bordered on north by twentieth-century house; on south by Bradley Street.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

Constructed on a rectangular plan with its ridge parallel to the street, this structure has a gambrel roof with a brick center chimney set back of the ridge. The house has a five-bay facade with two gabled dormers at the second story and six-over-six sash at most windows. The gable ends have four windows except where modified by the one-story ell which extends to the south. The exterior is finished with clapboards on all sides; trim is extremely simple.

SIGNIFICANCE

18. ARCHITECT

N/A

BUILDER

Unknown

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was first recorded on the W.P.A. survey and dated c.1780 by E. D. Keith; local tradition, however, dates the house much earlier than this. Land record research traces the house back to 1723 when Thomas Harrison received as his share of his father's estate, a "house frame and whatever was prepared for it." (Guilford Probate, v. 2, Estate of Thomas Harrison).

Architecturally, the house, with its gambrel roof is unusual for Branford, where the two-story, center chimney Colonial predominated.

The Thomas Harrison 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

W.P.A. Federal Writers Project "Census of Old or Distinctive Buildings in the State of Connecticut," c.1936, No. 18.
Maps: Smith, 1856; Beers, 1868; Hughes & Bailey, 1905; Sanborn, 1924.
Branford Land Records, Vol. 6, p. 11.

PHOTO

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VIEW

Southeast Corner

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known

Highways

Vandalism

Developers

Other

Environmental

Zoning

Expansions