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(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: Litchfield	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.3.09.0006	DATE 3/11/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Glebe House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Located on the south side of Hollow Road at the head of Hollow Road #2

CITY OR TOWN:
Woodbury

STATE Connecticut	CODE 09	COUNTY: Litchfield	CODE 005
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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"/> 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	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	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:
Seabury Society -- President Carl S. Estabrook

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Woodbury	STATE: Connecticut	CODE 09
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Woodbury Town Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Woodbury	STATE: Connecticut	CODE 09
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey

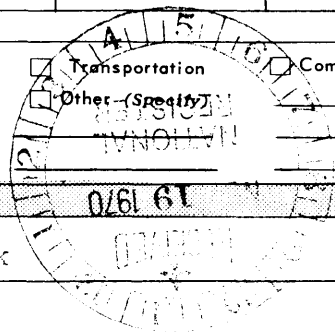
DATE OF SURVEY: 1968 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Connecticut Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford	STATE: Connecticut	CODE 09
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Architecturally, the house is one of great interest. The lower and upper rooms at the left of the chimney and the staircase are the older part, which portion may have been built soon after the town was settled. The rooms at the right of the chimney, a lean-to or kitchen back of it and across the back of the house, and a second stairway were added later. Much later still, a second lean-to kitchen was built. The wainscot or paneling in the room over the parlor, as well as the stairs and the roof, which is gambrel in front, and the somewhat curved pitch of the back down to the lean-to are of the type of 1750, when the house was undoubtedly enlarged. The kitchen fireplace is eight feet long and five feet high and is one of the largest in Connecticut. In a cupboard built under the stairs, beside the fireplace in the right parlor is a sliding panel. The panel opens into a recess, where there is now a trap door, but originally there were probably only loose floorboards opening into a shallow cellar. A tunnel from the cellar led to the east toward Tory neighbors of the royalist rector, the Reverend John Rutgers Marshall, who escaped that way, when attempts were made to arrest him.

On the exterior the central chimney is huge. The clapboards appear to be original. The facade has five piercings at each floor level. The doorway has raised-paneling and is simply eaved. Above it is a transom of small lights. The house has a coffin door and an additional side entrance on the southeast. The building is situated on flat land and is surrounded by fields. It faces northeast in the direction of the south cemetery.



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

¹ F.S. Marcy Crofut, Guide to the History and the Historic Sites of Connecticut. New Haven: Yale University Press. Volume I, p. 458.

3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" 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) 1746

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically, the Glebe house has significance as...the "home of the American Episcopacy." After the close of the Revolutionary War, the Church of England in America had no head. On March 25, 1783, ten of its fourteen clergy in Connecticut gathered in "voluntary convention" at Glebe House in Woodbury. They elected as bishop, Reverend Samuel Seabury of Ledyard, then a missionary at Groton and New London. Refused consecration by both archbishops of England, finally on November 14, 1784, at the home of Bishop Skinner in Aberdeen, Scotland, the three bishops of the church of Scotland consecrated Bishop Seabury. For over two years, he was the only bishop in America.² For this reason the Glebe house has been called by George T. Linsley "the birthplace of the organized Episcopal Church in the United States. In 1925 the Seabury Society for the Preservation of the Glebe House was founded. The house is open to the public and is visited annually by thousands.

The house is architecturally significant as an excellent example of Georgian architecture and because it shows the evolution of a building over a period of at least one hundred years.

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²
Ibid. , p. 498.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kent, H.W. The Glebe House, Woodbury, Connecticut. Pamphlet

Linsley, G.T. The Old Glebe House at Woodbury and its Historic Background. Pamphlet.

Kelly, J.F. The Early Domestic Architecture of Connecticut.

F.S.M. Crofut. Guide to the History and the Historic Sites of Connecticut. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1937.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	41°	32'	18"	73°	12'	40"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Constance Lyster, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission

DATE: November 5, 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]
State Liaison Officer and Chairman
Title: Connecticut Historical Commission

Date: November 5, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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Date: _____

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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ROXBURY 3.4 MI. (ROXBURY)

32'30"



NATIONAL
 RESERVE
 1917
 1917

Giere House

Latitude. 41° 32' 18"

Longitude. 73° 12' 40"

WOODBURY COUNTY

