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The attached property, the Pinney, David, House and Barn in Hartford County, Connecticut, reference number 77001415, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 07/25/1977, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of Tuesday, February 6, 1979, Part II, Vol. 44, No. 26, page 7441. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.


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

 SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS
1 NAME

HISTORIC David Pinney House and Barn

AND/OR COMMON Noden-Reed Park

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 58 West Street

CITY, TOWN Windsor Locks VICINITY OF 6th - Toby Moffett

STATE Connecticut CODE 09 COUNTY Hartford CODE 003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Town of Windsor Locks

STREET & NUMBER Church Street

CITY, TOWN Windsor Locks VICINITY OF Ct

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Windsor Locks Town Clerk

STREET & NUMBER Church Street

CITY, TOWN Windsor Locks CODE CT

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Connecticut Statewide Inventory of Historic Resources

 DATE 1975

<input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATE	<input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY	<input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL
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DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Connecticut Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN Hartford CODE CT

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

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EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The David Pinney farm is in a residential section of Windsor Locks and is part of the 22-acre Noden-Reed Park. Formerly pasture, the land is now somewhat grown over. Although the whole park is scenic, only the land immediately surrounding the buildings has been included in the historic property. The local historical society administers this part for the town and hopes to preserve it as an agricultural museum. Tentative plans call for developing the rest of the park as housing for the elderly.

The site forms a quadrangle bounded by the house on the southern side, a garage and attached greenhouse of relatively recent construction on the west, the brick barn on the north and the street on the east side. The house is a modest two-story frame building built around 1840 on the site of an earlier house. The main entrance is in an ell on the southern side of the main house. A porch supported by paired columns runs the length of the ell. Onto the exterior of the gable end, which faces the street, is built a brick chimney. The building has been so severely altered that it now has little distinction.

In contrast is the brick barn which has retained a great deal of its historical character. Two stories tall, its gable roof surmounted by a plain louvered cupola, the barn's major axis is east-west, so that the entrances to the first-story bays are on the long south side, facing the house. The bricks on this side are laid in common bond with Flemish variation, whereas the other walls and the two interior walls are straight common bond. Three large bluntly pointed arches form openings to the interior. The east opening is the largest and is the only one not closed in. Surrounding the central opening are several windows and two doors rather unevenly arranged. Lintels and sills are made of iron. On either end of the barn are diamond-shaped openings in the brickwork, one in the peak of east end and a pair flanking the boarded-up window in the west end gable.

The interior is divided into three bays, those on the ends much smaller and apparently used for storing wagons, etc. Stalls for small animals occupy the west end of the central part, with large-animal stalls at the other end. The second floor is open to the roof and has only one partition between the central part and the east bay. (This brick wall extends only to a height where the attic floor would have been). The second floor is directly accessible by a large sliding door on the north side where the ground slopes upward. Forming a corridor between this door and the stairs to the first floor are two ranges of trap doors. These open below into each animal stall. The roof, which is partially supported by two large, simple trusses, appears to have been replaced relatively recently. Remaining farm machinery includes a belt-driven feed grinder and a bale conveyor suspended from the ridge.

The barn shows evidence of several modifications which have changed the interior configuration. Unused mortises suggest the attic story once had a floor instead of being left open. On the first floor, hewn, sawn and raw-log joists are intermixed, and one piece of flooring was salvaged from a piano crate! Several windows are now blocked off, and some things such as the sliding door are later additions. These alterations do not detract from the historical value of the barn. The present arrangement is the product of changing agricultural needs throughout a long period of use.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

HISTORIC 1400-1499 1500-1599 1600-1699 1700-1799 1800-1899 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE <input type="checkbox"/> ART <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE <input type="checkbox"/> LAW <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The David Pinney House and Barn is of local significance to Windsor Locks because it is representative of a way of life important in the town's history and because of the relative paucity of historical architecture in that town. Before the canal was opened, bringing trade and supplying power for manufacturing, this area (then part of Windsor) was dependent upon agriculture. Indeed, farming was the livelihood of many families even after industrialization. This property was operated as a farm until this century when it was willed to the town for public use. Not much is known of David Pinney, who owned the property when these two buildings were built, other than that he was one of Windsor Locks' many husbandmen.

The barn is also of architectural interest. Brick barns are very uncommon in New England and one may speculate that the Pinneys had some Pennsylvania connection. More likely, the fire resistance of brick and the fact that a brick yard immediately adjoined the property were factors in the choice of materials. However atypical, the building embodies the functionalism characteristic of barns. Except for the arched openings and a saw-tooth course along the cornice, there is little of a decorative nature. The change of grade to allow entrance to the second-level, the ventilators built into the gable brickwork, and the doors from the second floor to the stalls below are all features which are directly related to the needs of storing grain and moving it efficiently within the barn. Research into legal records indicates the barn was built around 1825, making it an early specimen of a fast-disappearing form.

DAVID PINNEY HOUSE and BARN
(Noden-Reed Park)

Andros Locks, CT

JTM Reference:

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(TARIFFVILLE)

