

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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Town No.: _____ Site No.: _____
 UTM 1:8 6:8:3 6:6:0 4:5 7:2 7:3:0
 QUAD: Branford
 DISTRICT IF NR, SPECIFY
 S NR Actual Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic) Private Residence Samuel Beach House	
	2. TOWN CITY Branford	COUNTY New Haven
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 94 East Main Street Map E6, Block 3, Lot 24; .39 acres	
	4. OWNER(S) Samuel W. Beach <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	
DESCRIPTION	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Late New England Colonial	
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1790	
	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth <input 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 2 1/2 36 feet x 27 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Addition at rear - 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) Pool house (may be former carriage shed) <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 in a neighborhood of mixed nineteenth and twentieth-century houses.		

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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 steeply-pitched roof (45° or 12:12) which is flared slightly at both front and rear cornices. Its stone center chimney straddles the ridge. It has a five-bay, nine-window facade and two-bay, five-window gables. Windows have six-over-six sash; the entry has two panelled doors, a large flared hood and two double-hung sidelights. Both the second story and the attic story have hewn overhangs.

While the interior has been altered, the plan retains its original five-room configuration with three fireplaces.

18. ARCHITECT N/A **BUILDER** Samuel Beach

SIGNIFICANCE

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The Samuel Beach House was first recorded by the W.P.A. survey and dated 1790. The house has been researched by the Beach family who have occupied the house for several generations. The present owner Samuel W. Beach has restored the house as closely as possible to what he believes to have been the original.

Architecturally, the house is representative of the full two-story, central chimney New England house as it had evolved by the end of the Second Period, 1671-1720 (Keith). It 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 colonial architecture, it meets Criteria C of the National Register of Historic Places.

SOURCES

W.P.A. Federal Writers Project, "Census of Old or Distinguished Buildings in the State of Connecticut," c.1936, No. 8
 Maps: Whiteford, 1852; Beers, 1868; Hughes & Bailey, 1905; Sanborn, 1924.

PHOTO

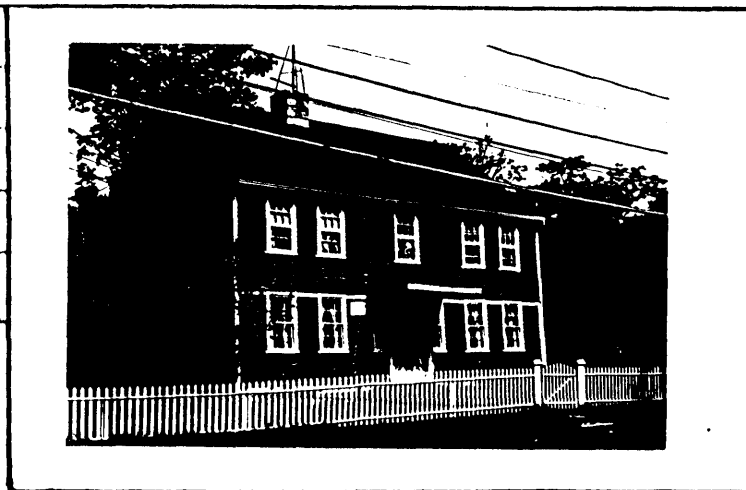
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VIEW South & West Elevs. **NEGATIVE ON FILE** CHC-File 3 Neg17A

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandallism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanaton _____