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1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

The attached property, the Webster, Horace, Farmhouse, in Hartford County, Connecticut, reference number 77001417, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 08/24/1977, 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.

  
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

2/12/2009  
Date

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Webster, Horace, Farmhouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

577 South End Road

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Plantsville, Southington

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

Sixth (Anthony J. Moffett)

STATE

Connecticut

CODE

09

COUNTY

Hartford

CODE

003

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

 IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

## PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Meyer

STREET &amp; NUMBER

577 South End Road

CITY, TOWN

Plantsville, Southington

STATE

— VICINITY OF

Connecticut

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Southington Town Office Building

STREET &amp; NUMBER

75 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Southington

STATE

Connecticut

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Connecticut Statewide Inventory of Historic Resources

DATE

1975

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Connecticut Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Hartford

STATE

Connecticut

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Horace Webster Farmhouse is located on the east side of South End Road in the Plantsville section of the town of Southington. It has a suburban setting since a number of houses have been erected nearby in recent years. However it is adjacent to considerable open space since the golf course of the Southington Country Club abuts the informally landscaped yard of the house on its south and east sides. A white picket fence at the west separates the yard of the Webster house from the road. A swimming pool surrounded by a fence is in the rear (east) yard. A frame barn which had been part of the Webster farm, but is now owned by the country club, is east of the swimming pool.

The frame house is composed of three parts. The main section is a two-story block approximately 24' by 48' which has its narrower gable end (the west facade) facing the road. Attached to the rear (east) of this section is a smaller two-story wing which is also rectangular in plan. A one-story addition, which was formerly a woodshed and currently serves as a garage, is attached to the rear of the wing. The main block was erected about 1837 and the wing was probably built at the same time or soon afterwards. The woodshed was probably added in the late nineteenth century.

The main block has Doric pilasters at its corners and a wide Doric entablature with plain frieze. Its main (west) facade has a triangular pediment and a one-story Doric entrance porch. A handsome feature is the elliptical fanlight in the pediment. It has gilded leading depicting an eagle with radiating spears terminated by pineapples. The porch has fluted Doric columns and a classical entablature with triglyphs on the frieze. Its doorway has rectangular side lights and transom with leading over the glass.

The exterior walls are covered with weatherboards, currently painted white. Most windows have 6/6 double-hung sash and louvered shutters. The few recent exterior alterations include the addition of a picture window in the first-story north wall of the wing and enclosing the recessed porch located on the south side of the wing. This porch retains Gothic Revival ornamental woodwork.

The main block has a side hall plan two rooms deep. The house does not have any outstanding interior features. The open-string stair is attractive, but not unusual. The mantels are simply executed in a vernacular Greek Revival style. The fireplaces do have handsome cast-iron fronts. Stenciling in several second-story rooms dates from the 1950's. The roofing system consists of purlin posts. There is no ridgepole.

The rear wing has been remodeled several times. The chimney of this wing has been rebuilt and it and the chimney of the main block have been jacked up. The posts on the west side of the house have been replaced and the front jacked up in the 1920's. The front hall was stuccoed after this. Metal posts and I-beams have been installed in the basement.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES about 1837

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Horace Webster Farmhouse is a pleasing Greek Revival house which was erected about 1837. It is a good example of the gable end house with Doric entrance porch. While this type of house was a common Greek Revival mode, the Webster House is the only representative of the type in the town of Southington. The town does have other fine examples of Greek Revival architecture.

When Horace Webster erected this house on land he purchased in 1835, he moved an earlier building known as the Rice (Roys) house to the rear yard and converted it into a barn. This building, believed to be one of the oldest in Southington, burnt in 1975. Webster (1807-1867) was a descendant of John Webster, a seventeenth century governor of Connecticut. He ran the Webster farm as a beef farm, but was also involved in other enterprises including shoe repair.

About 1863 Webster moved to Fairhaven, Connecticut, leaving the farming to his two sons. The property stopped being farmed about 1917 when Walter and Lewis Webster died. The property passed to Horace Webster's daughter, Catherine. When she died on April 14, 1922, she bequeathed it to Fredricka Parsons, an orphan who have lived with the Websters since she was nine years old. Miss Parsons leased the land for a golf course. In the 1920's she had structural repairs made to the house and modern utilities installed. About 1927 Hobson purchased the house and the country club, the land for a golf course. The next owner of the house was Edwin Baumer who owned it from 1950 to 1966. The current owners purchased the house in 1966.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Francis Atwater, History of Southington, Ct. New Haven: Journal Press, 1924.  
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 Herman R. Timlow, Ecclesiastical and Other Sketches of Southington, Ct. Hartford: Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co, 1875, ccliv.  
 Webster Family Bible. In possession of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Meyer.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY about one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 8	6 7 7 2 6 0	4 6 0 3 6 8 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

T. Robins Brown Consultant in Architectural History

ORGANIZATION

Connecticut Historical Commission

DATE

May 1976

STREET & NUMBER

59 South Prospect St.

TELEPHONE

203-566-3005

CITY OR TOWN

Hartford,

STATE

Connecticut

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*John W. Shuman*

TITLE S.H.P.O.

DATE JAN 3, 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
	DATE
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	
ATTEST:	DATE
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	