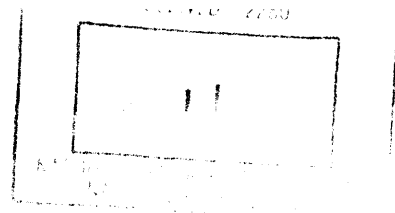


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**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable". For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name David Sherman House

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 63 Middle Quarter Road not for publication

city or town Woodbury vicinity

state Connecticut code CT county Litchfield code 005 zip code 06798

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

John W. Shannahan 07/09/02
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

John W. Shannahan, Director, Connecticut Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the property is:
- entered in the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet.
 - determined eligible for the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet.
 - determined not eligible for the National Register.
 - removed from the National Register.
 - other, (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper
[Signature]

Date of Action
8/23/02

David Sherman House
Name of Property

Litchfield County, CT
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Rochambeau's Army in Connecticut, 1780-1782

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Postmedieval English

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE
walls WOOD: Weatherboard

roof WOOD: Shingle
other BRICK

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**David Sherman House
Woodbury, Litchfield County, CT
(Rochambeau's Army in Connecticut, 1780-1782
Multiple Property Listing)**

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Description:

The David Sherman House in Woodbury is a 2 ½ story clapboarded dwelling with an integral lean-to across the back, giving the house a "saltbox" profile (Photographs 1 and 2). The house dates from about 1760. A large brick chimney emerges near the center of the wood-shingled gable roof, which has its ridge line set parallel to the road. However, the house is not completely symmetrical; there are two windows to the left of the main entry on the east elevation and but one window for the smaller room on the north side of the chimney. Windows have simple board frames and are fitted with 12-over 12 sash on the first floor and 12-over-8 on the second. The entry appears to have been remodeled in the early 19th century; it features fluted pilasters and a cornice with widely spaced dentils and breaks above the pilasters (Photograph 3). Extending from the back of the house is a 1 ½-story ell with its own large brick chimney. The ell is believed to have been built about 1817 to accommodate hat makers who worked in the shop of then-owner John Brush.

The setting for the house varies greatly depending on whether it is viewed from the front (east) side or from the rear. Middle Quarter Road is a narrow country road with scattered houses from the 18th and 19th centuries; it continues Old Sherman Hill Road, the road from Middlebury and Lake Quassapaug traversed by the French. The rear of the property, however, faces State Route 67 in a heavily developed commercial area. The house shares its lot with a restaurant fronting on Route 67. The boundary of the nominated property includes only the house, not the restaurant or its parking area.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark an "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, structure
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

MILITARY
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1760 - 1782

Significant Dates

1760, 1781

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Not Known

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographic References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Building Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Connecticut Historical Commission,
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, CT 06106

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Significance:

The David Sherman House is significant for its associations with an important event in Connecticut's Colonial-period military history, the march of French forces under the command of Count Rochambeau on the way to the Revolution's final battle at Yorktown, Virginia (Criterion A). One aspect of the event that had an effect on both the French and their American hosts were the many social interactions between the two groups that occurred as the French made their way across the state. According to a tradition recorded in Cothren's *History of Ancient Woodbury* (1871), "in 1781 when the French troops marched through Woodbury on their way to Yorktown, David Sherman offered to those near his house 12 bushels of apples and eight barrels of cider." The French did not camp in Woodbury but instead moved on to Newtown, where they rested and regrouped. According to Cothren, Sherman continued his generosity to America's allies by hosting an evening soiree attended by French officers, who could have ridden from the camp back to this part of Woodbury in a matter of minutes: "they had a dance in which some of the damsels joined with the polite French officers, in their uniforms, while others looked on." This may well have been the last such evening for the French. In Newtown, the army assumed a much higher level of military discipline in anticipation of moving into territory closer to areas under British control, and most opportunities for socializing with the Americans ceased.

The David Sherman House retains much of its historical appearance, with appropriate clapboarded exterior, wood shingled roof, large center chimney, and small-pane divided sash. In addition to helping sustain the house's identity as an 18th-century dwelling, one that probably looks much as it did when the French officers stepped their final gavottes and giques, these features give the house architectural significance under Criterion C, since they make it a well-preserved and restored example of the domestic architecture of Colonial Connecticut. The later rear ell and doorway have relatively little visual effect in diluting its character.

The association of the house with the entertainment of French officers can be regarded as credible for three reasons: the house certainly lies directly in the route of the French march from Middlebury to Newtown; the local tradition was written down at a relatively early date (1871), when the children of some of the participants could still have been living; and the tradition includes believable details that are not repeated (as are some stories) in other towns.

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David Sherman House
Name of Property

Litchfield County, CT
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property approx. 1 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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2				4		

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Bruce Clouette, Historian

organization Public Archaeology Survey Team, Inc. date February 1, 2001

street & number P.O. Box 209 telephone 860-429-1723

city or town Storrs state CT zip code 06268

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Constantine Kaloidis

street & number 63 Middle Quarter Road telephone N/A

city or town Woodbury state CT zip code 06798

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Boundary Description:

The nominated property, part of a parcel recorded in the Woodbury Land Records in Volume 139, page 964, includes only the house at 63 Middle Quarter Road and that portion of the land that lies east of a line that parallels the rear wall of the house's ell at a distance of 25' to the west.

Boundary Justification:

The house shares its lot with a restaurant that fronts on Route 67, facing north, in a densely built commercial area; the back yard of the house adjoins the parking lot of the restaurant. By dividing the lot so as to include a buffer of 25 feet along the rear wall of the house, the nominated property's boundary will include the land immediately adjoining the historic house and exclude the restaurant and its parking.

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All Photographs

1. David Sherman House
2. Woodbury, Litchfield County, CT
3. PAST, Inc. Photo
4. January, 2001
5. Negative filed with PAST, Inc., Storrs, CT

Captions:

East elevation, camera facing north
Photograph 1 of 3

Rear (west) elevation, camera facing east
Photograph 2 of 3

Detail of main entry, east elevation, facing northwest
Photograph 3 of 3