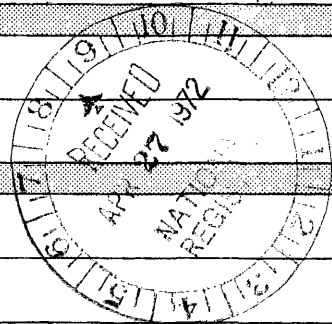


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: Connecticut | |
| COUNTY: Hartford | |
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| ENTRY NUMBER NOV 7 1972 | DATE |



1. NAME

COMMON:
John Hollister House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
14 Tryon Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Glastonbury

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| STATE Connecticut | CODE 09 | COUNTY: Hartford | CODE 003 |
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3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <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 type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
James B. Killam

STREET AND NUMBER:
77 Tryon Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Glastonbury

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
09

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Town Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
2108 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Glastonbury

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
09

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:
1967

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Connecticut Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
51 Pratt Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Hartford

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
09

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Hollister House stands, facing southeast, on the north side of the street just west of Roaring Brook in the village of South Clastonbury. It is undetermined if this is the original site or if, as according to some local people, it was moved in the early 18th century from the meadows near-by.

It is of the expected form with center chimney and 2-window facade. The chimney is of brick, on a stone foundation which rises to the first floor. Its size indicates that there remain the sufficient number of flues for the fireplaces present in such a house. The foundation is of the same kind of masonry--flat stones, largely gneiss, and is pointed, and seems to have been originally laid, with good lime mortar. The clapboarding represents newer work, done sometime in the 19th century, for there is reference to the residing in Isham and Brown, published in 1900: "Upon the old clapboards furring strips have been laid, and to these new clapboards have been nailed. This adds a thickness of nearly two inches to the walls, and covers somewhat the bottoms of the brackets. The carpenters who did this new work wanted to hew off these old brackets which were in his way, but the owner rightfully refused to bear of it." These are the original brackets, or corbels, still on the house at present, and they are, according to J. Frederick Kelly, unique.

The present windows represent new openings, larger than they were originally. The two over two late 19th century sash detracts from the appearance. There is a twelve pane window in each of the gable ends at attic level which may well be quite old; these are the sole survivors of the early sash. Window frames are very plain as is the framing of the front and side entries.

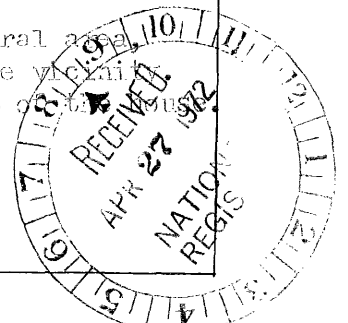
At some time, probably around 1840 when shipbuilder Oswell Hollister made many changes, the west part of the lean-to was raised to two and a half stories. The overhang and small return cornices here substantiate this conjecture. Perhaps the one-story ell was run off the east end of the remaining lean-to at the same time.

There is quite a large overhang of the roof on the facade, beneath which is a small box cornice or moulding. There is little sag to the roof for a house of this early date and it may well have been almost completely repaired or even replaced at some time. It is now covered with composition shingles.

The surroundings of the property are pleasant. A semi-rural area, there is a small community near-by and other houses in the vicinity. The road meanders and crosses the Roaring Brook just east of the

¹Isham and Brown, p. 55.
²Isham and Brown, p. 54-55.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

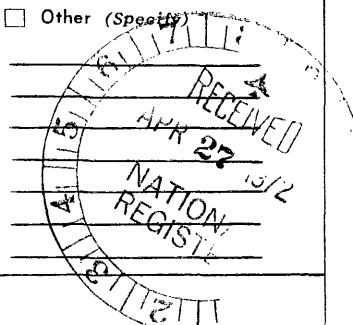
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1675

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Hollister House is interesting for its growth and important for its age. It was the second house built in Glastonbury; the first was also built by John Hollister. This is the oldest house standing in the town today. It has been said that it was built about half a mile west in the Nayaug Meadows and moved to its present location in 1720, but this is disputed and has by no means been documented.

Architectural historian J. Frederick Kelly cites the house as a rare example, for its supporting corbels are cut from the main upright timbers directly beneath the hewn overhang. Isham and Brown, in their study, Early Connecticut Houses, (1900), try to show that a change occurs about 1675 in the construction of houses. For the first forty or fifty years after the initial settlements, houses were built on the two-room plan, creating a house one room deep, with a framed overhang at second floor level; a lean-to, containing kitchen and a small chamber above, was usually added later. In the last quarter of the 17th century the framed overhang stops entirely and the lean-to becomes an integral part of the house. The distinction is sometimes difficult to define, for the old type of construction survived into the later period, with the added lean-to. Isham and Brown find in the Hollister house the only example of its type standing in 1897, and attempt to show that it represents the later type with hewn overhang and integral lean-to. They offer several proofs: the low pitch of the roof and the fact that the second floor is level throughout instead of dropping in the lean-to chamber as it would if it were an added lean-to style. One of the most conclusive findings is the cellar which extends under the lean-to; there is no sign of patching in the masonry. In the attic the chimney shows none of the patching for a kitchen flue, which is the surest sign of an added lean-to. On the basis of their research they feel that the house is "probably a little later than" 1675. Its exact date is not important; it is certainly a late 17th century structure.

The growth of the house over the years reflects the history of its owners. It is presently unoccupied, but the owners live near-by and maintain an active farm at the property.

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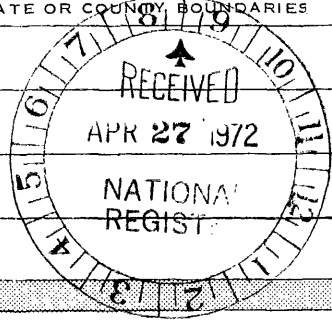
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 8

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

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Susan Rabbitt, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: April 24, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
51 Pratt Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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]

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: April 24, 1972

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

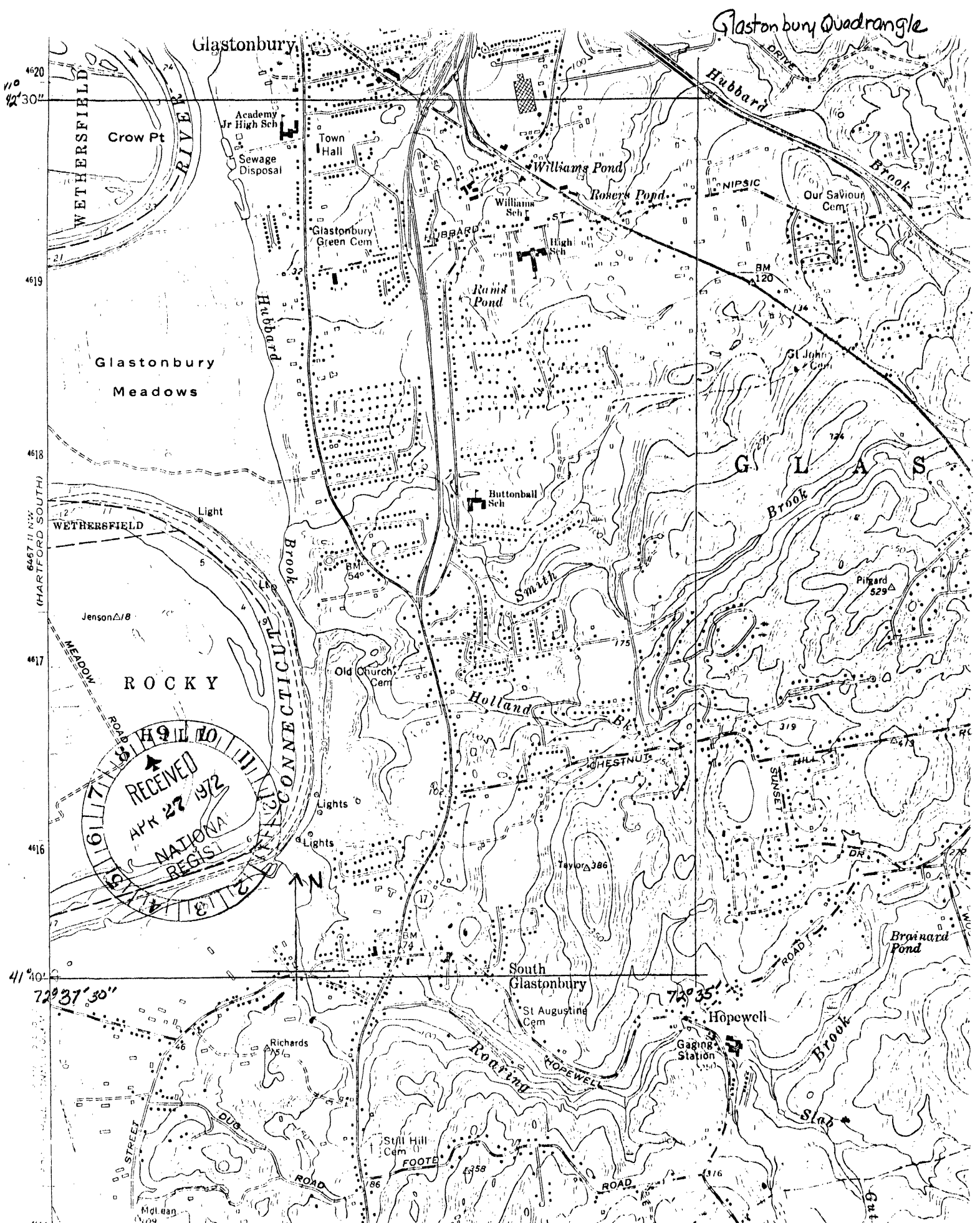
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 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 11/7/72

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register

Date: 11.1.72



Glastonbury

Glastonbury Quadrangle

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72° 37' 30"

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Glastonbury Meadows

ROCKY

South Glastonbury

Hopewell

WETHERSFIELD RIVER

Hubbard Brook

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G L A S B R O O K

CONNECTICUT

Holland Brook

Roaring Brook

Slab Brook

Academy Jr High Sch
Sewage Disposal

Town Hall

Glastonbury Green Cem

Williams Pond

Roberts Pond

Rams Pond

Our Saviour Cem

Buttonball Sch

Old Church Cem

St Augustine Cem

Still Hill Cem

Bronard Pond

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
USGS: Glastonbury Quadrangle

SCALE:
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DATE:
1964

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- Property boundaries where required.
- North arrow.
- Latitude and longitude reference.

