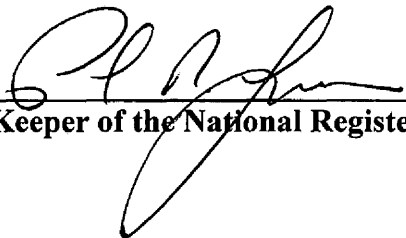




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The attached property, the Moore, Deacon, John, House in Hartford County, Connecticut, reference number 77001416, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 07/29/1977, as evidenced by the FEDERAL 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

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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
Moore, Deacon John, House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
37 Elm Street
CITY, TOWN Windsor
STATE Connecticut
VICINITY OF First District
COUNTY Hartford
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
CODE 09
CODE 003

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Thomas K. and Jane M. Mather
STREET & NUMBER
37 Elm Street
CITY, TOWN Windsor
STATE Connecticut
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Windsor Town Hall
STREET & NUMBER
P. O. Box 472
CITY, TOWN Windsor
STATE Connecticut
VICINITY OF

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Connecticut Statewide Inventory
DATE
August 5, 1966
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Connecticut Historical Commission
CITY, TOWN Hartford
STATE Connecticut
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>c. 1805?</u> <u>1897</u> <u>1938</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Deacon John Moore House, a two-story, frame house with steep gable roof retains its 17th century frame and several notable 17th century decorative features. The house has been moved and extensively modified so that most non-framing fabric dates from renovations of 1897 and 1938.

Huge summers, corner posts, and girts visible on the interior of the house indicate the massiveness of the frame. J. Frederick Kelly states that the Moore House's front second-story overhang is the result of framing a second end girt outside of the first one, a comparatively rare means of framing in 17th century Connecticut architecture. The house originally has a two room plan and the crossed summers of both first floor rooms remain, although partitioning has altered the floor plan. Crossing summers is very unusual in early Connecticut framing, as is the use here of hard pine summers instead of the more usual oak ones.²

Three of the pendants of the front overhang are original. The fourth pendant is a replacement of the one which was probably destroyed when the house was attached to the William Loomis House in the early nineteenth century. During part of the 20th century a second original pendant was missing, but it was located and returned to the house. The drops are four sided with curved contour. Kelly notes that they are very similar to those of a 17th century house in Hereford, England.³

The two ornamental brackets under the corners of the gable overhang of the east end of the house are believed by Isham and Brown to be the only original examples remaining on a Connecticut 17th century house.⁴

The house originally faced the Windsor Green and was located at the corner of Elm and Broad Streets, about 100 yards east of its current site. It may have been moved about 1805 when it was attached to the William Loomis House. A photograph of the Moore House taken in the late 19th century while it was attached to the Loomis House (photograph # 1) reveals that it had only recently lost its central chimney and that its original arrangement of openings had already been modified. In addition, this photograph shows the brick nogging between studs of a section of the second story.

In 1897 the house was moved to its current lot on the south side of Elm Street. At this time its prior orientation facing east was retained. The house was extensively renovated. New sash was installed and the arrangement of openings altered. A one-story porch was built across the front of the house. Two interior chimneys replaced the central chimney (see photograph # 2). The interior plan was rearranged.

In 1938 when the house was turned so that its main facade faced Elm Street considerable changes were made. The porch was removed from the main (now north) facade. Windows were rearranged and the three second-story windows restored to their pre-1897 locations. The existing clapboard siding, double-hung sash windows, exterior doorways, and interior chimney near the east end and exterior chimney at the west end all date from 1938. The two-story porch attached to the western section of the rear (south) side was built in 1938. Its second story

See Continuation Sheet

3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
X 1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	X EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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 c. 1664

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built about 1664, the Deacon John Moore House despite being moved and altered retains notable and unusual features of Elizabethan style architecture. The two-story, frame house has a front framed second-story overhang with three original pendants or drops. The decorative brackets under its side gable overhang have been credited with being the only 17th century gable brackets existing in Connecticut.¹ The crossed summers of hard pine are another unusual feature.

The house is important historically since Deacon John Moore was one of the original settlers of Windsor, which is believed to be the first English settlement in Connecticut. The first settlers here arrived in 1633. Moore was the first deacon of the church and represented the town as a deputy at the General Court of the Colony in 1643.

Moore probably built this house in 1664 on a site facing the Windsor Green. In the 1690's his son, John Moore II, gave the house to his son Thomas. The house may have been moved about 1805 when it became an ell of the William Loomis House. While attached to the Loomis House it functioned as part of an inn.

In 1897 Horace Clark, a prominent local businessman, had both the Moore House and the William Loomis House moved so that he could build a new House on the lot at the corner of Elm and Broad Streets. The Moore House was moved about 100 yards to its current lot at 35 Elm Street where it was oriented so that the main facade faced east. The house was extensively altered at this time. In 1938 it was moved again when it was turned so that its main facade faced the street. Again extensive renovation was done with Claude Adams as architect. Although rented to tenants, the house remained in the Clark family until 1965 when its current owners acquired it.

¹ Norman M. Isham and Albert F. Brown, Early Connecticut Houses, 1900; reprint ed., New York: Dover, 1965, pp. 37-39

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.33 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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	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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

T. Robins Brown Consultant in Architectural History

ORGANIZATION

Connecticut Historical Commission

DATE

July 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

[Handwritten Signature]

TITLE

SHPo

DATE

12/16/76

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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