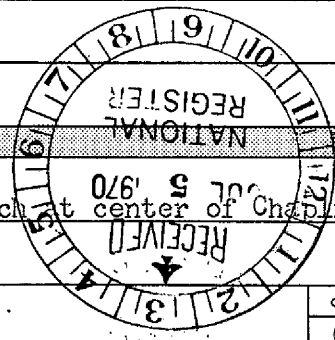


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: Windham	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.06.0008	DATE 10/6/70



1. NAME

COMMON:
Witter House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Chaplin Street, a short distance north of the church at center of Chaplin

CITY OR TOWN:
Chaplin

STATE Connecticut	CODE 06235	COUNTY: Windham	CODE 015
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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)
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Brae E. Rafferty, M.D.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Chaplin St.

CITY OR TOWN:
Chaplin

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Town Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Chaplin

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: WPA(1); Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey (2)

DATE OF SURVEY: (2) 1966 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: (1) Connecticut State Library
(2) Connecticut State Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER: (1) 90 Washington Street
(2) 75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN:
(1&2) Hartford

STATE:
Connecticut

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7. DESCRIPTION

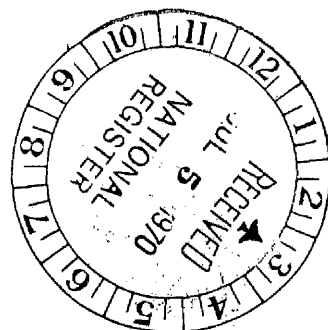
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Witter house is a solidly built Georgian mansion. It is a rectangular building with end chimneys and characteristic center hallway plan. A small ell projects from the back of the house. Externally the appearance of the imposing if not formidable. The roof is a monitor with small windows in it and it tops a large cornice with modillions. There are four tall chimneys. The horizontal mass of the facade is relieved by five vertical accents provided by the orderly arrangement of five shuttered windows on the second floor with four windows and a central door on the first. The windows are twelve over twelves with much of the original glass in place. The door has a fanlight overhead and arched sidelights. The semi-circular shape of the fanlight is repeated over every window of the house by a wooden fan with the pattern of a sunburst set into a niche in the brick wall. These semi-circular motifs together with the fanlight of the main entrance and a large semi-circular niche with a wooden fan over the side door help create a pleasing and unified design as well and interesting textural relief from the flat surface of the brick walls.

Inside, each of seven fireplaces had a differently designed mantel. The two front rooms have free-standing columns. The moldings about the paneled doors and windows are formal, but not elaborate. The flooring of the front rooms is of large, wide boards of American larch.

Solidly built in the late Georgian manner, yet reminiscent of fifty or more years earlier in details, the house is well-preserved. Framing, partitions, window panes (75%), even furniture, are original to the house.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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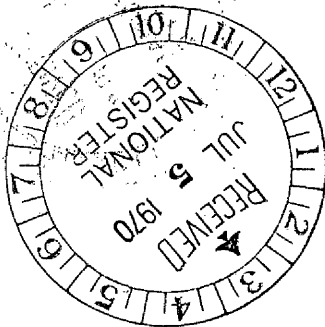
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house was built in 1820 - 21 by the first Dr. Orin Witter when he was just starting his practice. The name of the architect is not known. The next year (1822) the town of Chaplin was incorporated. Dr. Witter was the first Town Clerk. The house remained in the Witter family until 1960. Until then it was occupied primarily by doctors, e.g. Dr. Orin Witter II, and Dr. Orin Witter III. In 1960 it was purchased by another doctor, the present owner Brae Rafferty. Thus the Witter house has curiously remained a "Doctors House".

The primary significance of the house is architectural. It is a superb example of Georgian architecture--pleasingly designed, well-preserved, and practically unaltered. The house has a monitor roof used in much earlier houses and peculiar to New England. That construction began probably as a kind of hipped gambrel, then a vertical board was added to tighten the two pitches and eventually raised a foot or more. Little windows in the monitor roof are found in the Witter house and this is an unusual feature.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Crofut, F.S.M. Guide to the History and the Historic Sites of Connecticut. Vol. II. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1937.

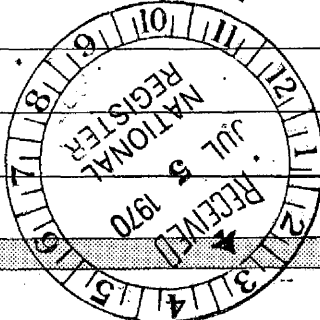
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 Acre.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Constance Luyster, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: April 3, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06

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

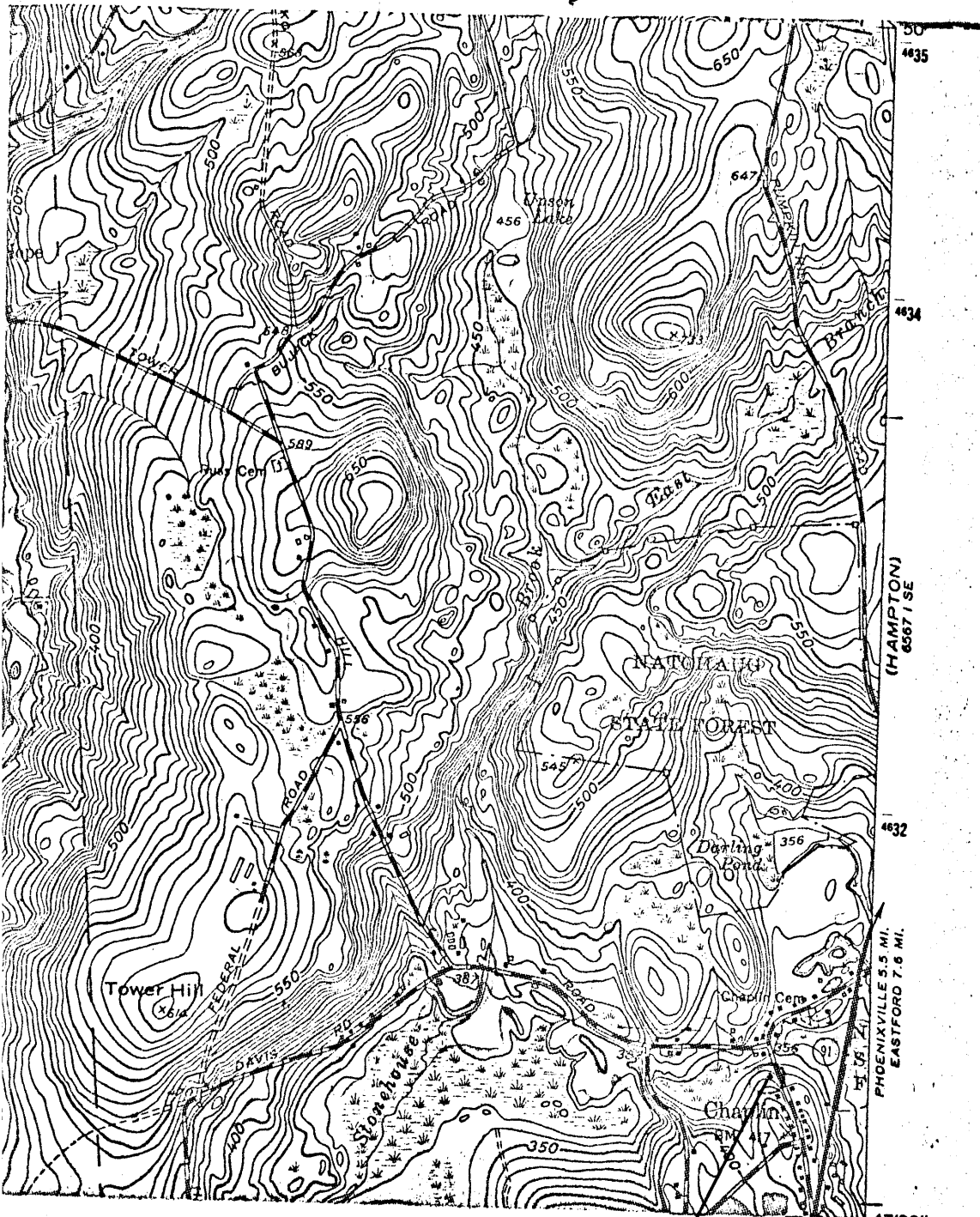
Name: [Signature]
 State Liaison Officer and Chairman
 Connecticut Historical Commission
 Date: April 3, 1970

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

[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
OCT 6 1970

Date: _____
 ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
AUG 20 1970
 Date: _____

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Winter House

Latitude $41^{\circ} 47' 47''$

Longitude $72^{\circ} 07' 46''$

$41^{\circ} 47' 30''$

$72^{\circ} 07' 30''$

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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CITY OR TOWN:

Chaplin

STATE:

Connecticut

CODE

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COUNTY:

Windham

CODE

015

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S. Geological Survey

SCALE: 1:2400

DATE: 1953

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

