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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: New Haven	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
71.3.09.0005	3/11/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Mansfield (Reverend Richard) House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
35 Jewett Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Ansonia

STATE Connecticut	CODE 09	COUNTY: New Haven	CODE 009
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Derby Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
37 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Ansonia

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
09

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Town Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Derby

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
09

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Connecticut Historic Landmarks and Structures

DATE OF SURVEY: 1966 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Hartford Historical Commission

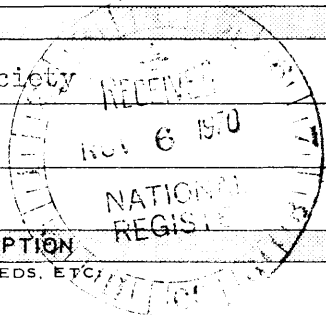
STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Hartford

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent
 Good
 Fair
 Deteriorated
 Ruins
 Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered
 Unaltered

(Check One)

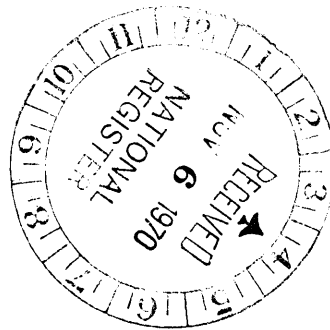
Moved
 Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Reverend Richard Mansfield House is a central chimney lean-to type of house showing the all stone chimney construction that is characteristic of mid-eighteenth century Connecticut work. The nine windows of the facade have twelve over twelve sash. The exterior is unpainted clapboards. There is an overhang at the eaves level and the center front door is two leaved with an iron latch.

Inside the house has a typical plan with five rooms on the first floor and four on the second. The leanto addition provides a large 10 x 20 foot room on the first floor level. There are three fireplaces on the first floor level, one with pilasters and paneling. The main stairway has square rails and the exposed ends are paneled, while the secondary stairway has turned balusters.

This house was moved across the street in 1926 when the original site was purchased by the Catholic Polish Society for a church. It was fitted into a niche scooped out of a steeply sloped hill which rises behind it. Though the facade retains its colonial visibility, the sides and leanto in the rear are absorbed into the land around and behind it.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian! 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1748

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Reverend Richard Mansfield house is significant because it is a typical center-chimney colonial building and because of its association with an Episcopal minister named Richard Mansfield who was locally important in the pre-revolutionary and post-revolutionary period.

Richard Mansfield was reared a Congregationalist in New Haven but during his education at Yale became a convert to the Episcopal Church. Though his determination to enter the ministry was opposed by his family he went to England for ordination and returned to Derby in 1748.

He encountered opposition from patriots during the pre-revolutionary period and was forced to flee to Long Island after a bitter reaction to his sermon on the text "Fear God; honor the king." After his return to Derby Dr. Mansfield was closely observed so that his sermons did not encourage loyalist feelings.

It is also said that his son-in-law arranged to have his own brother, John Humphreys, take the place of the guard in the church to see that the devoted Loyalist did not preach against the American cause. After the war Dr. Mansfield's opposition to the cause of liberty in the colonies seems to have been forgotten in the piety and zeal he manifested toward his church and in the meek but dignified deportment he exhibited toward all who entertained different religious views from himself.

In person, Dr. Mansfield was tall, venerable, and commanding, and for fifty years scarcely changed the cut or color of his garments. He was rector of the Episcopal Church in Derby for seventy-two years without a break, the longest pastorate that had occurred in any Episcopal church in this country. He died in 1820, at the age of ninety-six.

¹Bertha Chadwick Trowbridge (ed.), Old Houses of Connecticut.
New Haven: Yale University Press, 1926, p. 236.

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NEW HAVEN, CT

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Florence S. Marcy Crofut, Guide to the History and the Historic Sites of Connecticut. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1937.

Bertha Chadwick Trowbridge (ed), Old Houses of Connecticut. Published by the Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames of America. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1926.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: []

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Constance Luyster, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: October 15, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm 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]
State Liaison Officer and Chairman
Title: Connecticut Historical Commission

Date: October 15, 1970

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAR 11 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: FEB 8 1971

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