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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM 1:8	68:78:8:04:5:71:5:00
QUAD:	Branford
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)
Hezekiah Palmer House

2. TOWN/CITY: Branford VILLAGE: Stony Creek COUNTY: New Haven

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location): 340-408 Leete's Island Road Map J8, Block 3, Lot 1; .46 acres

4. OWNER(S): Robert J. Sanzero et ux Public Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)
One-Family Dwelling Same

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD: Yes No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE: Yes No IF YES, EXPLAIN:

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: New England Colonial/Greek Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1800-1830

8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Other (Specify) _____
 Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding Fieldstone
 Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone
 Aluminum Siding Concrete Type: _____ Cut stone Type: _____

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 Wood frame Post end beam balloon
 Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel
 Other (Specify) _____

10. ROOF (Type):
 Gable Flat Mansard Monitor sawtooth
 Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other (Specify) _____
 (Material)
 Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate
 Asphalt shingle Built up Tile Other (Specify) _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 34 ft x 27 ft

12. CONDITION (Structural): (Exterior)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location): (Alterations)
 On original site Moved WHEN? _____ IF YES, EXPLAIN: Gable windows altered (date unknown)
 Yes No

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 Barn Shed Garage Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____
 Carriage house Shop Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Open land Wood-land Residential Scattered buildings visible from site
 Commercial Indus-trial Rural High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
Located in the village of Stony Creek at the junction of three main roads; a neighborhood of mostly nineteenth-century buildings.

(OVER)

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Constructed on a rectangular plan with its ridge parallel to the street, this structure has a moderate roof pitch and minimal overhangs at the cornices. Its brick center chimney straddles the ridge. It has a nine-window facade and a five-window gable. Windows have twelve-over-twelve sash. Its entry has Doric pilasters and a three-part entablature with a projecting cornice. A large fixed window on the south side is the only significant alteration.

18 ARCHITECT
N/A

BUILDER
Unknown

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was recorded on the WPA survey and dated 1830 as this was the date carved in a beam of the house. It appears from land record research that the house had been built earlier by James and Nancy Palmer, parents of Hezekiah Palmer who owned the house in 1852. James Palmer was lost in a shipwreck in 1831.

It is interesting to note that the very large boxwood by the front door, noted on the WPA survey, is still present. This well-preserved transitional Colonial/Greek Revival house is important as an example of a transitional period in Branford's collection of colonial houses.

SOURCES

Maps: Whitford, 1852; Smith, 1856; Beers, 1868.
 Branford Land Records, Vol. 45, p. 83.
 W.P.A. Federal Writers Project. "Census of Old or Distinctive Buildings in the State of Connecticut," c.1936, No. 33

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VIEW
West & North Elevations

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Development Other

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Flood