

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM 1:8 6:8 2:9 3:0 4:5 7:1 9:1 0	
QUAD:	Branford
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) Private Residence		(Historic) Isaac Palmer House	
2. TOWN CITY Branford		VILLAGE	COUNTY New Haven
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 736-756 Main Street & Cedar Street Map D7, Block 9, Lot 13; .64 acres			
4. OWNER(S) Ray U., Jr. & Anne MacCreedy Plant <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present) Two-Family Dwelling		(Historic) One-Family Dwelling	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
7. STYLE OF BUILDING Federal		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c.1810	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____			
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon			
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
(Material)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2 1/2		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 53 feet x 35 feet	
12. CONDITION (Structural) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated			
(Exterior) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated			
13. INTEGRITY (Location) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved		WHEN? (Alterations) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
IF YES, EXPLAIN Garage at rear - date unknown			
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden			
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density			
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
Located on main thoroughfare through Branford (Boston Post Road); buffered by a small green from Main Street; a mixed residential/commercial neighborhood.			

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

Constructed on a rectangular plan with its ridge parallel to the street and an ell at its northeast corner, this structure has a steeply pitched roof with a brick, center chimney suggesting a five-room plan. Its roof has widely overhanging gables with cornice returns. It has a nine-window facade with twelve-over-twelve sash and projecting cornice moldings. At the ell, its windows have a variety of sash types; some six-over-six, some eight-over-twelve. Its center entry features a paneled door flanked by sidelights with paneled spandrels and by wide Doric pilasters. Its is capped by a three-part entablature with a projecting cornice.

18. ARCHITECT: N/A

BUILDER: Attributed to Linus Robinson

SIGNIFICANCE

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The W.P.A. survey dated the Isaac Palmer House 1834, noting that it was a "good example" of first half of nineteenth century. Recent research suggests that the house was built c.1810, possibly by Linus Robinson who shortly after sold it to John Hobart and Edmund Palmer. The Palmer family continued to own the house throughout the nineteenth century.

The house is an exceptionally well-preserved example of the Federal style in Branford.

SOURCES

W.P.A. Federal Writers Project, "Census of Old or Distinctive Buildings in the State of Connecticut," c.1936, No. 34.
 Maps: Whiteford, 1852; Smith, 1856; Beers, 1868; Bailey, 1881; Hughes & Bailey, 1905; Sanborn, 1924.
 Branford Land Records, Vol. 17, p.245.

PHOTO

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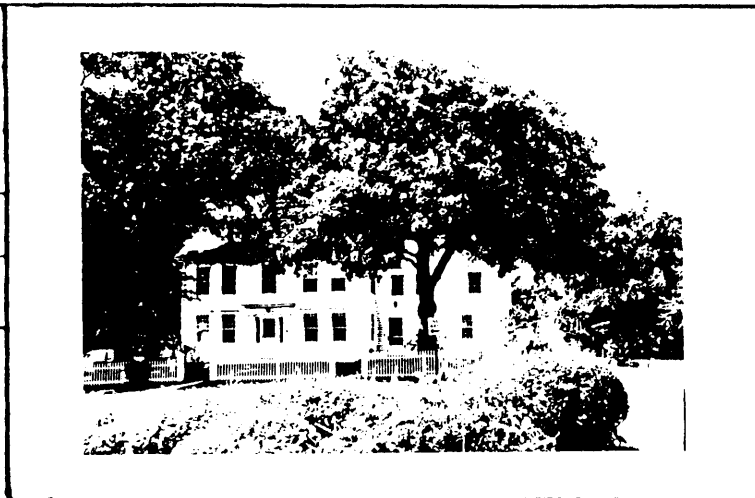
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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandallism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanatlon _____