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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
Connecticut

COUNTY:
New Haven

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ENTRY DATE:
001 - 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Pelatiah, Leete, House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Leete Family Homestead

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Leetes Island Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Guilford vicinity

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
#3- Robert N. Giaino

STATE: Connecticut

CODE: 09

COUNTY: New Haven

CODE: 009

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Dr. and Mrs. Levin Waters

STREET AND NUMBER:
Leetes Island Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Guilford

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
09

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Town Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Town Hall

CITY OR TOWN:
Guilford

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
09

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:
1973

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Connecticut Historical Commission

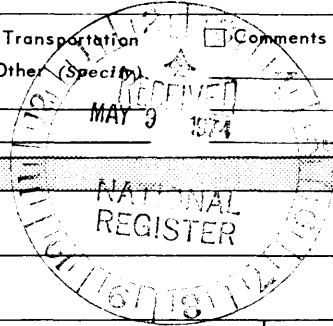
STREET AND NUMBER:
59 S. Prospect Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Hartford

STATE:
Connecticut

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009

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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 Pelatiah Leete House is an early 18th-century "salt-box" house which has been preserved by the Leete family and successive owners. It is a 2 1/2 story, rectangular-plan, clapboard sided frame house, set upon a field-stone foundation. A 19th-century "tack room" (now pantry) is appended to the north-east corner of the structure. The medium-pitch gable roof is pierced by a stone central chimney, and the rear flank of the roof is extended to form the characteristic "salt-box" appearance. The house was apparently constructed as a "salt-box" since the exposed interior wall surfaces deny that a lean-to was added in later years.

The two-story main(south)facade is divided into three bays. An entrance portal, contained in the ground floor of the central bay, is embellished with fluted pilasters and is surmounted by a Greek Revival style pediment. Fenestration is double-hung sash type throughout. Sashes are replacements but were copied from an early window remaining in the house. Windows in the main elevation are 8-over-12 light in the end bays, and 6-over-6 light above the entrance portal. A plain wood box cornice surmounts the main elevation.

The side elevations(east and west)contain one window in each floor and attic aligned vertically below the roof peak, with additional windows placed toward the rear of each facade. A plain wood cornice appears on both side elevations. The single-story rear elevation contains a centrally placed secondary access flanked by one window on the west of the doorway, and two windows to the east which are surmounted by two single-sash windows. The oak clapboard siding, drip mouldings, and roof shingles are recent replacements.

The interior contains three major rooms on each floor. An elongated rectangular room is situated across the rear of each floor, and two smaller rooms are located to either side of the central chimney. Large stone fireplaces are provided in all three ground floor rooms, and in the west room on the second floor. A vestibule hallway is positioned directly behind the main entrance. A great deal of early interior fabric has been uncovered and restored by the present owners.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Ca. 1710

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pelatiah Leete House is a landmark building in Guilford. It is important not only for its relatively early date and degree of preservation, but is significant as the homestead of one of Guilford's founding families. Pelatiah Leete built the house about 1710 on a tract of land which had been settled by his grandfather, Governor William Leete, at the time of the founding of the community about 1640. The Pelatiah Leete House is the oldest extant Leete family residence in Guilford, and is surrounded by numerous other Leete family houses of later construction. Pelatiah Leete farmed the property adjoining his residence until his death in 1768 at age 87.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Abstract of Title, Pelatiah Leete House, in possession of the owners: Dr. and Mrs. Levin Waters, Leetes Island Road, Guilford, Connecticut.
2. Dudley, David and Helander, Joel, research notes in preparation for Guilford historic district proposal (typescript and map), in possession of Dr. and Mrs. Levin Waters.
3. Leete, Edward L., The Family of William Leete. New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse and Taylor, 1884.

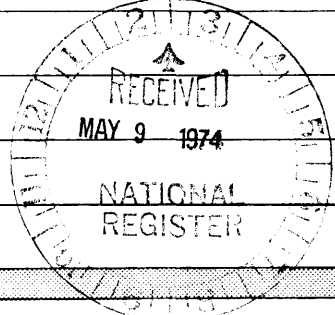
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		41 ° 15 ' 55 "	72 ° 43 ' 29 "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than ten *approx 2 acres*

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:
Stephen J. Raiche, Historic Sites Researcher

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: 12/11/73

STREET AND NUMBER:
59 S. Prospect 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 *Edward H. Penwell*
~~William J. ...~~ HARLAN H. BRISWOLD, ACTING
Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date *May 6, 1974*

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

A. K. ...
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date *10/1/74*

ATTEST:
Wm. ...
Keeper of The National Register

Date *9. 27. 74*

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4. "Gem of a Saltbox", New York Times Magazine, (November 25, 1973)

