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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: New London	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.09.0027	DATE 10/15/70

1. NAME

COMMON: Dr. Philip Turner House

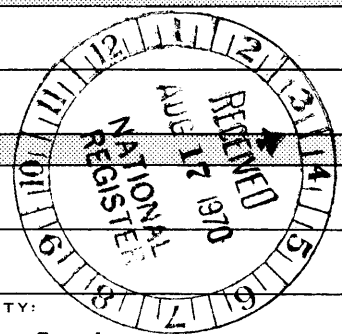
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
29 West Town Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Norwichtown

STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06360 COUNTY: New London CODE: 011



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"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. Robert Ashe

STREET AND NUMBER:
29 West Town Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Norwichtown

STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Uncas Branch--Hartford National Bank

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 10

CITY OR TOWN:
Norwich

STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1968 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Connecticut Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Hartford

STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house faces southwest. It sits at least a hundred feet from the road in a hollow on a narrow lot and blends into the trees and greenery around it. The form of the building is that of a half house. The facade consists of a three bay front with a door on the eastern side. It has an entrance hallway and is two rooms deep with the leanto area used for a kitchen and storage.

The most interesting feature of the exterior is the dramatic line of the roof on the leanto side which sweeps down to no higher than six feet above the ground. This roof-line has one break in it which suggests that an additional leanto was added to the first in order to extend the house further to the rear. Clapboards which remain on the interior walls at the line of the break in the roof further substantiate this judgement.

Although the windows are not the originals some of the sash is old. The majority of the windows have six lights over six although on the southeast side of the house some of the windows are nine over six. The chimney is not centrally located but is placed in the northeastern section of the house. The chimney is stone in the interior, although the original has been replaced with brick on the outside.

The foundation consists of stone without mortar. In the basement the chimney shape is that of an H. The spaces within the H are closets. In the entrance hall the stair is located on the south. The room on the west has a panelled end with a fireplace. On the second floor a small bedroom on the southwest has wainscoting of wide pine boards and the large bedroom has a fireplace in a panelled wall.

Many of the clapboards on the exterior are wedgeshaped and have old nails.



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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)

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 type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | Associated with a |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | successful surgeon |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | of the revolutionary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | war. |
| <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

This building sits on a lot designated at the time of the Norwich Tricentennial as the homelot of Dr. Philip Turner. Its significance is both architectural and historical. It is believed to have been built prior to 1700, and its plan is an interesting variant of the usual salt box floor plan which provokes speculation regarding its evolution.

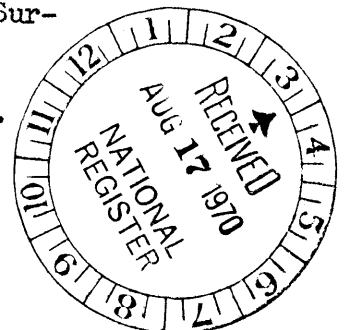
However, the history of the building needs further investigation. The primary evidence that this was the homelot of Dr. Philip Turner is the remains of a foundation of a small building located on the adjacent southeast lot, which is believed to be the foundation of the doctor's office and which is known to have been located near his home. However, it is also the case that in the revolutionary period the road ran by what is now the rear of the house, and it is improbable that the leanto would have faced the road. This is the most obvious puzzle with regard to the history of the house.

This house has significance also in its association with Dr. Turner who

was the Surgeon General of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, assistant surgeon of the Army at Ticonderoga and First Surgeon of the Connecticut Troops at Boston.

In 1777 Congress appointed him Director-General of the General Hospital and later made him Surgeon-General of the Eastern Department, where he remained until nearly the end of the War. He moved to New York in 1800, continued his practice and was appointed Surgeon to the Staff of the United States Army.¹

¹From Norwich Historic Homes and Families, p. 90.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

C. Doroshevich and M. O'Keefe, Norwich Historic Homes and Families.
Stonington, Conn: The Pequot Press, Inc., 1967.

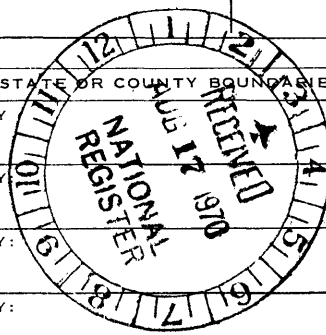
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
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NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	41	32	55
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	72	05	55
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: $1\frac{1}{2}$

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: **June 30, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Hartford** STATE: **Connecticut** CODE: **06**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 **July 15, 1970**

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

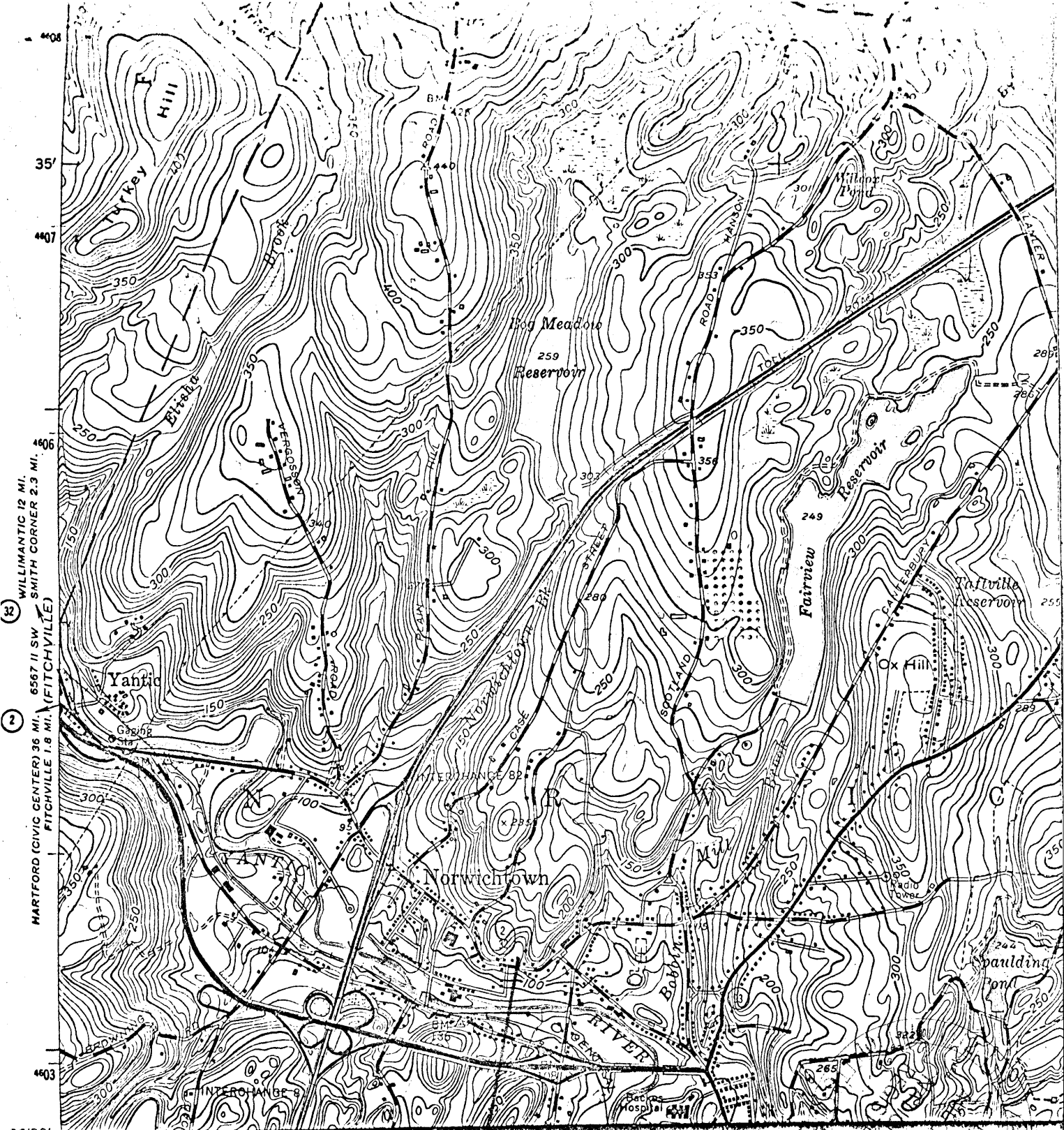
[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date **001 15 1970**

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date **SEP 25 1970**



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SMITH CORNER 2.3 MI.
6567 II SW
FITCHVILLE 1.8 MI. (FITCHVILLE)

HARTFORD (CIVIC CENTER) 36 MI.
FITCHVILLE 1.8 MI. (FITCHVILLE)



DR Philip Turner House

Latitude 41° 32' 55"
Longitude 72° 05' 55"

