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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC *plu* Lyman House

AND/OR COMMON
Town and County Club

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
22 Woodland Street

CITY, TOWN
Hartford

--- NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

--- VICINITY OF #1- William Cotter

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE
Connecticut 09 Hartford 003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: club

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Town and County Club

STREET & NUMBER
22 Woodland Street

CITY, TOWN STATE
Hartford Connecticut

--- VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. City Hall

STREET & NUMBER
550 Main Street

CITY, TOWN STATE
Hartford Connecticut

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Connecticut Statewide Inventory of Historic Resources

DATE 1975

--- FEDERAL STATE --- COUNTY --- LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Connecticut Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN STATE
Hartford, Connecticut

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

About ten blocks west of Hartford's central business district is Woodland Street. A fairly busy street, it is bordered by many apartment buildings and a few old houses. On the east side of Woodland about two blocks south of Asylum Street is the old Lyman House, now used as a meeting place by the Hartford Town and County Club.

The house is elegantly situated upon a small rise and is beautifully landscaped. It is a three story, three bay Federal style building constructed with yellow bricks and embellished with quoins and key-stone lintels above the windows. The center bay, also decorated with quoins, projects from the facade slightly and is surmounted by a gable with returns. Just beneath the gable, on the third floor, is a Palladian window, typical of the Federal style. A modillion and dentil cornice at roof line and under the gable, draws attention to the height of the building. Yet a projecting semicircular Doric columned porch surrounding the entry seems to accent its width, as does a slightly projecting belt course above the second floor. Six chimneys are situated on the slope sides of the hip roof, and semicircular bays stand out on the south and west elevations.

In summary, this old home has a very sturdy, blocklike appearance typical of its classical style, and, situated as it is, presents a very imposing, yet gracious, facade to Woodland Street.

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Modifications to Main Building Block

The only major alteration to the original Lyman House was undertaken in 1929-30. On October 31, 1930 a ballroom, which had been described as an "auditorium" in the architectural plans, was formally opened with an evening reception. At the time of the ballroom addition, a new and larger dining room was added where there previously was a small porch. The south windows of the original dining room were eliminated when the ballroom was added to the main structure. In 1975 a corridor connecting the kitchen and ballroom to facilitate service for large parties is being built at the rear of the house. From the exterior, it will appear as an extension of the dining room.

Reference: "Golden Anniversary, The Town and County Club, Hartford, Connecticut, Pamphlet, 1975.



8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1895

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Melvin and Edward Hapgood

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The old Town and County Club on Woodland Street was built in 1895 for the lawyer, Theodore Lyman and his family in what was then the most distinguished residential area in Hartford. After Lyman's widow, Laure, died in 1924, the home was bought by the Town and County Club in 1925.

When Lyman wanted to build a house he went to the firm of Hapgood and Hapgood, an architectural partnership of cousins, Melvin Hathaway Hapgood and Edward T. Hapgood. Very little is known about Melvin except that he died in 1899. His brother, Edward, however, is known to have been connected with the planning of other buildings throughout Connecticut, such as the Manchester Hall of Records, Simsbury High School, and he also helped design the Connecticut State Building at the St. Louis Expo in 1904. Edward also worked with New York architect, Donn Barber while he was designing the State Library and Supreme Court Building (1910).

The Lyman house is an elegant example of the architectural style in vogue at the turn-of-the-century and, as such, is worthy of notice. It is in excellent condition and, in the hands of the Town and County Club, is likely to remain so.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

UTM REFERENCES

UTM shown

A	1, 8	6, 9, 10, 0, 0	4, 6, 2, 6, 4, 5, 0	B		
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING
C				D		

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Christine B. Brockmeyer, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Connecticut Historical Commission

DATE

July 7, 1975.

STREET & NUMBER

59 South Prospect Street

TELEPHONE

(203) 566-3005

CITY OR TOWN

Hartford

STATE

Connecticut

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

John W. Shuman

TITLE **STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER**

DATE **7/28/75**

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Attesting

John A. [Signature]

DATE

10/31/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Ronald W. [Signature]

DATE

10/31/75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

[Signature]

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Biographical Information: Theodore Lyman (builder of original structure).

The following material is abstracted from Theodore Lyman's obituary, which appeared in the Hartford Courant on August 13, 1920:

Theodore Lyman was born in Hartford, January 4, 1824; was a graduate of Yale College, class of 1855; studied law and was admitted to the Bar in 1859; practiced law in Hartford for nearly 40 years. He attained a high reputation as an honorable and able exponent of law of real property. His relations at times included some of the large corporations of the city. In 1883 he succeeded his father, Christopher C. Lyman, as Director of the Hartford Fire Insurance Co. He was a vice president of Society for Savings, a major Hartford bank and was Director of Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. and Trustee of Hartford, Connecticut Trust Co. Theodore Lyman died in Hartford in August, 1920 at the age of 86.

