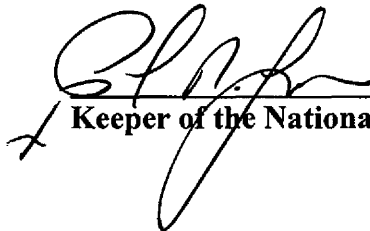




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The attached property, the Fairfield Historic District, in Fairfield County, Connecticut, reference number 71000897, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 03/24/1971, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of Tuesday, February 6, 1979, Part II, Vol. 44, No. 26, page 7440. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.


Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

2/12/2009
Date

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: Fairfield	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Fairfield Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Uncowaye

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: All buildings bordering the Old Post Road from its intersection with the Post Road to its intersection with Turney Road (see continuation sheet 1a)

CITY OR TOWN:
Fairfield

STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09 COUNTY: Fairfield CODE: 001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" 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:
List of the owners of the properties not available at this time.

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Town Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Fairfield STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Connecticut Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09

STATE: Connecticut
COUNTY: Fairfield
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

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because a servant hiding in the house put out the fire. It is owned by the Misses Emily and Catherine Porter.

303 Beach Road This center chimney colonial house was originally a salt-box. At the time of the burning of the town by the British Mrs. Jonathan Bulkley whose brother piloted the landing of the British forces is believed to have arranged that the houses on Beach Road be spared. When this was learned returning colonial troops believing her a Tory threatened for a while to destroy her and her house. The house is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Glover.

349 Beach Road This is one of the few examples of a salt box in the Historic District. It was built prior to 1750. It is now owned by Mrs. C.G. Williams.

739 Old Post Road - The Burr Mansion is located southwest of the Town Hall and the Town Green to the rear of the Old Academy. It is a building which was built in 1740 as a two-chimney colonial with a wide center hall. The building was adapted to the Greek Revival Style in 1840. The roof was raised and a two story portico was added in the front, the roof of which is framed into the house just below the frieze which is plain. There are eyebrow windows in the frieze to admit light to the third story. The mansion has a long history of association with eminent persons including President Dwight of Yale and the artists John Trumbull and John Singleton Copley. It is now owned by the town of Fairfield and is used for town offices.

952 Old Post Road Built about 1750 this house is located on the Old Post Road around the corner from the Burr Mansion. It is an excellent example of the smaller houses erected at that time. It was the home-
stead of Andrew Rowland and was spared in the burning of Fairfield in 1779.

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(Continuation Sheet)

STATE Connecticut	
COUNTY Fairfield	
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2. LOCATION continued

excepting the two structures on the corner of the Post Road, and it includes the buildings southeast and northeast of the Town Hall on both sides of Beach Road to a point just before the Old Burying Ground which is on the southwest side of Beach Road and is included in the historic district. The total area of the district is about 35 acres.

8. 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)

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Fairfield Historic District includes approximately 75 buildings in a variety of architectural styles. These range from the limited number of pre-revolutionary houses which survived the burning of the town by the British to and including a Romanesque library built in 1890 and a variety of Victorian Residences. All of the buildings taken together form a totality the richness of which eludes attempts at documentation, but which is comprised of the complex relationships of open and closed spaces and the counterpoint within and between differing architectural styles. Thus the Fairfield Historic District is significant because it is an impressive and aesthetically pleasing totality, and it is also significant from an historical point of view because it was the focal point of the first English settlement in the area and an important British target during the Revolutionary War.

After the conclusion of the Pequot war in 1637 when the area appeared secure from further Indian warfare Roger Ludlowe and a small group of Englishmen purchased a large expanse of land from the Indians which consisted of present day Fairfield, Greens Farms, Redding, Weston, Easton and the western section of Bridgeport. At that time the area was called Uncowaye meaning "looking forward -- a valley," and at the time of settlement had belonged to the Pequonock Indians. The Four Squares area which comprises the major part of the Historic District was laid out immediately after the purchase of lands, and the earliest development of the town of Fairfield took place there.

During the Revolutionary War Fairfield became a British target in part because it was the center of whaleboat warfare along the sound. In July of 1779 General Tryon attacked the town and in two days Hessians burned two hundred houses and all public buildings. When Washington passed through the town on his presidential tour in 1789 he recorded in his diary that "The Destructive evidences of British cruelty are yet visible both in Norwalk and Fairfield."

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

F.S.M. Crofut. Guide to the History and the Historic Sites of Connecticut. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1937.

Fairfield, Conn: 1639 - 1964. Booklet published by the town of Fairfield on the three hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Fairfield.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	41	08	55"	73	15	24"
NE	41	08	55"	73	14	36"
SE	41	08	20"	73	14	36"
SW	41	08	20"	73	15	24"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 60

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Constance Luyster, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: September 29, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm 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: [Signature]
State Liaison Officer and Chairman
Title: Connecticut Historical Commission

Date: September 29, 1970

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
Town Hall — Fairfield, Conn.

+Added 9/23/91

FAIRFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

OLD POST ROAD HISTORIC DISTRICT

BEACH ROAD

Street #	Map #	Lot #
205	139	400
239	"	399
249	"	398
289	"	397
290	"	443
303	"	396
340	"	445
349	"	395
420	"	448
364	"	446
370	"	447

BELMONT STREET

90	141	28
110	"	29

OLD POST ROAD

85	130	152A
86	141	2
106	"	3
111	139	359
121	"	358
126	141	4
---	"	5 (625 Post Road, no number on Old Post Road)
139	139	357
153	"	356
157	"	355
164	141	6
174	"	7
175	139	354
186	141	8
197	139	353
215	"	352
224	141	30
229	139	351
236	141	31
237	139	350

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OLD POST ROAD (Cont'd)

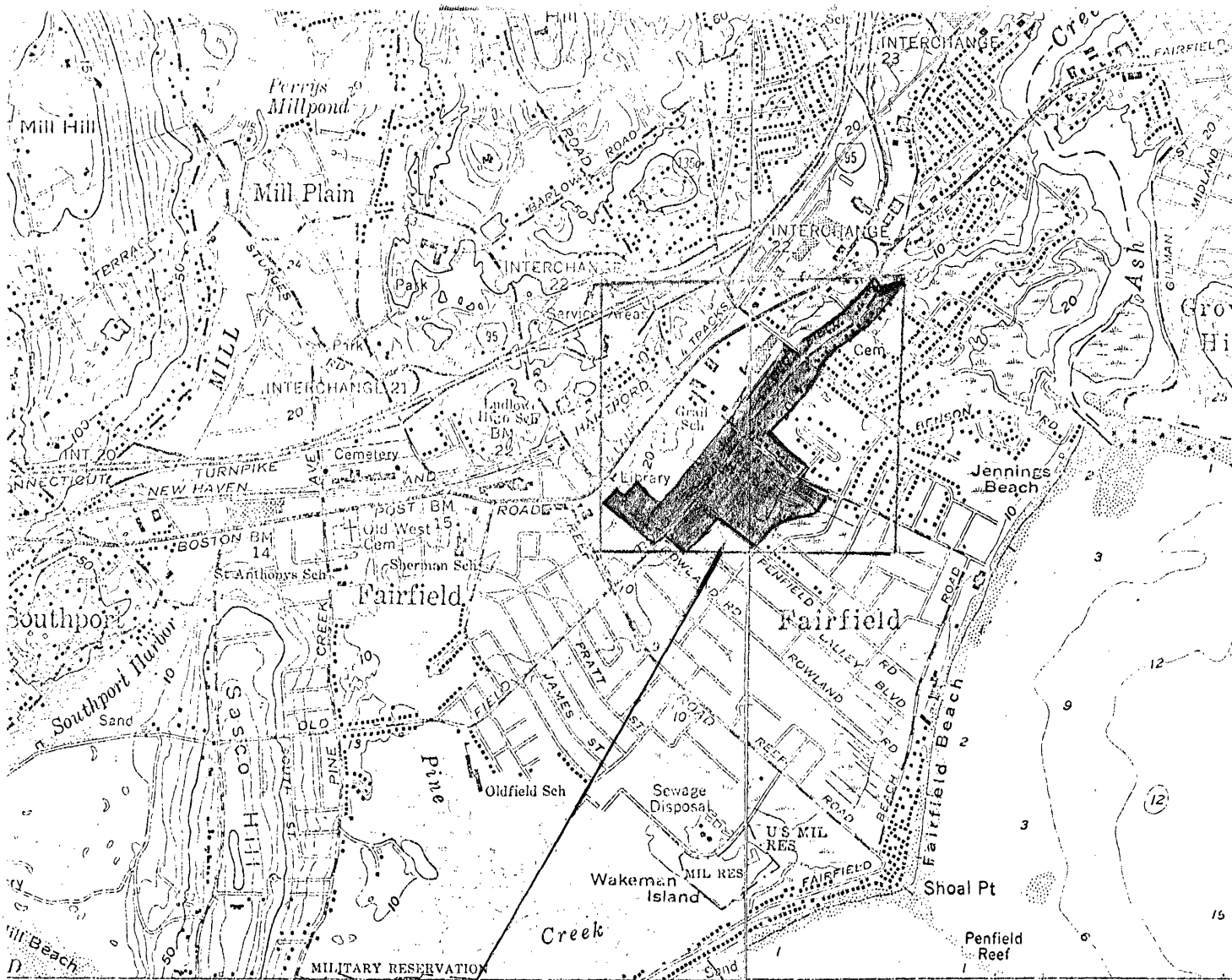
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255	139	349
260	141	33
261	139	348
270	141	34
271	139	347
290	141	36
307	139	335
+310	141	2 (new sub-division)
311	"	334
323	"	333
360	141	38
363	139	407
383	"	406
388	141	39
401	139	405A
406	141	40
415	139	401
432	"	449
455	"	404
458	"	450
466	"	450A
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543	"	401
556	"	453
600	"	454
611	"	442
661	"	441
666	"	456
686	"	455
698	"	457
---	"	444 (1 Town Hall Green, no number on Old Post Road)
720	182	598
739	"	440
740	"	599
766	"	600
801	"	179
808	"	601
826	"	602
841	"	177
842	"	603
880	"	604
889	"	176
915	"	610

OLD POST ROAD (Cont'd)

Street #	Map #	Lot #
920	"	604A
931	182	609
952	"	605
953	"	608
970	"	606
981	"	607
996	180	1
1000	"	1A
1010	"	2
1005	"	25
1020	"	3
1029	"	24
1038	"	4
1047	"	22
	"	4A (town parking lot)

SOUTH BENSON ROAD

+ 131	141	15
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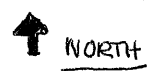


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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty ————— Light-duty - - - - -
- Medium-duty ———— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
- Interstate Route ◡ U. S. Route ○ State Route



WESTPORT, CONN.
N4107.5—W7315/7.5

1960

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CONNECTICUT
LOCATION

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