

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: New London	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.12.09.0040	DATE 12/2/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
(Old Huguenot House) *[Hempstead Nathaniel]*

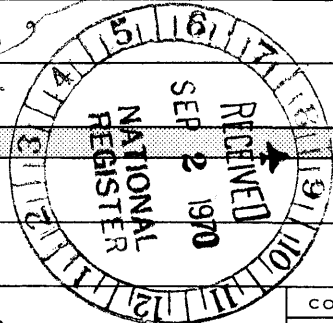
AND/OR HISTORIC:
House.

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Corner Jay, Hempstead, Coit, and Truman Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
New London

STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06320 COUNTY: New London CODE: 011



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input 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 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) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Charlotte Douglass and Philip E. Douglass, Jr. *See letter Feb. 2, 1972*

STREET AND NUMBER:
Corner Jay, Hempstead, Coit, and Truman Streets

CITY OR TOWN: New London STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Municipal Building

STREET AND NUMBER:
New London

CITY OR TOWN: New London STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: (1) Historic American Buildings Survey (CONN-208)
(2) Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: (2) 1967 (1) ? Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: (1) Library of Congress
(2) Connecticut Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
(2) 75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN: (1) Washington, D.C. STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06
(2) Hartford

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 Old Huguenot House is a one and a half story stone house with a gambrel roof. It stands now as the pituresque focal point of a busy New London intersection, wrapped in a wild overgrowth of ivy and so well-covered that the only apertures visible are the two dormer windows, a centrally located skylight, and the doorway.

Under the ivy the building has three double hung windows on the front which faces southeast. Two of these are located at the eastern end and the other is between the southern end of the building and the door. On the southwestern end of the building are four more windows: two on the ground floor located near the corners of the building and two windows located near the corners of the gambrel roof at the second floor level. The organization of window openings on the southwest is not duplicated on the northeastern side since there is only one window on the first floor and that is located near the north corner.

There are two chimneys located on each end of the building. The roof is shingled with asphaltic shingles and these are continued around the roof dormers which are later additions. These dormers are flat-topped and narrow with six over six sash. The dressed stone of which the building is constructed is granite. It is laid in regular horizontal beds with the use of a small amount of mortar.



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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) c. 1759

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 | <u>Focal point of</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>local tradition</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>of Huguenot workers</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | <u>temporarily in</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <u>New London.</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Huguenot House is the only structure of its type in New London. The house was built about 1759 by Nathaniel Hempsted, grandson of Joshua Hempsted--who was author of the Hempsted Diary a chronicle of the life in New London from 1728 to 1758. Because gambrel-roofed houses were not usually built of stone the story of the origins of this house seemed to require explanation: Hence, a local tradition arose that the building was constructed by Huguenots who lived for a while in New London.

However, efforts to find records of Huguenot workers in New London in the mid-eighteenth century prove to be fruitless. A more probable explanation is that some of the Acadians who had been exiled by the British from Nova Scotia and who arrived in New London in 1756 were the laborers who constructed the house. It is well-established that soon after their arrival some Acadians were employed for the construction in stone of the home of Captain Nathaniel Shaw, a wealthy merchant of New London. Since these Acadians did not return to Nova Scotia until 1767, it is not unlikely that they also worked on the construction of Nathaniel Hempsted's house.

Further evidence that the work was done by Frenchmen is the kind of stone-work: the stone is evenly finished and laid in regular horizontal beds which is characteristically French (whereas rubblework is characteristically English). Another piece of evidence is a note in Joshua Hempsted's diary of a Peter Frenchman and a Peter Frenchboy who were employed by him doing "suitable work."

Thus the Huguenot House is significant as the source of a local and probably erroneous tradition of Huguenot laborers passing through the town, as well as being a picturesque gambrel-roofed structure which is unique for the area. It is also important for its location which is adjacent to the Hempsted house, a property of the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society and one of the oldest houses in Connecticut.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"The So-called Huguenot House, c. 1759, New London, Connecticut", by Gordon Bodenwein in Old-Time New England, Bulletin of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (Volume XXXIV, No. 3) January, 1944.

Florence S. Marcy Crofut, Guide to the History and the Historic Sites of Connecticut, Vol. II. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1937.

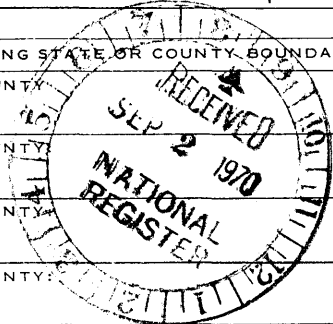
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 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: **July 16, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm Street

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

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 July 16, 1970

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
DEC 2 1970

Date _____

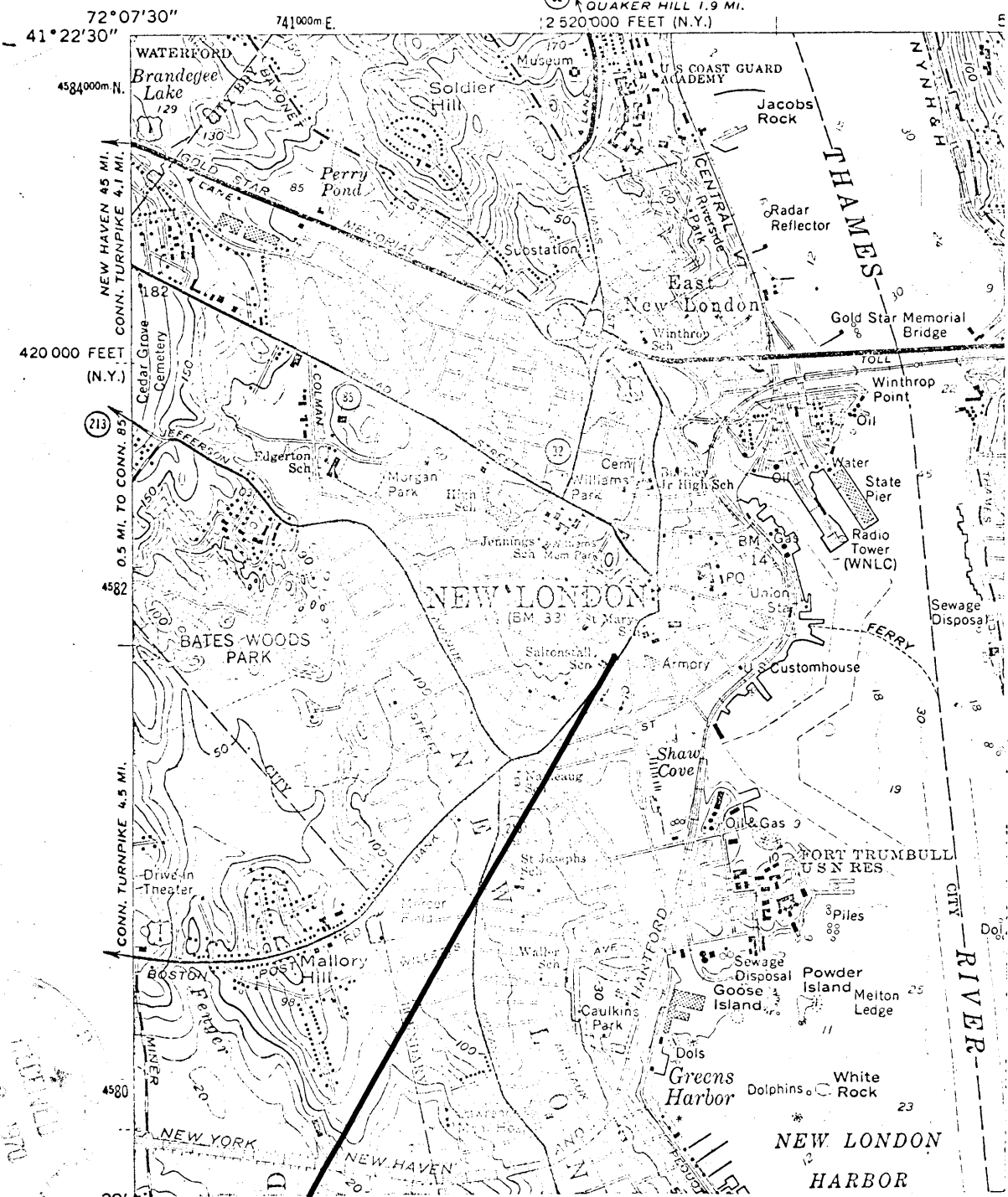
ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register
OCT 27 1970

Date _____

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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QUAKER HILL 1.9 MI.
2 520 000 FEET (N.Y.)



OLD HUGUENOT HOUSE
Latitude 41° 21' 06"
Longitude 72° 06' 09"