

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106  
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**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM**

For Buildings and Structures

32

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>			
TOWN NO.:		SITE NO.:	
UTM: 18	/	/	/
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Sports Building Historic: Sports Building
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Norfolk VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Litchfield
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Windrow Road, north side
- 4. OWNER(S): Edward C. & Elizabeth C. Childs, Windrow Road, Norfolk, CT PUBLIC  PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Sports Building Historic: 06058 Sports Building
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes  no  
Interior accessible: yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_  no

**DESCRIPTION**

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Medieval Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1930
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):  

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input type="checkbox"/> brick
<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fieldstone, rubble
<input type="checkbox"/> board & batten	<input type="checkbox"/> stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> cobblestone
<input type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete: type: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:  
 wood frame;  post and beam  balloon  
 load bearing masonry  structural iron or steel  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. ROOF: type:  
 gable  flat  mansard  monitor  sawtooth  
 gambrel  shed  hip  round  other \_\_\_\_\_  
material:  
 wood shingle  roll asphalt  tin  slate variegated  
 asphalt shingle  built up  tile  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 1½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 62 x 68'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  
Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alterations:  no  yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 barn  shed  garage  other landscape features or buildings: \_\_\_\_\_  
 carriage house  shop  garden House and barns.
- 15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  
 open land  woodland  residential  scattered buildings visible from site  
 commercial  industrial  rural  high building density
- 16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The Sports Building is located between the barns and the house, overlooking a steep slope. There is a pleasant view of the hills from the terrace.

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

The Sports Building is a 1½-story rectangle with a round tower at the northeast corner. The walls are fieldstone, the roof slate (up to 2½" thick), and the interior framing hand-hewn oak and chestnut timbers. Interior wall boarding, like the timbers, was taken from old barns. The floor plan of the lower level consists of a badminton court, a fives court, a squash court, men's dressing room, ladies' dressing room, furnace room, and root cellar. In the upper level are the upper parts of the fives and badminton courts, and a trophy room with billiard table, fireplace, and inglenook. There is a paved terrace and entrance porch at this level. The tower has vertical boarding, with windows

SIGNIFICANCE

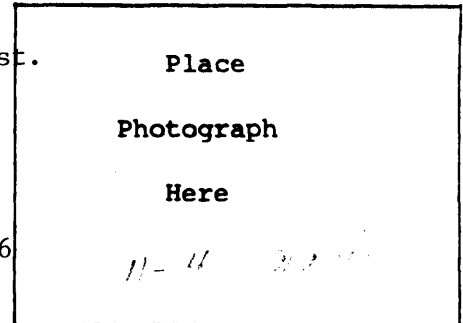
Architect: Taylor & Levi Builder: Unknown (continued)

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The combination of heavy stones in the walls, thick slates in the roof, a round wooden tower, and hand-hewn timbers and boarding on the interior, creates a genuine atmosphere of pseudo-medievalism. Given the intent, the building could not be more successful. Contemporary evaluation can be gauged from the coverage given by the American Architect and Building News, which published ten excellent photos, sketches of the front and rear elevations, and the floor plans.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: D. Ransom  
date: October 1978 view: of upper level, view northeast.  
negative on file: Connecticut Historical Commission



COMPILED BY:

name: D. Ransom date: Oct. 30, 1978  
organization: Connecticut Historical Commission  
address: 59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, CT 06106

19. SOURCES:

American Architect and Building News, October 1932, p. 65.

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

Verbal boundary description: The building is located on a large tract of privately-owned land. ~~Less than one acre~~, surrounding the structure, is included in the nomination.

UTM Reference: 18/647460/4648070.

↑ ¼ ACRE SQUARE

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known  highways  vandalism  developers  other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 renewal  private  deterioration  zoning  explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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at the top for the view. A false chimney rises from the roof for balance of design. Windows are steel sash. A row of five diamond-paned windows runs under the eaves. Leaders and gutters are ornamental cast lead. The building contains 94,900 cubic feet. The floors are the same cork/vinyl composition used in the Tom Thumb House.

SPORTS Building (A.S.G. Taylor Thematic Group)



Norfolk CT.