

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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STATE: <b>Connecticut</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Fairfield</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
<b>MAR 20 1973</b>	

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Judson (Captain David) House**

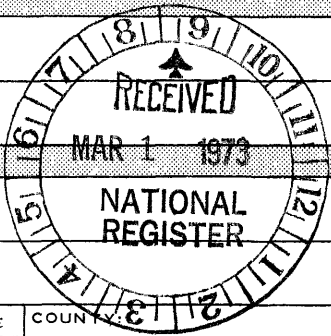
AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**967 Academy Hill**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Stratford**

STATE <b>Connecticut</b>	CODE <b>09</b>	COUNTY <b>Fairfield</b>	CODE <b>001</b>
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**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"/> 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	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input 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:  
**Stratford Historical Society, Inc.**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**967 Academy Hill**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Stratford**

STATE:  
**Connecticut**

CODE:  
**09**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Town Clerk's Office**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**North Parade and Main Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Stratford**

STATE:  
**Connecticut**

CODE:  
**09**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1966**     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Connecticut Historical Commission**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**59 South Prospect Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Hartford**

STATE:  
**Connecticut**

CODE:  
**09**

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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 Captain David Judson House is a substantial early 18th century house with many interesting features. The front entry with broken scroll pediment is what gives the property its architectural significance. It is probably the earliest house in Connecticut with this classical treatment.

J. Frederick Kelly, pioneer restoration architect in Connecticut, writes of the "bullseye" glass, small panes thickened at the center, which are the transom lights in the door. Arranged in a horizontal row, the four lights are separated by heavy moulded muntins. "Each pane measures  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide by  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, and is about one inch thick at the center. The use of the glass in the door itself, after this fashion, is decidedly unusual."<sup>1</sup>

The windows have caps or headings which are flat pediments with moulding; at second floor these are more modest and extend nearly to the box cornice at eaves line. Sash is 6/6 - a replacement of earlier, smaller sash.

The overhang at gable ends is an early feature. On the east end, the original hand-split shingles reputedly remain. The deep stone foundation at west end is thought to be a remain from David Judson's great-grandfather's house (William Judson), built in 1639. (In fact, Kelly's reference is to the William Judson, rather than David Judson, House.)

There are later additions, not unharmonious with the character of the house. To the southwest side is the Historical Society's museum, built in 1958, containing the library, exhibits, and storage area, as well as space for small group meetings. The setting is attractive as the house is set well back from the road and has appropriate buildings near-by.

<sup>1</sup>Kelly, p. 103.



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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) **1723**

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                          |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Captain David Judson House is located on what was first called Watch House Hill, later Meeting House Hill, and now called Academy Hill. It is said to have been built in 1723 by Captain David Judson, possibly on the foundation of the house built by his great-grandfather, William Judson, in 1639. Captain Judson was a prominent man in the area; he served as auditor of the Connecticut Colony records and as deputy to the General Assembly.

It was probably Thomas Salmon who built the house for Judson. Salmon came from England in 1717 and is thought to have designed the Second Episcopal Church in Stratford, completed in 1743. An engraving of the church shows a striking similarity between its doorway and that of the Judson House. The broken scroll pediment is the earliest example of what is now known as the "Connecticut River Valley doorway". It is primarily this that makes the house of such great architectural interest.

Now owned by the Stratford Historical Society and open as a museum, it is the only 18th century house open to the public in the greater Bridgeport area and is visited by hundreds of school children and adults each year.



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Kelly, J. Frederick. Early Domestic Architecture of Connecticut. Dover Publications, Inc., New York. 1952.

Pamphlet distributed by the Stratford Historical Society on the Captain David Judson House.

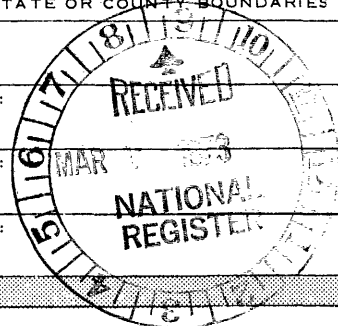
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Susan B. Bixby, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: February 13, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 59 South Prospect 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] Title: State Liaison Officer Date: February 22, 1973

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

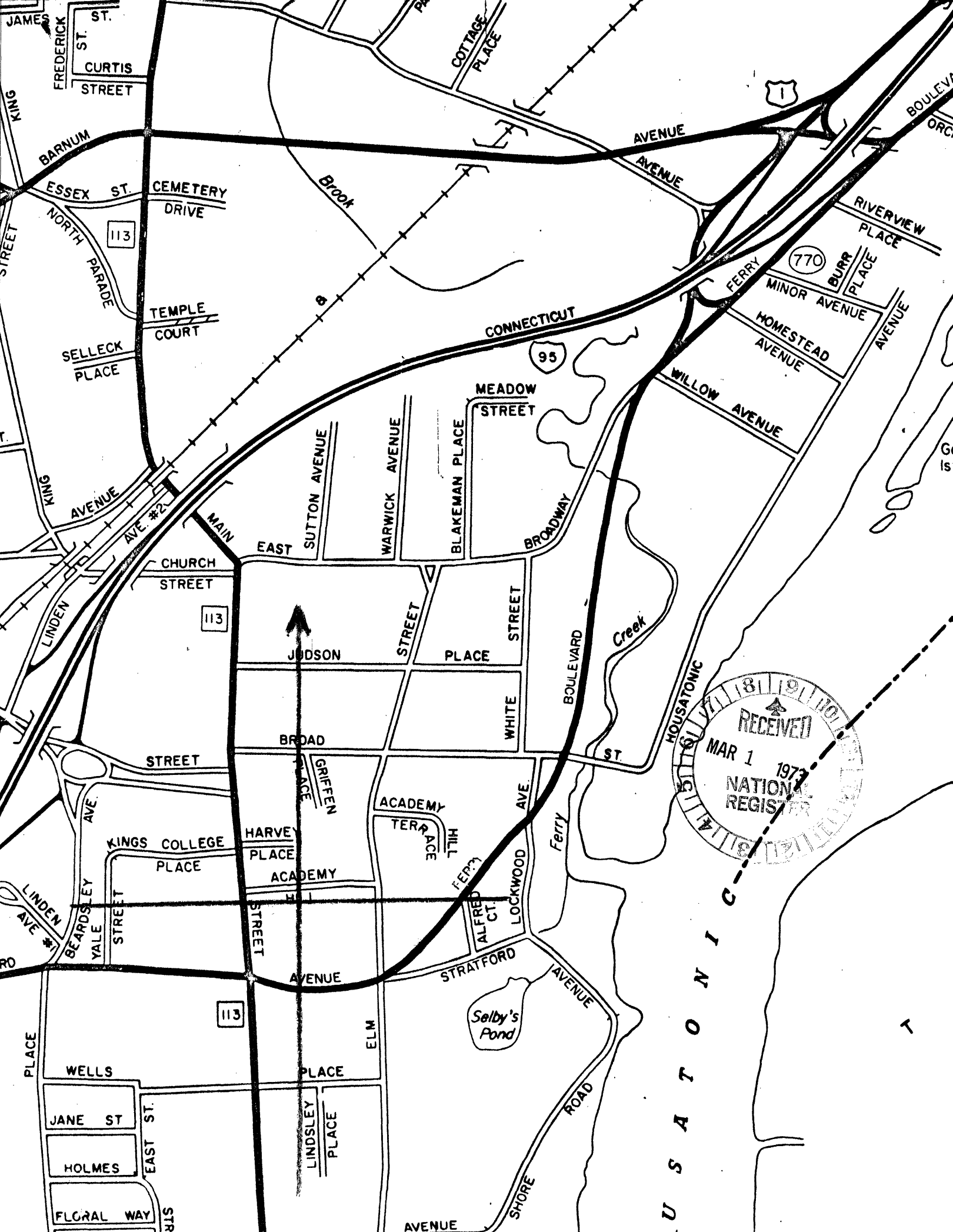
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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 3/20/73

ATTEST: [Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3.14.73

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BARNUM AVENUE  
ESSEX ST.  
NORTH PARADE  
SELLECK PLACE  
TEMPLE COURT  
CEMETERY DRIVE

CHURCH STREET  
LINDEN AVENUE  
Ave. #2  
MAIN STREET  
EAST SUTTON AVENUE  
WARWICK AVENUE

BROAD STREET  
KINGS COLLEGE PLACE  
BEARDSLEY YALE STREET  
WELLS PLACE  
JANE ST.  
HOLMES  
FLORAL WAY

ELM STREET  
LINDSLEY PLACE  
EAST ST.

Brook  
COTTAGE PLACE  
CONNECTICUT AVENUE  
MEADOW STREET  
BLAKEMAN PLACE

STREET  
PLACE  
WHITE  
ACADEMY PLACE  
HILL PLACE  
ALFRED CT.

LOCKWOOD AVE.  
STRATFORD AVENUE  
Selby's Pond

AVENUE  
RIVERVIEW PLACE  
Burr Place  
MINOR AVENUE  
HOMESTEAD AVENUE  
WILLOW AVENUE

BROADWAY  
BOULEVARD  
Creek  
Ferry

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STRATFORD AVENUE  
SHORE ROAD

AVENUE

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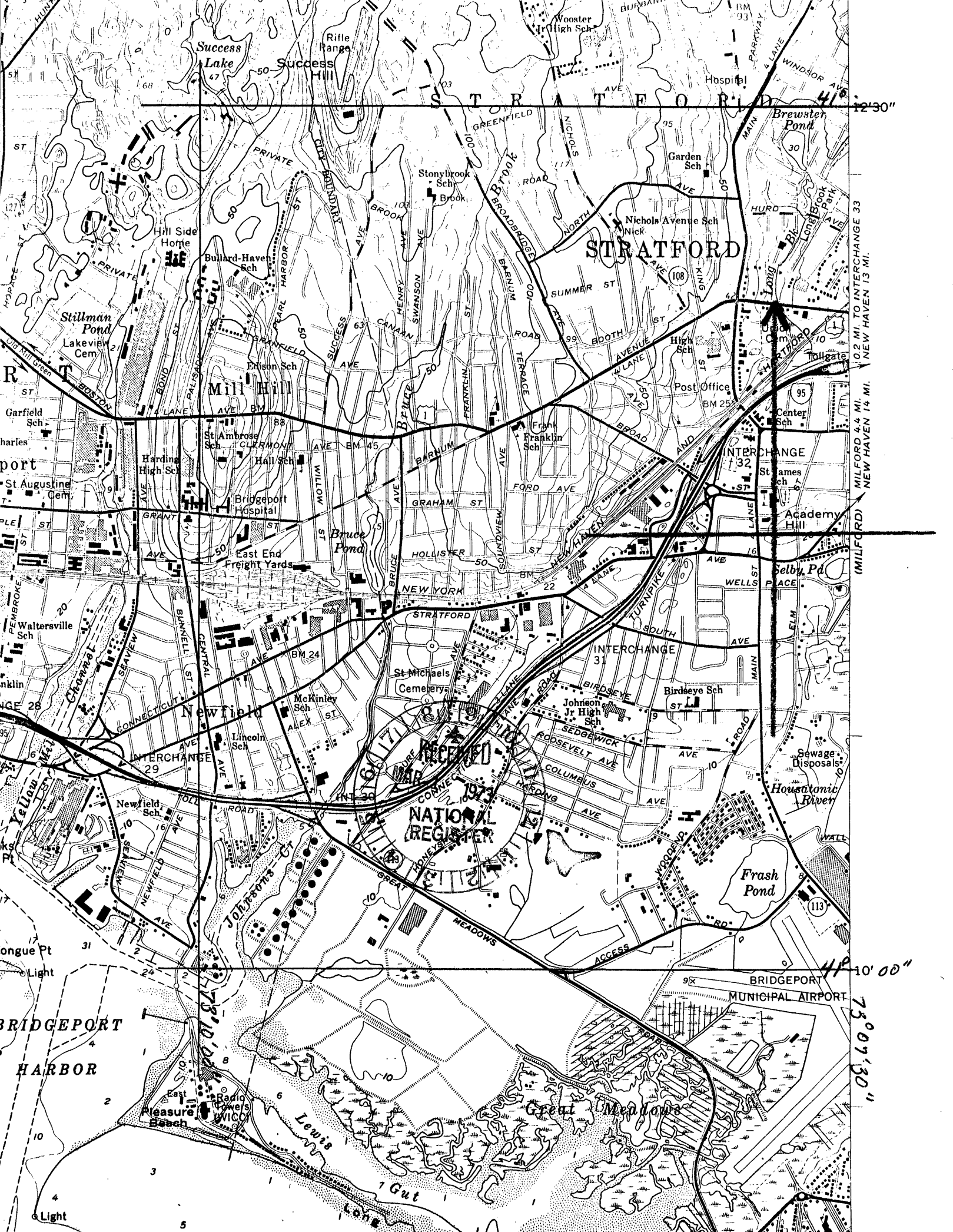
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