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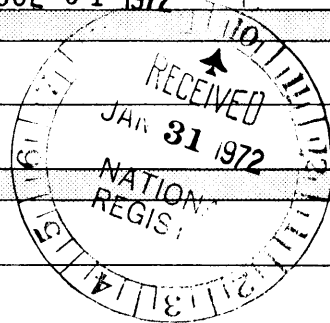
Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: Hartford	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
JUL 31 1972	



#### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
Hezekiah Chaffee House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

#### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Meadow Lane, off Palisado Green

CITY OR TOWN:  
Windsor

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Connecticut	09	Hartford	003

#### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<u>community</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<u>center</u>	

#### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Town of Windsor

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Windsor	Connecticut	09

#### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

Town Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Windsor	Connecticut	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:

51 Pratt Street

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Hartford	Connecticut	09

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(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

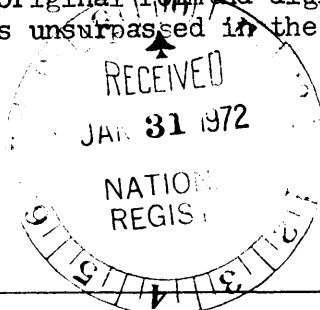
The Hezekiah Chaffee House is one of the most outstanding buildings in the Windsor Historic District. On the east side of the Palisado Green, center of the earliest settlement of the town, and somewhat removed from the main road, it is located in a cluster of distinguished structures of considerable age, including the Fyler House, c. 1640. The Chaffee House is a large brick house of two full stories and attic, with crawl space above. The brick-work is fine, laid in Flemish bond on the facade. The three belt courses at the gable ends and one across the front are an unusual and pleasing refinement reminiscent of earlier work. The relatively flat top pitch of the gambrel roof is suggestive of the Massachusetts gambrel of the same period. The center chimney appears large enough to accommodate the number of fireplaces present in a house of this size. On the right rear roof slope is a smaller end chimney. Brickwork of both is good.

The massive squareness of the house is relieved by two one-and-a-half-story gambrel-roofed ells, one perpendicular to the house proper at the north rear and another extending from the south end. They may be of contemporaneous date, for the foundations of both are of the large red sandstone which forms the foundation of the house proper. Both have modern shed dormers, and have been somewhat altered on the facade, for window arrangement, at least on the south ell, is not as it should be. If, however, the ells are later than the house proper, great care was taken to make them harmonious.

The pedimented front entry shelter is obviously more recent work. Greek Revival in style, it shows a wide frieze with a moulding supported on two smooth Doric columns and benches to the sides. Behind, there is a paneled double-leaf door with a 7-pane overdoor light. The facade displays balanced symmetry and fine detail. A belt course of brick runs across the facade at ceiling level of the first floor and a crown moulding above the second story windows is brought forward just below the eaves. The fine brick and stone work is again seen in the window lintels, where at the first and second floors they are composed of single pieces of local sandstone, scribed to represent individual bricks forming a jack arch, which construction actually appears, laid in brick, above the attic windows. Window sash is 12/12, possible the original, at the rear and above the front entry, but elsewhere is 6/6, except in the attic where it is 9/9.

Reportedly, very little had been altered on the interior. The shutters here remain and its excellent stairway and paneling are intact. Now used as a community center for the Town of Windsor, the house has undergone surprisingly little change. Its original form and dignity, as well as the amount of original work, is unsurpassed in the area.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1765

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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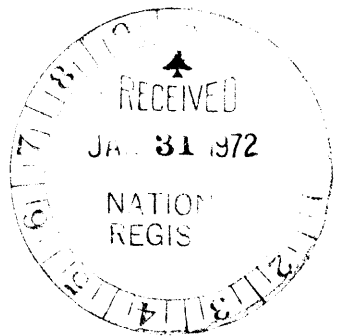
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Besides being an architecturally important structure, as established under #7 Description, the Chaffee House has been an important landmark in the Palisado section of Windsor. Dr. Hezekiah Chaffee bought the property in 1755 and built the house between 1760 and 1765. Upon his death in 1819 it went to his elder son, Hezekiah, Jr. In 1821 when Hezekiah, Jr. died, the second son, John, received the property. The house remained in the Chaffee family until 1926 when it was sold to the Loomis Institute to become the girls' section, The Chaffee School. Recently the Chaffee School moved onto the campus of the Loomis Institute and the Town of Windsor bought the buildings for use as a community center.

During the Revolution, both this house and the Sill, or Hooker, House, immediately to the north, were important centers of activity. Their owners were important men in the town. Hezekiah Chaffee, Sr. and the Hooker brothers, James and Horace, had established an import-export business, as well as a local "farmers' market". Dr. Chaffee had his office in one of the ells, drawing patients for treatment.

North of the present center of Windsor, the Palisado Green was once the center of town. The place of first or early settlement, now standing back a hundred yards or so from the main highway, US. Route 5A, the Green forms an impressive unit of distinguished old homes of which the Chaffee House is perhaps the finest.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Letter from Town of Windsor, April 3, 1969.

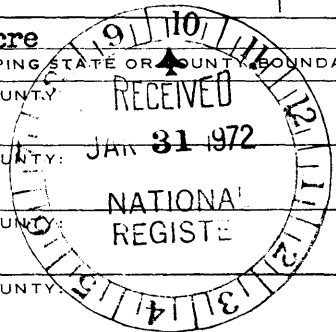
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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: Susan Babbitt, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: January 25, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 54 Pratt 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: January 26, 1972

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

[Signature]  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 7/31/72

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7/24/72