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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: New London	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.09.0022	DATE 10/15/70

1. NAME

COMMON: Gardner Carpenter House

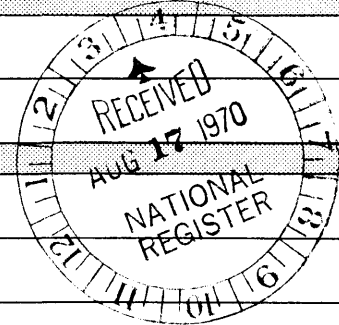
AND/OR HISTORIC: Red House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 55 East Town Street

CITY OR TOWN: Norwichtown

STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06 COUNTY: New London CODE: 011



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"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Shepard B. Palmer, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER: 55 East Town Street

CITY OR TOWN: Norwichtown, STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Norwich City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER: Union Square

CITY OR TOWN: Norwich STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: 1. Historic American Buildings Survey
2. Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1. 1958 2. 1967 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 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

This large Georgian house, sometimes referred to as the Red House, is located at the north end of the Norwichtown green. It faces not onto the green but rather on East Town Street.

The walls consist of brick laid in Flemish bond and painted red. The building is three stories high and has a five bay front with a small gabled porch built over the front door and supported by round slender columns.

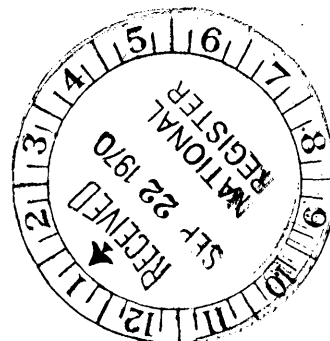
The doorway which is not original has two lights. The door frame is simple with a transom of six lights.

The windows are double hung with six over six lights and the shutters have adjustable louvres. The windows of the first floor have flat splayed lintels of brick accentuated by being painted white like the window frames and the gabled porch.

The attic or third story is constructed of wood and has a gambrel roof with asphalt shingles which overhangs the lower two stories. There are four chimneys: two interior chimneys in the main block, one in the rear wall of the house and a modern one in a rear wing.

The house has a center hall plan. The interior retains much of its original moulding, wainscot, and some original wrought iron hardware. During the occupancy of Joseph Huntington, about 1816, the third story and gambrel roof were added. This construction is of wood. There have been several one-story additions at the rear of the house. In 1958 another one-story extension of the house was built. This was a 16 by 26 foot family room with exposed beams and pine floor.

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3. 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) 1793

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>local historical</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>interest as</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>home of a</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | <u>successful mer-</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <u>chant</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a good example of Georgian housing of the colonial period. Its value is increased because of the historical and architectural value of the buildings which surround it since it is located next to the Norwich town green which is the focal point of the historic district in that area.

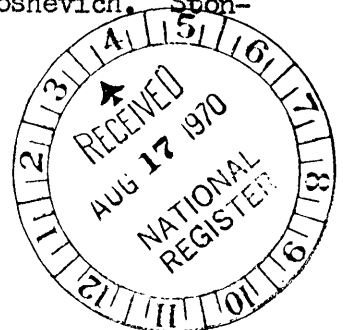
The builder of the house was prominent locally as the owner of a successful retail business. His name was Gardiner Carpenter.

He maintained a mercantile business in half of the shop that he shared with his brother, Joseph Carpenter, the silversmith.

During the Revolutionary War he served as a paymaster in the Seventeenth Connecticut Regiment in 1776. He was appointed as postmaster in Norwich in January, 1799 and held this office for fifteen years. He died in 1815 and [his wife] Mary died in 1838.¹

¹

from Norwich Historic Homes and Families, researched and written by Marian K. O'Keefe and Catherine Smith Doroshevich. Stonington, Connecticut: The Pequot Press, Inc., p. 21.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Marian K. O'Keefe and Catherine Smith Doroshevich. Norwich Historic Homes and Families. Stonington, Connecticut: The Pequot Press, 1967.

Historic American Buildings Survey, No. CONN-244.

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		
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	72	05	43
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

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: July 29, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford STATE: Connecticut CODE: 1

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 and Chairman Connecticut Historical Commission
Date July 29, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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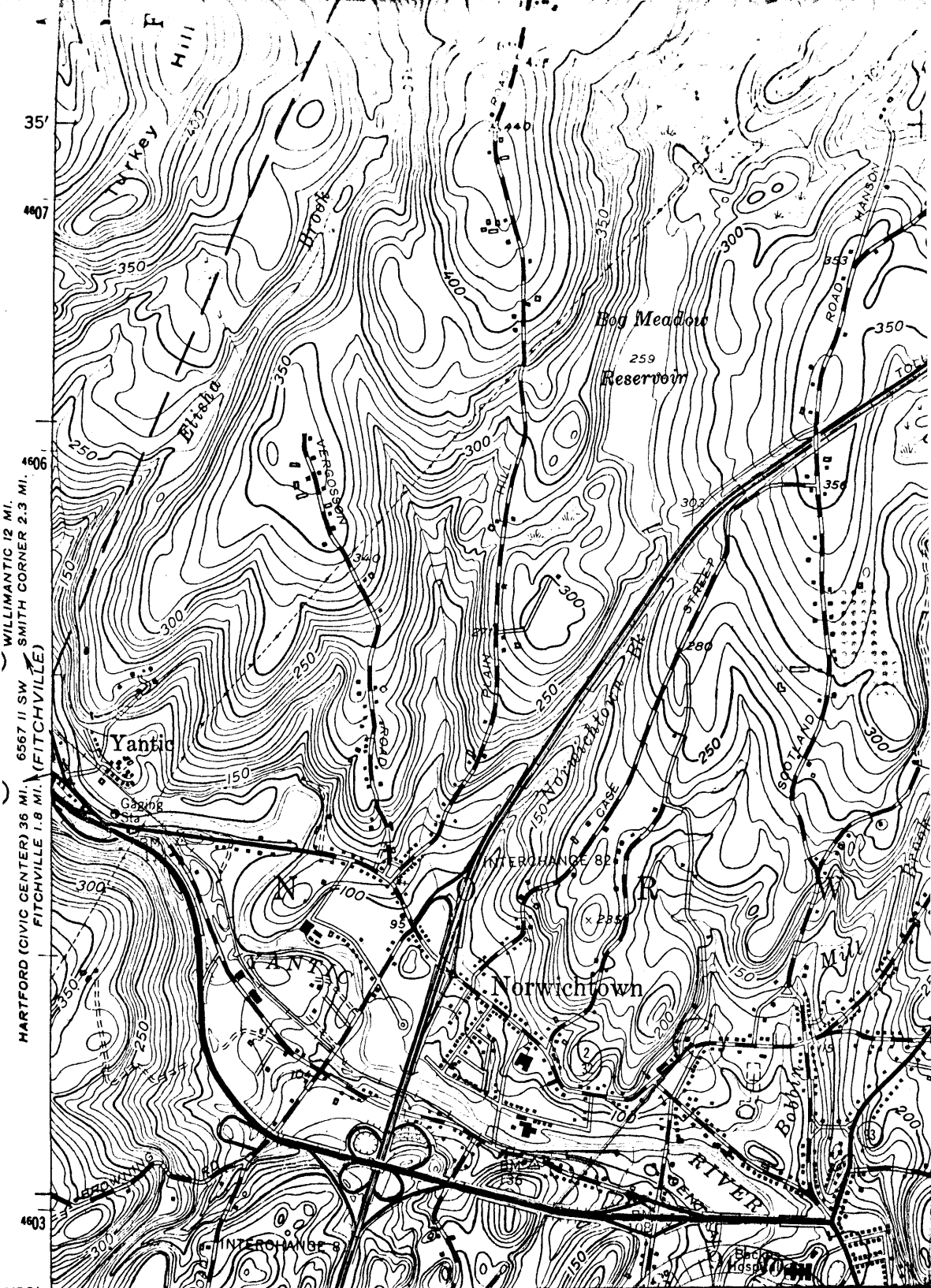
Date _____

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date SEP 30 1970

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HARTFORD (CIVIC CENTER) 36 MI. 6567 II SW SMITH CORNER 2.3 MI. WILLIMANTIC 12 MI. FITCHVILLE 1.8 MI. (FITCHVILLE)

GARDNER CARPENTER
 Latitude $44^{\circ}33'01''$
 Longitude $72^{\circ}50'43''$

