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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM 1:8 6 8 5 4 2 0 4 5 7 2 6 6 0	
QUAD:	Branford
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)		Private Residence		Zaccheus Baldwin House	
	2. TOWN/CITY		VILLAGE		COUNTY	
	Branford				New Haven	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)					
	154 Damascus Rd.		Map G6, Block 7, Lot 18; 1.1 acres			
DESCRIPTION	4. OWNER(S)					
	Pearl Blackstone Milne <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private					
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)					
	One-Family Dwelling		Same			
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE IF YES, EXPLAIN					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING				DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	Late New England Colonial				1775-1800	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <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: _____					
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____						
10. ROOF (Type)						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ (Material) <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____						
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS				
2 1/2		33 feet x 26 feet				
12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated						
13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES						
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden						
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT						
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density						
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS						
Corner lot bordered by wooded area on south; in a mid-to-late-twentieth-century residential neighborhood.						

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

Constructed on a rectangular plan with its ridge parallel to the street, this structure has a shallow-pitched roof (less than 6:12) with cornice returns. It has a brick chimney, set behind the entry, which straddles the ridge. It has an asymmetrical four-bay seven window facade, featuring a classical entry with fluted pilasters and a three-part entablature. It has five-window gables. Its windows have eight-over-twelve sash and feature pedimented wood trim.

While the house retains the traditional colonial floor plan, its exterior form and details reflect the transition to the Federal style.

18. ARCHITECT: N/A

BUILDER: Attributed to Zaccheus Baldwin

SIGNIFICANCE

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The Zaccheus Baldwin house has never been recorded on any previous survey, but does appear, from research done for the Branford Historial Society, to be a late eighteenth century house.

Architecturally, the house is representative of the full two-story central chimney New England house as it had evolved at the end of the Second Period, 1691-1720 (Keith), however, the cornice returns suggest a very late eighteenth century date.

The Zaccheus Baldwin house is significant in Branford's collection of eighteenth-century houses for its integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. As an example of eighteenth-century colonial architecture, it meets Criteria C of the National Register of Historic Places.

SOURCES

Branford Land Records, Vol. 15, P. 288; Vol. 14, p. 60.
 Branford Historial Society Records.
 Maps: Whiteford; 1852; Beers, 1868.
 Kelly, J. Frederick. The Early Domestic Architecture of Conn., Dover Pub.: New York, 1963, p.128.

PHOTO

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NEGATIVE ON FILE: CHC-File 2 Neg 1

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandallism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterloration Zoning Explanatlon _____