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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: New London	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	FEB 23 1972

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Colonel Joshua Huntington House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
11 Huntington Lane

CITY OR TOWN:  
Norwich

STATE Connecticut	CODE 09	COUNTY: New London	CODE 011
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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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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:  
William Harding

STREET AND NUMBER:  
11 Huntington Lane

CITY OR TOWN: Norwich	STATE: Connecticut	CODE: 09
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**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: 09
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Connecticut Historic Structure and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1968  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Connecticut Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
54 Pratt Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford	STATE: Connecticut	CODE: 09
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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 Colonel Joshua Huntington House is one of the more distinguished 16th century houses in the Norwichtown Historic District. Of two and one half stories, it sits slightly back from the street, a quiet lane just east of the District. It is of the familiar style--a clapboarded frame house with a 2-window facade and center hall. Its wood-shingled gambrel roof is topped with twin chimneys of brick. The most elaborate feature is the front entry, in the center of the facade. There is a triangular pediment above the door supported by fluted pilasters which are topped with an oval spider web pattern shallow carving with an oval boss in the center. The door itself is of six fielded panels and has a 6-pane overlight. Above most of the windows is a flat cornice or heading that provides a shadow line enhancing the appearance and adding to the decorative effect of the front entry, these elements constituting most of the purely aesthetic portions of the whole. Two rather awkward dormers appear upon the front roof slope, quite evidently of later origin than the rest of the structure and not of equal quality. An entry at the left of south end shows a five-pane overdoor light and a heading or cornice above that repeats the design of those over the windows. At the north end on the ground floor a bay window was added in the 19th century.

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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) 1771

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/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As well as being architecturally important, the house is significant because of its first owner. Joshua Huntington, third son of General Jabez and Hannah (Williams) Huntington, was born on August 16, 1751. He married Hannah, (November 3, 1770--April 28, 1815), daughter of Colonel Jozeldiah Huntington, on December 11, 1771. Their daughter, Elizabeth, born November 2, 1774, married the Honorable Frederick Wolcott, of the noted Litchfield family of Wolcotts, in 1800.

A successful man, Joshua Huntington had a business at the Landing at Norwich and ships at sea. He answered the first call to arms of the Revolution. After the battle of Lexington, he went to Cambridge, where he was commissioned First Lieutenant on May 1, 1775. In June, 1775, he was encamped on Prospect Hill in Cambridge, which was located about a mile from the Ferry in Charlestown. Shortly after this, when the army was organized, Huntington left to help his father in business. He again joined the army in 1776 during the operations around New York, and fought in skirmishes in New York and New Jersey. Huntington left the army again, this time permanently, at the end of 1776. He was made Captain in the Connecticut Militia in 1776; Major in May, 1777, and Lieutenant Colonel in May, 1783. Huntington was in charge of the construction of the Continental Frigate the "Confederacy" in 1778, which was commanded by Seth Harding and captured by the British, June 22, 1781.

In 1789, Huntington was appointed County Sheriff and held the office until his death in 1821. In 1805 he was a Presidential Elector from Norwich, in the fifth Presidential Election.

Huntington family ownership of the house ended in 1823, when it was sold to George W. Lee.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**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
NW	° ' "	° ' "		41°	33'	01"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		72°	05'	27"
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:  
Tusan Babbitt, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: October 4, 1971

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 *Tusan Babbitt*

Title State Liaison Officer

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

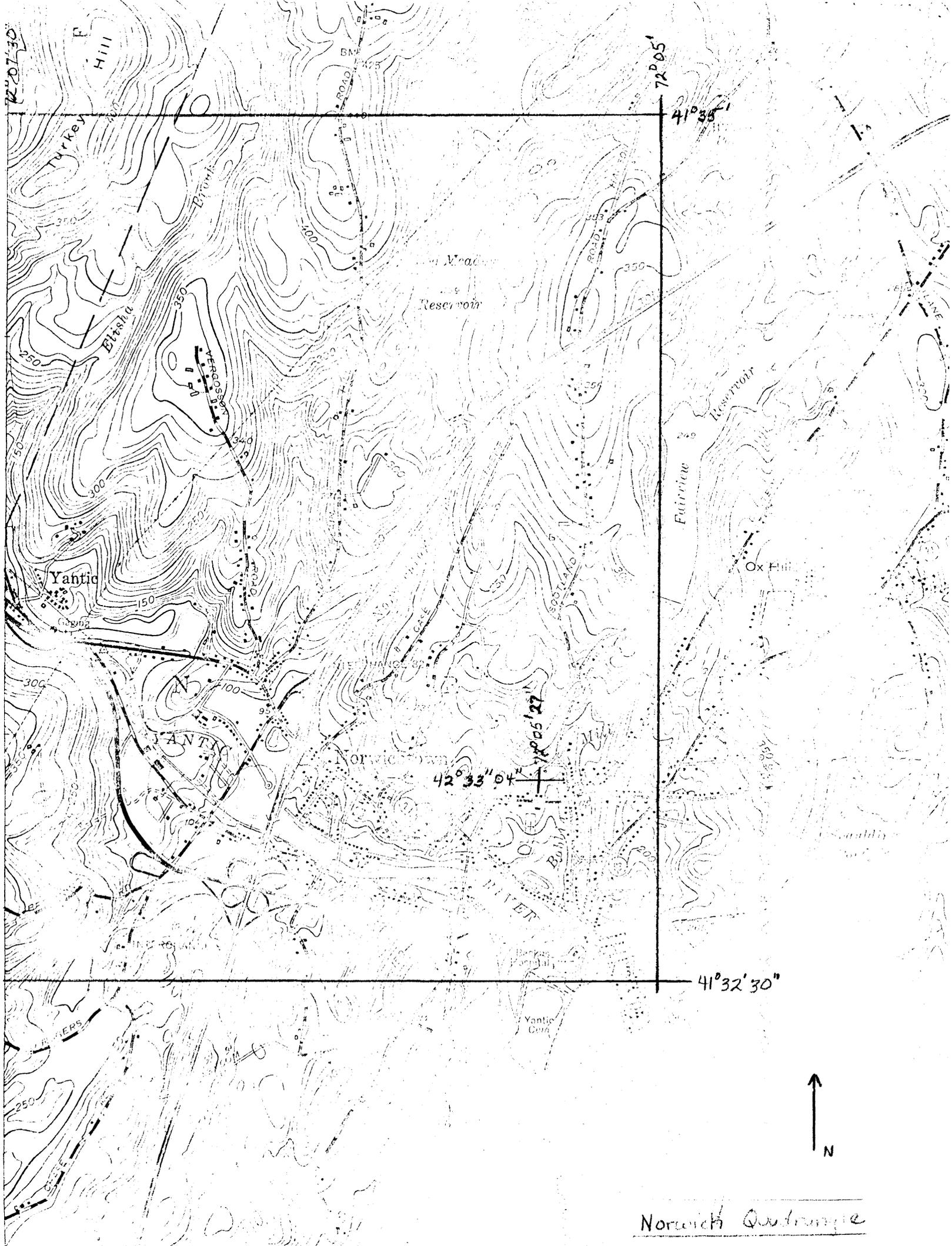
*Ernest A. Bannally*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date FEB 22 1972

ATTEST: *William S. ...*  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date FEB 8 1972

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72° 07' 30"

72° 05'

41° 35'

42° 33' 04"  
72° 05' 27"

41° 32' 30"



Norwich Quadrangle