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National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

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SUPPLEMENTARY RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88002636 Date Listed: 12/01/88

Tyler, Solomon, House New Haven CT
Property Name County State

Colonial Houses of Branford Thematic Resources
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for Beth A. Sarge

Signature of the Keeper

12/01/88
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Geographical Information: The acreage is 5.5 acres.

This information was confirmed with John Herzan, National Register Coordinator, CTSHPO, by telephone.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM 1:8 6 8:4 6:1:0 4:5 7:3 2:6:0	
QUAD:	Branford
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <i>(Historic)</i> Private Residence		Solomon Tyler House	
2. TOWN/CITY Branford		VILLAGE	COUNTY New Haven
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 260-268 East Main St. (filed under Mill Plain Rd L-25) Map F5, Block 4, Lot 2			
4. OWNER(S) National Association Properties, 381 State Street, North Haven CT <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present) <i>(Historic)</i> Two-Family Dwelling		One-Family Dwelling	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN			
7. STYLE OF BUILDING New England Colonial		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c.1770	
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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 2 1/2		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 38 feet x 53 feet	
12. CONDITION (Structural) <i>(Exterior)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
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13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ?	(Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Additions at rear - dates unknown
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 type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			

Located on Route 1 (Old Boston Post Rd.); bordered on east by electric power station; on west by an early nineteenth-century house.

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

Constructed on a nearly-square plan with its ridge parallel to the street, this structure has a steeply-pitched roof (45° or 12:12) with a brick center chimney which straddles the ridge and cornice returns. The house has a five-bay, nine-window facade with six-over-six sash. The gable ends have six windows; the east gable has been altered by the construction of an exterior stair to the second floor. The exterior is finished with clapboards on the street facade and the gable ends and with wood shingles on portions of the additions at the rear.

18. ARCHITECT: N/A

BUILDER: Unknown

SIGNIFICANCE

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The Solomon Tyler House was first recorded on the W.P.A. survey and dated 1771 on basis of marker. Land record research by the Branford Historical Society corroborates an approximate 1770 date.

Architecturally, the house represents the full two-story New England house as it evolved toward the end of the Second Period, 1691-1720 (Keith). The six window gable end on the west corroborates the c.1770 date of construction.

The Solomon Tyler 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 architecture, it meets Criteria C of the National Register of Historic Places.

SOURCES

W.P.A. Federal Writers Project, "Census of Old or Distinctive Buildings in the State of Connecticut," c.1936, No. 49.
 Maps: Whiteford, 1852; Beers, 1868.

PHOTO

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VIEW: South & West Elevs.

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DATE: 10/1/84

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Expropriation _____