

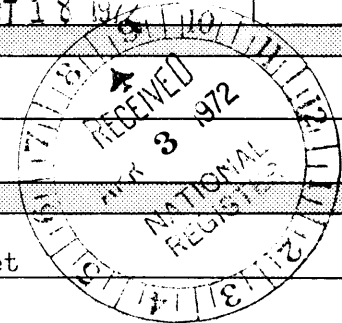
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: Hartford	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	OCT 18 1972



1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Farm School House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Brick School

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
At the intersection of Park Avenue and School Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Bloomfield

STATE Connecticut	CODE 09	COUNTY: Hartford	CODE 003
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) vacant-leased by American Legion

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Town of Bloomfield

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Bloomfield	STATE: Connecticut	CODE 09
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Town Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
800 Bloomfield Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Bloomfield	STATE: Connecticut	CODE 09
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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: Hartford	STATE: Connecticut	CODE 09
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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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) 1795

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

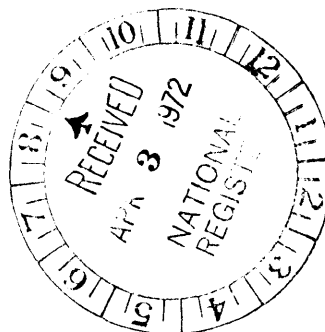
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <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

Old Farm School is the oldest remaining public building in the town of Bloomfield. It was one of seven district schools voted to be built in 1795 and is the only one still standing. The first teacher was Hannah Latimer, daughter of Captain George Latimer. Records reveal that among later teachers were Joseph L. Barbour, a lawyer, and Smith W. Tolles, a Methodist minister. Among students at the Old Farm School was Mrs. Virginia Thrall Smith, a noted humanitarian in the Hartford area, who, in addition to working for the City Mission of Hartford and the Children's Aid Society, was instrumental in the founding of the Newington Children's Hospital. Minchell Smith, (1879-1933), critic and playwright, was her son.

The old school was leased from the town for 99 years by the American Legion in 1931, but they are now nearly inactive and ceased to occupy the building in 1971. Plans are now in the offing for a restoration of the school by the Wintonbury Historical Society. The interior is said to be in very good condition with the second floor in nearly its original state. On the second floor the Historical Society has discovered all but two of the old desks--the missing ones are now owned by one of the members of the Society who has promised to return them when they are needed. It was the Historical Society who boarded the windows last November (1971) when they were broken and allowing the elements to do damage. The town is in favor of the plans for restoration and eventual use as a museum and it is hoped that the Historical Society will soon have a long term lease on the Old Farm School House, allowing it once again to be used.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES



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	0	'	"	0	'	"	71	10	32
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"			
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"			
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.0000

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Susan Rabbitt, Administrator/Inspector

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: April 11, 2000

STREET AND NUMBER: 50 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford STATE: Connecticut CODE: 09

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

Date: April 11, 2000

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 10/18/02

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 10/12/02

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