

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM**

For Buildings and Structures

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
UTM: 18/	/	/	/
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: N/A Historic: Low House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Norfolk VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Litchfield
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Highfield Road, west side
- 4. OWNER(S): George H. & Deborah B. Rubin, Highfield Road, Norfolk, CT PUBLIC  PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: 06058 Residence
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_  no

**DESCRIPTION**

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Georgian Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1920
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 

<input type="checkbox"/> clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> asbestos siding	<input type="checkbox"/> brick
<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: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> wood frame: <input type="checkbox"/> post and beam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input type="checkbox"/> load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> structural iron or steel
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
- 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 _____

 material:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> roll asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> tin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> slate
<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> built up	<input type="checkbox"/> tile	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 2 wings, 31x55' & 31x46'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  
Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alterations:  no  yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> barn	<input type="checkbox"/> shed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> garage	<input type="checkbox"/> other landscape features or buildings: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> shop	<input type="checkbox"/> garden	_____
- 15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> open land	<input type="checkbox"/> woodland	<input type="checkbox"/> residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> rural	<input type="checkbox"/> high building density
- 16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The house is in a secluded location, surrounded by trees.

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

The house consists of two wings, joined together in an ell, with the entrance at the interior angle and with a 31', square porch occupying the outside corner of the ell. The plan of the one-story entrance porch is segmental; its roof is supported by paired round columns. Eaves return in the end gables of the ells. The north gable has a tripartite window over Georgian half-round window. Corner pilasters with molded capitals are repeated one-third of the way along each facade and are connected along the eaves cornice by modillion blocks. Molded brick chimneys rise from the roof. The interior is open and airy, similar in atmosphere to the neighboring Noble House.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

Architect: Taylor & Levi, comm. 217 Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

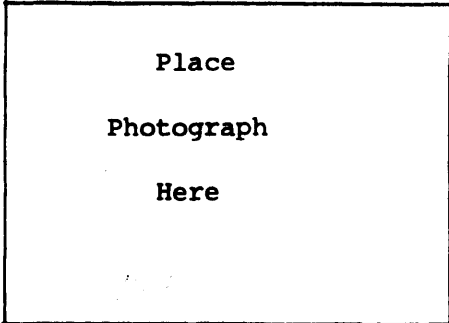
18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Taylor's clients for this and the adjoining Noble House were friends. The two houses, built at about the same time, are companion pieces. In both, Taylor applied Georgian detail smoothly and with finesse to structures of contemporary mass and scale.

The Low House is an example of Taylor's highly competent work in the Georgian Revival style. It is a contemporary, livable house in the contemporary, fashionable architectural style of its time. Houses of this description were an important part of Taylor's oeuvre in which he was the leader in the Norfolk area.

**PHOTOGRAPH**

photographer: D. Ransom  
date: October 1978 view: Southwest  
negative on file: Connecticut Historical Commission



**COMPILED BY:**

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19. SOURCES:

Prints of construction drawings are in the Taylor Collection.

20. ~~SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:~~

Verbal boundary description: NLR 58/577, 22 acres.

UTM Reference: 18/650300/4649480

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known     highways     vandalism     developers     other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 renewal         private         deterioration     zoning         explanation: \_\_\_\_\_