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

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Amendment to Charter Oak Place

AND/OR COMMON

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2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1-3 Charter Oak Place

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hartford

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

N/A VICINITY OF 1st -

STATE

Connecticut

CODE

09

COUNTY

Hartford

CODE

003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

N/A

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mark Breen

STREET & NUMBER

99 Wethersfield Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Hartford

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE

Connecticut

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hartford Land Records, Municipal Building

STREET & NUMBER

550 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Hartford

STATE

Connecticut

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Hartford Architecture Conservancy Architectural Survey of Hartford

DATE

1976-79

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

The Stowe-Day Library

CITY, TOWN

Hartford

STATE

Connecticut

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>May 1980</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Boundary Justification

The purpose of this amendment is to alter the boundary of the Charter Oak Place National Register Historic District at its southwest corner to include the house at 1-3 Charter Oak Place. This house was moved from 22 Congress Street in May 1980 pursuant to Memorandum of Agreement prepared by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

When the Charter Oak Place district was established the original intent was to extend the district south to Wyllys Street, as indicated by Sketch Map 2. This plan was not carried out, however, and instead a line was used that is identified as "new boundary" on Sketch Map 2. Although it is marked "new boundary," it is the original and present boundary of the Charter Oak Place district.

1-3 Charter Oak Place is now positioned on that line, resting in part within the district and in part outside the district, as shown by Sketch Map 4. Accordingly, it is proposed to revise the boundary as shown by the heavy dotted line on Sketch Map 4, identified as "Revised Boundary."

The revised boundary continues the existing line that is the rear property line of properties facing east toward Charter Oak Place farther south to Wyllys Street. The boundary then runs easterly along Wyllys Street to Charter Oak Place, and then northerly along Charter Oak Place until it joins the existing line, as shown by Sketch Map 4. For summary, see Map 6.

1-3 Charter Oak Place

1-3 Charter Oak Place is a 2½-story, frame, Queen Anne style house with gable roof, irregular plan, and several gables and porches, facing east toward Charter Oak Place. The porches have round columns and the front gable has a small Palladian window, elements that derive from the Neo-Classical Revival. The siding is clapboards for the first floor and shingles above.

The foundation walls visible above grade at the Congress Street location were brick, and they are faced with brick at the new location. Also, on the facade the height of the visible, new foundation wall is about the same as it was. The front porches were moved, and the steps leading up to them will be about the same as the old steps. A similar condition with respect to the visible foundation wall exists on the north elevation.

On the west and south elevations, however, the ground of the new site slopes off, exposing more of the foundation walls than formerly was the case. This condition is being taken advantage of to provide better light and access to the basement than was possible at the old location. A retaining wall parallel to the south foundation has been built preparatory to constructing stairs down to the new basement entrance. The contour of the ground permits this access to be unobtrusive.

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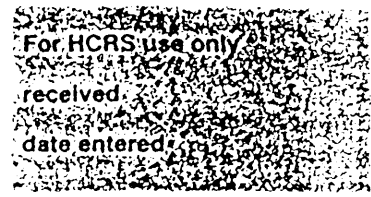
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Connecticut Historical Commission
Hartford, Connecticut

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Memoranda of Agreement

The house at 22 Congress Street was one of six structures in the Congress Street rehabilitation project scheduled for demolition as provided in a Memorandum of Agreement ratified by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and noted in their letter of April 16, 1979 to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Subsequently, at the instigation of the Hartford Architecture Conservancy, arrangements were made to move the house instead of to demolish it. This change of plans was recorded in a further Memorandum of Agreement ratified by the Advisory Council July 17, 1979.

The basic reason for demolishing or moving the house was the fact that larger brick apartment houses had been built close to it some decades ago, on either side. The newer, larger structures tended to cut off light to, and close in, the smaller frame structure. Its attractiveness if rehabilitated on its original site was questionable. Moreover, its removal facilitated access to mandated parking areas planned for the interior of the block. The moving of the house from 22 Congress Street to 1-3 Charter Oak Place enhanced both the Congress Street rehabilitation project and the integrity of the Charter Oak Place district.

6 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1896

BUILDER/ARCHITECT William H. Scoville

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Criterion

1-3 Charter Oak Place occupies approximately the site of a former house at this location, and thus returns the streetscape to its historic character. The house before being moved was determined to contribute to the Congress Street National Regiater Historic District in which it was located. In its new location, the structure fits in well with its neighbors. (Criterion C.)

Discussion

The historical arrangement of houses and lot lines at the corner of Charter Oak Place and Wyllys Street is shown by the 1880 city atlas, and is sketched in Map 3. City lot 260, known as 1 Charter Oak Place, fronted east on Charter Oak Place and by an ell to the south included all of the Charter Oak Place frontage to Wyllys Street. Lot 259 fronted south on Wyllys Street. No change in this arrangement appears until the 1929 atlas, which shows an apartment house on lot 259. This apartment house was 54 Wyllys Street (demolished) shown on Map 2. In the 1930s the ell of land along Charter Oak Place was transferred to become part of the lot on which the apartment house was located. The house at 52 Wyllys Street also has been demolished, leaving the entire corner clear.

Under the impetus of the move of the house from 22 Congress Street, the lot lines of the corner have been re-drawn. The northern section of lot 260 will be annexed to 7 Charter Oak Place. All the remaining corner land will become the lot for the moved house, now 1-3 Charter Oak Place, as shown on maps 4 and 5. 1-3 Charter Oak Place is positioned a few feet south of where the original 1 Charter Oak Place stood from before 1880 to after 1950. The boundary of the southwest corner of the Charter Oak Place district is changed to coincide with the boundary of the new lot.

By taking the place, or very nearly the place, occupied for three-quarters of a century by the former 1 Charter Oak Place, 1-3 Charter Oak Place will fill a void at the southwest corner of the Charter Oak Place district that was created by demolition in the 1950s. The district will more closely resemble its historic appearance because an appropriate house will again be in place where traditionally a house was located.

Most of the houses on Charter Oak Place are larger and grander than the house from 22 Congress Street. In the 19th century, Charter Oak Place was

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Not available

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Hartford North

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES Amended southwest boundary

A	1,8	6,9,3	38,0	4,6	2,5	1,4,0	B	1,8	6,9,3	3,6,0	4,6	2,5	1,2,0	
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C							D							
E							F							
G							H							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The amended boundary is shown by Sketch Map 4 drawn at a scale of 1 inch to 60 feet.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David F. Ransom

ORGANIZATION

Hartford Architecture Conservancy

DATE

December 7m 1980

STREET & NUMBER

130 Washington Street

TELEPHONE

203 525-0279

CITY OR TOWN

Hartford

STATE

Connecticut

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Director, Connecticut Historical Commission

DATE March 16, 1982

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

William H. Braaman
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 5-12-82

ATTEST: *Natueck Andrus*
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 5/10/82

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a residential neighborhood for wealthy families, while Congress Street was developed for middle income people. In this sense, 1-3 Charter Oak Place will be an exception on the block. On the other hand, the frame Queen Anne house style is more characteristic of Charter Oak Place than of Congress Street. The house diagonally across Charter Oak Place from the new lot is a fanciful, frame, Queen Anne structure. The house at 7 Charter Oak Place is a frame, shingled house, not a great deal larger than 1-3 Charter Oak Place, and compatible in mass and proportions as well as materials. The moved house will fit in better on Charter Oak Place than it has over the years on Congress Street. With the sensitive siting and ample yard shown by Sketch Map 5, 1-3 Charter Oak Place will anchor the south end of Charter Oak Place again, as it was anchored for decades, and will strengthen the streetscape of well-spaced homes from the second half of the 19th century.