

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: Windham	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Samuel Huntington Birthplace

AND/OR HISTORIC: Samuel Huntington Birthplace

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: On the north side of Highway 14, two miles west of its junction with State Route 97.

CITY OR TOWN: Scotland

STATE: Connecticut CODE: COUNTY: Windham CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kimball

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Scotland 06264 STATE: Connecticut CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Town Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Scotland STATE: Connecticut CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)							
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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

Built in the period 1700-1722, the Samuel Huntington Birthplace is a large two-story frame salt-box house with a gable roof sloping steeply in the rear and a large stone central chimney. The main house is about 42 feet wide and 29 feet deep, or five by two bays in size. The exterior walls are clapboarded; windows are topped by projecting cornices and the center door is surmounted by a rectangular transom. A small one-story kitchen wing, built on the main axis, was added to the east end of the main house early in the 19th century.

The structure has the typical floor plan of a New England central-chimney house: The entrance door opens into a short center hall that extends back to the center chimney and contains the stairway. To the left (west) of the hall is the parlor and to the right, the dining room. In back of the dining room is the large original kitchen with a huge fireplace and in the northwest (rear) corner a small bedroom. The fireplaces, wainscoting, and wide board floors are original. Wallpaper has been added to the walls of some rooms. Upstairs there are three bedrooms and one of these has a fully paneled fireplace wall. The little-altered house has never been restored. In good condition and still used as a farmhouse, the Samuel Huntington Birthplace is not open to visitors. A State highway historical marker in front of the house identifies the structure as the Huntington birthplace.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable, and Known)

1731-1760

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The birthplace and boyhood home of Samuel Huntington, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence for Connecticut, lawyer, politician, jurist, Governor of Connecticut, and President of the Continental Congress, from 1731 to 1747. Built in the first-quarter of the 18th century, the Huntington Birthplace has been little-altered.

Brief Sketch of the Life of Samuel Huntington, 1731-1796

Samuel Huntington was born in Windham (now Scotland), Connecticut, on July 3, 1731, the son of a farmer and clothier. In 1747, at the age of 16, he was apprenticed to a cooper and served out his term of apprenticeship. Self-educated, Huntington studied law, was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law in 1758. He took up residence in Norwichtown, Connecticut, in 1760 and married Martha Devotion of Windham in 1761. They had no children of their own but adopted two children of his brother.

In 1764 Huntington represented Norwich in the Connecticut General Assembly. From 1765 to 1774 he was the King's attorney for Connecticut and from 1765 to 1775 a justice of the peace for New London County. From 1773 to 1783 he served as a judge of the superior courts. In 1775 he was elected to a seat in the upper house of the Connecticut legislature and was a member of that body from 1775 to 1784. He was a delegate to the Continental Congress from 1775 to 1784 and from September 1779 until July 1781, served as President of the Continental Congress, when he resigned this latter position because of his health.

In 1784 Huntington was appointed chief justice of the superior court of Connecticut. In 1785 he was chosen Lieutenant Governor and from 1786 to 1796 he was the Governor of Connecticut. He died at Norwichtown, Connecticut, on January 5, 1796 and was buried in the cemetery of the First Congregational Society of Norwichtown.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dictionary of American Biography, Vol. IX, 418-19. Article by DeForest Van Slyck.
 Connecticut, A Guide to Its Roads, Lore, and People (American Guide Series) (Boston, 1938), 547.
 Albert E. Waugh, Samuel Huntington and His Family (Stonington Conn., 1968) 6-14.

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° 42' 01"	72° 05' 13"		°	'	"
NE	41° 42' 01"	72° 05' 06"		41	41	55
SE	41° 41' 54"	72° 05' 06"		Location of House		
SW	41° 41' 54"	72° 05' 13"		72	05	08

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **32 acres total; 10 acres in hist. site.**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Charles W. Snell, Survey Historian**

ORGANIZATION: **Division of History, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service** DATE: **6/18/71**

STREET AND NUMBER: **801 - 19th Street, N.W.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **D.C.** CODE:

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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE Connecticut	
COUNTY Windham	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

(Number all entries)

2. Historic Site Boundaries for the Samuel Huntington Birthplace:

Approximately 10 acres of land in the shape of a rectangle, including the Samuel Huntington Birthplace House and barns, beginning at the southwest corner on the north shoulder of State Route 14 at latitude $41^{\circ} 41' 54''$ north, --longitude $72^{\circ} 05' 13''$ west, and proceeding northward about 700 feet in a straight line to the northwest corner at latitude $41^{\circ} 42' 01''$ North--longitude $72^{\circ} 05' 13''$ West, then going east in a straight line about 500 feet to the northeast corner at latitude $41^{\circ} 42' 01''$ North--longitude $72^{\circ} 05' 06''$ West, then running south in a straight line about 700 feet to the southeast corner located on the north shoulder of State Route 14 at latitude $41^{\circ} 41' 54''$ North--longitude $72^{\circ} 05' 06''$ West, then returning west along the north edge of State Route 14 for about 500 feet to the beginning, the southwest corner. Total acreage of the property is about 32 acres.

Precise boundaries for the 10-acre house tract, as described above, are recorded in black on a copy of U.S. Geological Survey Map: Scotland Quadrangle, Connecticut, 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic), 1953, on file with the Branch of Historical Surveys, Division of History, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service.