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#### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES **REGISTRATION FORM**

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Pro		
	Park, William, House	
other names/site	number	
2. Location		
		not for publication <u>N/A</u>
city or town <u>S</u>	prague (Hanover)	vicinity <u>N/A</u>
state <u>Connection</u>	cut code <u>CT</u>	county <u>New London</u> co
zip code <u>06350</u>	)	
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended. I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_\_ statewide X\_ locally. (\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official J. Paul Loether, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Commission on Culture & Tourism, Historic Preservation and Museum Division State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. (\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

# William Park House Name of Property

New London, CT County and State

4. National Park Service Certificatio			
I, hereby certify that this property is: entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet. determined eligible for the National See continuation sheet. determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register other, (explain):	nal Register	re of the Keeper Date of Action 3.7.07	
5. Classification			
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) count.)	Category of Property (Check only one box)	<b>Number of Resources within Property</b> (Do not include previously listed resources in the	
X private public-local public-State public-Federal	X building(s) district site structure object	ContributingNoncontributing $\underline{3}$ $\underline{1}$ buildings $\underline{2}$ $\underline{3}$ $\underline{3}$ $\underline{2}$ $\underline{3}$ $\underline{3}$ $\underline{5}$ $\underline{1}$ $\underline{3}$	
Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A		Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0	
6. Function or Use			
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) DOMESTIC/single dwelling/secondary structure.		Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions) DOMESTIC/single dwelling/secondary structure	
7. Description			
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) EARLY 20 <sup>TH</sup> CENTURY AMERICAN Craftsman/Prairie School	<u>N MOVEMENTS/</u>	Materials         (Enter categories from instructions)         foundation       Stone         walls       Stucco         Wood (half timbering)         roof       Asphalt shingle         other       Brick	

#### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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#### Description

The William Park House, a Craftsman-style, Four-Square, was built in 1913 in Hanover, a former mill village in the Town of Sprague (Photographs 1, 2, 3, 4). Set well back from the west side of Main Street, the Park House is centered on a three-acre landscaped corner lot, which is bordered by mature deciduous trees, conifers, and shrubbery, with a dry-laid stone wall along part of the rear property line (Exhibit A). The broad expanse of open lawn surrounding the house is nearly trisected by crushed stone driveways from the three adjoining streets: Main, Spruce, and Pearl. Mature flowering crabapples are spaced at intervals along both sides of the principal driveway from Main Street, which curves to the right to align with the porte cochere of the house.

Contributing outbuildings include a hipped-roof pump and well house with shingled walls (10' x12'), which is located under a large maple tree behind the house (Photograph 5), and several structures in the northeast corner of the property: a wood-shingled, gambrel-roofed garden shed with an attached greenhouse on the east (Photograph 6), and two concrete cold frames on the south side. A coal-fired furnace in the cellar of the garden shed supplied heat to the extant greenhouse and to an extensive orchid greenhouse to the north, dating from the late 1920s. The latter building was destroyed in the 1938 hurricane and not rebuilt. The c. 1970 garage that now occupies part of that space is the only non-contributing resource on the property.

The historic layout of the site is virtually unchanged. A c.1920 aerial view (taken from the water tower of the Angus Park Woolen Company across the street; Exhibit B), shows the three driveways, as well as the extant garden structures in the northeast corner. The only missing landscape feature is a rose arbor running north from the house, with pathways to and around those buildings.

The Park House consists of a tall, two-story main block (42' x 39'), with a wraparound veranda and a porte cochere. The rough stuccoed walls are set off by decorative half-timbering.<sup>1</sup> Shaped rafter ends embellish the broad overhanging eaves of the hipped roof and its four dormers. A gable-on-hip roof configuration is used on the taller dormers on the front and rear slopes; those on the side elevations have simple gabled roofs. Although the veranda floor extends across part of the façade and along all of the south elevation, its hipped roof only covers the open porch and the glassed-in sun porch on the south side. The veranda railing is a simplified replacement for the original feature that matched the interior balustrade; a matching gate at the stop of the front steps shown in the historic photograph (Exhibit B) has been removed.

Among the other features of the house are a tall exterior chimney with decorative brickwork on the south elevation and a projecting rectangular window bay above the main entrance. On the north elevation, a hipped-roofed porte cochere, supported by paired columns on high masonry bases, shelters another entrance porch. The detailing of the balustrade there is original and matches that of the interior. The second-floor porch above is enclosed with a combination of sixpane casement and sash windows on three sides. The rest of the windows in the house contain nine-over-one, double-hung sash, placed singly on secondary elevations and in the bands of three in dormers and bays.

The front entry, which is flanked by operable sidelights, retains its original six-paneled oak door. It has beveled glass in the top third and recessed panels below, which are capped with a denticulated projecting molding (Photograph 7). The door pattern is replicated in the wooden screen door. The enclosed vestibule or foyer, which has a tile floor and vertical paneled oak wainscot, is set off from the front hall by an oak-framed plate glass wall, with a glass door in the center.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The cementitious stucco, which has a sharp sand/gravel aggregate, was washed or floated to expose a coarsely textured surface.

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The spacious interior features exceptionally high plastered ceilings, paneled wainscot and doors, and matched oak flooring. The triple-run staircase along the north wall of the center hall, which has 15 risers to accommodate the height of the first floor (9'6"), incorporates a built-in oak bench at the base of the first landing (Photograph 8). The oak balustrade, which has closely set turned balusters (three on each tread) and a railing with offsets at the newel posts, continues along the stairwell opening in the upper hall. The oak newels display bulbous capitals embellished with rosettes, classical organic motifs (lotus and anthemion), and minutely beaded chamfers (Photographs 9, 10)

Wide double entrances with six-panel pocket doors on either side of the hall lead to the parlors on the south and a dining room on the north. In the front parlor, the brick fireplace, which is centered on the south wall, has a segmental arched opening and a molded mantel supported by consoles (Photographs 11, 12). A rectangular plaster bas relief, mortared into the chimney breast and framed by brick headers, depicts a conventional classical theme from Greek mythology: Aurora, the Dawn Goddess, driving her chariot across the sky accompanied by her handmaidens.

Architectural features in the front parlor include angled outside corners fitted with six-panel French doors with transoms and cased ceiling beams that give the effect of coffering around the perimeter. A built-in seat across the bay window on the east (front) wall has a mirrored panel under the center window and radiator grilles below. The existing nine-light top sash there is a replacement for the original leaded glass window, which was blown out in the hurricane of 1938. In the smaller rear parlor, or sitting room, where the walls are sheathed with random-width, beaded boards, a single pocket door provides access to the hall and the original tiled bathroom at the west end of this space. Extant features in the dining room include high paneled wainscot and a built-in cupboards, one with leaded glass (Photographs 13, 14). The leaded glass sash in the center of the front band of windows also was replaced in 1938.

The upper floors also have high ceilings (8' 6" on the second and 8'0" on the third level). In addition to four bedrooms, the second floor includes a sitting room at the east end of the hall (above the first-floor foyer), with a built-in window seat in the projecting bay. Two of the three bathrooms on this floor retain original hand-made floor and wall tile, as well as some original porcelain fixtures. Double pocket doors with translucent glazing in the upper panels set off the ballroom on the third floor. Occupying the front half of this level, it also contains a cobblestone fireplace on the south wall. Two servant's bedrooms at the rear were served by a free-stranding wash basin out in the hall, and a small, adjoining enclosed toilet room.

#### William Park House

Name of Property

#### 8. Statement of Significance

#### **Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- X A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
  - **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- **X C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
  - D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

#### **Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.) Property is:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- **B** removed from its original location.
- **C** a birthplace or grave.
- **D** a cemetery.
- **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- **F** a commemorative property.
- **G** Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

#### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.) Previous documentation on file (NPS): **Primary Location of Additional Data:** \_\_\_\_\_preliminary determination of individual listing State Historic Preservation Office \_\_\_ Other State agency (36 CFR 67) has been requested. \_\_\_\_\_ previously listed in the National Register Federal agency \_\_\_\_\_ previously determined eligible by the National Register Local government \_\_\_\_\_ designated a National Historic Landmark University \_\_\_\_\_ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # X Other recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # Name of repository: Sprague Historical Society and owner's files.

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> Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

INDUSTRY

Period of Significance 1900 - c. 1955

Significant Dates 1913

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

Cultural Affiliation <u>N/A</u>\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Peck McWilliams (builder)

ARCHITECTURE

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#### **Statement of Significance**

A well integrated synthesis of the stylistic and artistic movements of the early 1900s, the William Park House, is a significant and distinctive example of a Craftsman Four-Square. Exceptionally well-preserved, it is distinguished by a high level of craftsmanship. Additional local significance is derived through its association with the Parks, a family of Scottish descent that was largely responsible for the early twentieth-century development of Hanover. Motivated by the same enlightened self interest and social welfare policies as their nineteenth-century counterparts, the mill village created by the Park family greatly benefited from their philanthropy.

#### Historical Background and Significance

The oldest settlement in Sprague, Hanover is one of several mill villages in the Shetucket-Still River watershed. Once the northernmost tier of settlements in the Norwich bounds (the nine-square miles purchased from Uncas, the Mohegan sachem in 1659), Hanover began its official existence as a Congregational ecclesiastical society in 1760. By drawing members from other nearby towns, such as Windham and Canterbury, the society included more than 50 families by 1765, when the meetinghouse was completed. After the Revolution, when many outlying parishes evolved into townships, the Hanover society was divided between the two new towns of Lisbon and Franklin. However, the community was later reunited when the Town of Sprague was incorporated in 1861.

The textile industry in Connecticut's Eastern Uplands followed a more or less similar pattern of development. In the entrepreneurial antebellum period, many of the first cotton and woolen mills were established on former grist- and sawmill sites. Although some of these early mills survived to prosper during the Civil War, others went bankrupt or were destroyed by fire. By the end of the nineteenth century, a number of defunct mills, after standing vacant for years, were taken over by a new generation of industrialists who upgraded power systems and enlarged and modernized plants. While the textile industry as a whole thrived up through World War I, woolen mills generated record profits from the production of uniform cloth for American and Allied armies. The postwar decline in the wool markets in the 1920s, soon followed by the Great Depression, weeded out the competition, leaving only larger or more efficient mills still operating. Of those which managed to stay in business through World War II, only a few survived the general decline in Connecticut textile manufacturing in the postwar period. Among them was the woolen company founded by Angus Park (1859-1929) in Hanover, which remained in business until the 1970s.

Angus Park (1859-1929), the son of William and Catherine Campbell Park, was born in Galashiels, the center of Scotland's woolen industry. The eldest of 12 children, Angus left school to work in the mills at age 13. In 1873 he emigrated with his family to Canada, where the men in the family were employed at the Paton Manufacturing Company, an established wool textile mill in Sherbrooke, Quebec. In the next 20 years Angus rose through the ranks to become the overseer of the weaving division of that company. In the early 1890s, Angus, in partnership with his brother, William C. Park (1861-1937), and his uncle, David Campbell, purchased the Niantic Manufacturing Company, a defunct wool mill in East Lyme, the first of several acquisitions in Connecticut. Leaving the management of the Connecticut mill to his brother, Angus remained in Canada with his Scottish bride, Elizabeth, whom he had married in 1879. Their son and only child, William Park, was born in there in 1889.

Ten years later Angus moved with his family to Hanover, Connecticut, where he had purchased the Allen Woolen Company, which had closed in 1895.<sup>2</sup> Included in the transaction were all the mill buildings and water rights, and workers' tenements generally dating from the 1850s, along with the Queen Anne-style Allen House, the home of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Of interest to architectural historians is the fact that an earlier saw- and gristmill on this site was owned by the noted architect/builder Lavius Fillmore before he removed to Vermont in 1802.

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former mill owner just north of the nominated property. The new firm, called Airlie Mills, a Scottish name in honor of Park's native country, prospered under his management as evidenced by a period of expansion that soon followed. Between 1903 and 1912, Park purchased other failed Connecticut mills in Killingly and East Glastonbury, the latter with his brother William, and leased a plant in Whipple, Rhode Island, another independent venture, for a new division called Glengarry Mills.

William Park, the presumptive heir to the family business, was brought into the company right after his graduation from Windham High School. In 1910, at age 21, he became the assistant superintendent of the Hanover plant. Upon his marriage to Ruth Standish of Hanover in 1913, the nominated property was a wedding gift from his father. With his son at his side, Angus Park soon implemented his grand plans for the mill. In anticipation of the coming war, the Parks geared up to produce uniform coatings for the French and Italian armies, and by 1917 the firm was ready to be a major supplier for United States military.

Upgrading the power and water supply systems at the mill also provided an opportunity to modernize the village infrastructure, thereby substantially improving the quality of life for their workers. A new boiler room and smokestack (125 feet high) at the mill increased the capacity and efficiency of the steam generation system, and supplied all the electric power for the mill and the village until 1922, when the Eastern Connecticut Power Company took over. A steel penstock laid from the millpond supplied the mill as well as a village water system. In a separate holding tank with a 50,000 gallon capacity, drinking water was treated and then pumped up to a new water tank on an 80-foot steel tower, then delivered by gravity feed to houses in the village (including their homes on Main Street), which also were connected to the company's new sewer system. (Pumping easements were not transferred to the Town of Sprague until 1970.) Other amenities supplied by the company included sidewalks and streetlights, and even ice was provided after the Parks' built a new icehouse near Hanover Pond in 1917. Clearly the Parks' contributions to the community were not simply philanthropic gestures. In a period of general labor unrest, with strikes becoming commonplace, they were designed to attract and keep an experienced workforce.

Like many nineteenth-century industrialists, the Parks also recognized the stabilizing influence of religion in a company town. Their skilled workers, the boss weavers and mechanics, then mostly first- and second-generation Scottish immigrants, presumably attended the Hanover Congregational Church favored by the Park family, but those of Irish descent attended mass at St. Mary's in Baltic, another industrial village in Sprague. Although less than four miles away, it was a difficult journey in the winter and early spring, so starting in 1911, Angus Park gave permission for masses to be held in the mill on a seasonal basis. He later donated company land and funding for St. Joseph's Mission Church in Hanover. Soon after it was completed in 1928, Angus provided an organ and arranged for annual contributions to the church.

With William's promotion to plant superintendent by 1920 came new responsibilities. By 1922 he was managing a new state-of-the-art, brick-and-steel factory building (226' x 62') that had more than doubled the mill's capacity. Erected between the old mill and Main Street, it displaced three company tenements there. Obviously being trained to succeed his father as head of the company, William also represented the company at national conferences. Among them was a meeting in New York City, which was called to adopt a relief plan for the wool industry, which had been in recession since 1926.<sup>3</sup> The first order of business was the formation of the Wool Institute, a group representing 240 manufacturers

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> New York Times. February 16, 1928.

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who controlled 50,000 looms, or about 75 percent of the total American production. William Park was elected a director of the new organization, which set new, more modern policies for the industry related to pricing methods and inventory control.

William Park became head of the company after his father's death in 1929 and remained in charge until he died in 1971. In the 1930s, the various Park mills in New England were consolidated as the Angus Park Woolen Company, headquartered in Hanover. It is probable that the company received financial help from the federal government during the Depression, since in 1941 the workers' tenements were put up for auction, as required by federal law. During World War II, 90 percent of the company production was for the military. Truckloads of woolen goods left the plant each day for delivery to U.S. Army warehouses located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Massachusetts; some cloth designated for the use of the Russian army was shipped directly overseas to Murmansk.<sup>4</sup>

William Park also carried on family traditions of public service. Like his father before him, William was a pillar of the Hanover Congregational Church, where his wife Ruth was the organist. Just as Angus Park had served as state representative and senator, William was elected to the state legislature, and also served the town as a lifelong member of the Sprague Board of Finance, from its inception in 1925.

Perhaps more importantly, William also raised a son, Angus William (Bill) Park (b. 1924), who would inherit the company. Although Bill was largely responsible for the post-war recovery, in which the company made a successful transition to fabrics for women's sportswear, by 1970 double knits dominated the market and production of worsteds declined. Although ready and willing to carry on the family business after his father's death in 1971, Bill Park was forced to preside over the liquidation of the company in 1973. Only two years later the mills were destroyed by fire, erasing the industrial core of this family's exceptional legacy.

#### **Architectural Significance**

The William Park House is a significant illustration of the widespread influence of the early twentieth-century aesthetic known as the Arts and Crafts Movement on American domestic architecture. Although the movement lead by English architect William G. Morris (1834-1896), originated in Europe, architects on this side of the Atlantic soon embraced its principles. To counter the near universal reliance on the impersonal machine technology and its effect on residential architectural design, early practitioners of the Craftsman style, most notably Charles and Henry Greene in California, along with Frank Lloyd Wright and other members of the Prairie School in the Midwest, promoted a return to handfashioned, natural materials, and a greater concern for texture and detail. Although the Craftsman and Prairie styles were built for a relatively short period (1900-1915), they were widely publicized. Their influence on the commercial housing industry and the design preferences of a growing suburban middle class resulted in the popularity of the Bungalow and American Four-Square.

The Park House displays architectural elements common to both the Tudor and Craftsman styles, such as a nine-over-one sash pattern, banded windows, and prominent dormers. The design, however, is based on a principal subtype of Prairie style, variously called the Prairie Box or American Four-Square, which has a hipped roof and a symmetrical façade with a front entry.<sup>5</sup> Several features of the Park House convey an informality rarely found in the more standard Four-Squares of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Angus W. Park , interviewed by Kord Jablonsky, February 2006.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Virginia and Lee McAlester, A Field Guide to American Houses (New York: Alfred Knopf, 1985), p. 453.

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the period. Among them is the use of stucco, rather than wood sheathing, a regional variant largely confined to the Northeast, as well as the half timbering and shaped rafter ends.<sup>6</sup>

What is not immediately obvious is how asymmetrical massing of secondary forms tends to disguise the box-like form of the main block. From the development of the slightly recessed porte cochere and its sleeping porch as a complementary two-story wing to the horizontal thrust of the veranda, this interplay of forms not only re-emphasizes the weight and breadth of the roof, it visually reduces the height of the main block and helps anchor the building to its site. Similar massing is found in early Wrightian designs, such as the Prairie-style Rovert Eckart House of 1900 in River Forest, Illinois, which has a raised center block, hipped roofs with broad overhanging eaves, as well as bands of windows and a porte cochere.<sup>7</sup>

The remarkable oak staircase, the centerpiece of the Park House, is especially significant. The work of a highly skilled carver, it celebrates the wood aesthetic and attention to detail that informed the Craftsman style, as well as the influence of the contemporaneous Neo-Classical Revival on this style. As intended, the exceptionally fine, hand-carved organic forms embellishing the newels recall the architectural elaborations of the classical Corinthian order. The design of the front door, while quite typical of the Craftsman style, is another case in point, although there the classical influence is largely confined here to the moldings and a tripartite division. The renewed interest in the classics in this period is more overtly demonstrated by the bas relief on the chimney breast. The display of such reproductions, somewhat of a status symbol in this period, was a common theme in interior décor for the aspiring bourgeoisie.

The overall quality and exceptional integrity of the Park House owes much to the skill and capability of the builder, Peck McWilliams, clearly a master carpenter. Although said to be active in residential and commercial construction in the Norwich area, there is no record of him living or working in the city or surrounding towns in directories or federal censuses.<sup>8</sup> Since so little is known about his career, whether McWilliams or an architect designed the house remains an open question. Even though the sophisticated integration of the design suggests the involvement of an architect, plans could have drawn by an experienced builder or even adapted from architect's plans that were readily available from a number of sources. Virtually every mail-order company included a variety of Four-Squares in their catalogs and plans also were available from magazines, such as the *Ladies Home Journal*, which sold plans drawn by some of the leading architects of the day, including as it happens, Frank Lloyd Wright.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 454.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Lester Walker, *American Shelter* (Woodstock, New York: Overlook Press, 1981), p.182.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The possibility exists that the name, which was written on the back of some architectural trim in the ballroom, may refer to a partnership, but such a company is not listed in Norwich city directories.

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#### List of Photographs

Photographer: Cunningham Preservation Associates

Date: 11/05 Negatives on File: SHPO, Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism

- 1. William Park House, facade, camera facing NW
- 2. William Park House, facade and north elevation, camera facing W
- 3. William Park House, façade and south elevation, camera facing N
- 4. William Park House, south elevation, camera facing NE
- 5. William Park House, garden shed (with greenhouse) and garage, camera facing N
- 6. William Park House, well & pump house, camera facing W
- 7. William Park House, vestibule with front door, camera facing E
- 8. William Park House, hall, camera facing NW
- 9. William Park House, hall from front staircase, camera facing S
- 10. William Park House, balustrade detail at head of stairs, camera facing W
- 11. William Park House, front parlor, camera facing W
- 12. William Park House, front parlor, camera facing S
- 13. William Park House, dining room, camera facing E
- 14. William Park House, dining room, camera facing W

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11. Form Prepar	red By: Reviewed by Matt I	Blood, National Register Coordinator				
name/title	Jan Cunningham, National Register Consultant					
organization	Cunningham Preservation Associates, LLC date	03/15/06				
street & number	<u>37 Orange Road</u> telephone (	860) 347 4072				
city or town	Middletownstate CTzip code 06457					
Property Owner						
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#### 10. Geographical Data

#### **Verbal Boundary Description:**

The nominated property is described the Sprague Land Records in Volume 59, Page 340, and shown on the attached site plan drawn to scale from a land survey.

#### **Boundary Justification:**

The boundaries are drawn along property lines established when the William Park House was erected in 1913 so as to encompass all the land and surviving historic buildings associated with the property during its period of significance.





#### EXHIBIT A

WILLIAM PARK HOUSE Hanover, New London County, CT

#### SITE PLAN

*Scale:* 1' = 50' Arrows: Photograph Views Source: Property Survey, 2005

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# **EXHIBIT B**

WILLIAM PARK HOUSE Hanover, New London County, CT Cunningham Preservation Associates, LLC 2/06

AERIAL VIEW, c. 1920 (Courtesy of Park Family)



# EXHIBIT C

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# FIRST FLOOR PLAN

Scale: 3/32" = 1' Arrows: Photograph Views