

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: Hartford	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
68-11-06-0001	11/8/68

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Amos Bull House

AND/OR HISTORIC: *settle 5/10/72*

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: ~~350 Main Street~~ 59 S. PROSPECT Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford

STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06 COUNTY: Hartford CODE: 003

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Unused</u>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: City of Hartford Redevelopment Agency *Conn. Historical Commission*

STREET AND NUMBER: ~~City Hall - 550 Main Street~~ 59 S. PROSPECT ST.

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford STATE: Connecticut CODE: 0280

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER: 550 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford STATE: Connecticut CODE: 0280

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 35 x 55 feet

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: August 13, 1968 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Connecticut Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER: 75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford STATE: Connecticut CODE: 0280

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present arched windows and door at ground level are the most recent in a series of alterations over the years, adapting the building to various uses. There is evidence that the original entry was to the left, opening into a hall and stairway, and that the windows matched those above in placement and size. Of the old interior finish, nothing remains on the ground floor, but at the second floor much paneled wainscoting has been preserved, with room cornices and fireplace trim. The stair and room division at the third floor seem also to be original. Radical alterations on the first floor reflect the uses to which the property has been subjected in the past, including a dry goods and hardware store, a school, a plumbing and stove firm that installed large plate glass windows, and finally a restaurant.

On the exterior the brickwork remains nearly intact except below the belt course on the facade. The gambrel roof exhibits a wide moulded cornice with modillions beneath, and below these a row of dentils. These details are repeated in miniature at the level and raking cornices of the three pedimented dormers in the front roof slope that light the third story and account for much of the character of the whole. Twin chimneys rise from the end walls, carrying out the balanced arrangement. The roof covering is modern composition shingle. Foundation is built of the local Connecticut Valley sandstone. Brick is reported to be the once noted narrow type from the neighboring town of Windsor.

The structure is endangered.

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**8. 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) **1788**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art Archit.	Landscape	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-		_____	
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

One of the few 18th century structures remaining in the city of Hartford, this building is reported to date from 1799 and to be a unique example of a town house of the period. Originally it stood at the sidewalk line, before being moved back in the early part of this century to its present position at the rear of a narrow lot. Less than 30 feet across the facade, it was planned to occupy a restricted city frontage, and the absence of original windows on the sides at the first two floors indicates closely abutting structures on neighboring lots.

The first owner, Amos Bull, resided in the building and by 1791 was advertising in the local newspaper his business in dry goods and a wide assortment of such items as window glass, glue, whalebone, and metals, largely imported from Europe. He offered the property for sale in 1820, but before parting with it he opened a "reading academy" that imparted also arithmetic, geography, and other useful and necessary subjects. By 1887 the property housed a business dealing in furnaces, ranges, and plumbing, which occupied it more than thirty years, to be followed by various interests including an automobile dealer and finally a restaurant. It has been vacant for several years.

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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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE			LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	41	45	35
SE	0	'	"	72	40	30
SW	0	'	"			

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Herbert C. Darbee Executive Secretary

ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Historical Commission DATE: 26 May, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER: 75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hartford STATE: Connecticut CODE: 0280

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 *Eric Hatch*  
Eric Hatch

Title State Liaison Officer

Date 28 May, 1969

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date *Ernest Allen Connolly*

ATTEST: NOV 8 1968

*William J. Sturtevant*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date NOV 8 1968

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

ROAD #1

Lat. 41° 45' 35"

Long. 72° 40' 30"

STONINGTON STREET

MORRIS AVENUE  
CONGRESS STREET  
HOSPITAL AVENUE  
HARTFORD AVENUE  
SEYMOUR STREET

GROTON STREET  
LISBON STREET  
NORWICH STREET  
MAIN STREET  
JEFFERSON STREET  
HUDSON STREET  
WADSWORTH STREET  
SCHOOL STREET  
JOHN STREET  
CHARTER OF BURY STREET  
GOVERNOR STREET  
UNION STREET  
WOODBRIDGE STREET  
WADSWORTH ST  
CEDAR STREET  
STONINGTON ST  
MORRIS ST  
HARTFORD ST  
SEYMOUR ST

CHARTER SHELTON  
WHITEHEAD  
POTTER ST  
MERCER STREET  
MECHANIC STREET  
COLUMBUS STREET  
ARCH ST  
PROSPECT ST  
MATH ST  
WELLS ST  
MULBER ST  
RY ST  
GOLD ST  
LEWIS ST  
TRUMBULL ST  
JEWELL ST  
HICKS ST  
SERVICE CT.  
ANN ST  
FEED ST  
UNION PL  
STONINGTON PL  
ROAD

AMERICAN STATE  
CENT ROW ST  
MARKET ST  
KINSLEY ST  
CHARLES ST  
TALCOTT ST  
TEMPLE ST  
CHURCH ST  
STONINGTON ST  
UNION PL  
ROAD

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KFLEY RIDGE