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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Connecticut	
COUNTY: New London	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.06.0010	DATE 10/6/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Governor Samuel Huntington House

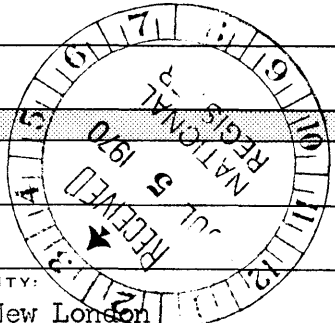
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
34 East Town Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Norwichtown

STATE: Connecticut CODE: 06 COUNTY: New London CODE: 011



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Offices for the United	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	Workers of Norwich	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
United Workers of Norwich, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:
34 East Town Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Norwich

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Norwich

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Connecticut Historic Structures and Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:
1968

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Connecticut Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Hartford

STATE:
Connecticut

CODE:
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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

This two chimney center hall Georgian structure has been extensively altered since it was the home of Governor Huntington. The original house was a rectangular gable roofed frame building with corner pilasters and five bays. Although the windows of the lower story retain their original frames and triangular pediments the front entrance has been significantly altered with the addition of a projecting central portico with double columns which are two stories tall and support a pediment at roof level. The original entrance and the original central second story windows have been replaced with wide doors. The entrance doorway of the ground floor is framed with the rectilinear forms of the Greek Revival with square panels below rectangular side lights and fluted pilasters. The geometry of the classical revival is emphasized further in the square and circular patterns of the railing at the second story level of the portico.

A side door on the east side of the house has an entrance porch with curved entablature and slender Doric columns. The door is flanked by sidelights and a semi-elliptical over-door fanlight.

Some of the other alterations in the building are a large two story ell on the south side of the building and a projecting bay window on the west. A stone chimney to the rear of the building (SE corner) has the bust of an Indian in high relief near its top.

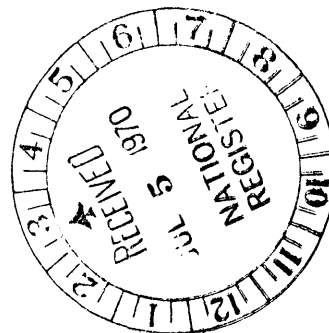
The house sits on a rise of land above Town Street and one of the steps leading up to its front walk is inscribed:

HOME OF SAMUEL HUNTINGTON GOV. 1786 - 1796

A SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

MARKER BY D.A.R.

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6 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) 1783

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

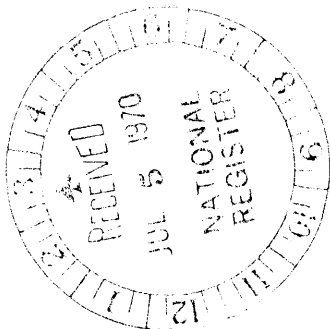
The significance of this building is its relation to one of the most distinguished citizens of Norwich. Samuel Huntington was a self-educated farmboy who became a lawyer. He was born in Scotland, Connecticut on July 3, 1732.

In 1760 he moved to Norwich and in 1761 married Martha, daughter of the Reverend Ebenezer Devotion of Windham. They had no children of their own but adopted two children of his brother, Rev. Joseph Huntington, who also had married a Devotion girl.

In 1764 Samuel Huntington became a representative of the Town of Norwich to the General Assembly. In 1774 he was appointed Associate Judge in Superior Court and in 1775 became a member of the Council of Safety of Connecticut and was appointed delegate to Congress. He was seated in the Continental Congress in 1776 and became one of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was elected President of the Continental Congress in 1779 and served in that capacity until July, 1781. He became Chief Justice of the State of Connecticut in 1784, and in 1785 was elected Lieutenant Governor. In 1786 he became Governor and held the position for ten years. He died in 1796.

This building is now being used as the offices of the United Workers of Norwich, the organized charities of Norwich. The physical building has been extensively altered over the years.

From Norwich Historic Homes and Families,
 Researched and written by Marian K.
 O'Keefe and Catherine Smith Dorowhevich.
 Stonington Connecticut: The Pequot Press,
 1967.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Marian K. O'Keefe and Catherine Smith Doroshevich, Norwich Historic Homes and Families, Stonington Connecticut: The Pequot Press, Inc.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	41°	33'	01"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	72°	05'	31"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	41	33	01
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	72	05	31

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Constance Luyster, Administrative Trainee

ORGANIZATION: **Connecticut Historical Commission** DATE: **June 26, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:
75 Elm Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Hartford** STATE: **Connecticut** CODE: **06**

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: *Richard [Signature]*
 State Liaison Officer and Chairman
 Title: _____
 Connecticut Historical Commission
 Date: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

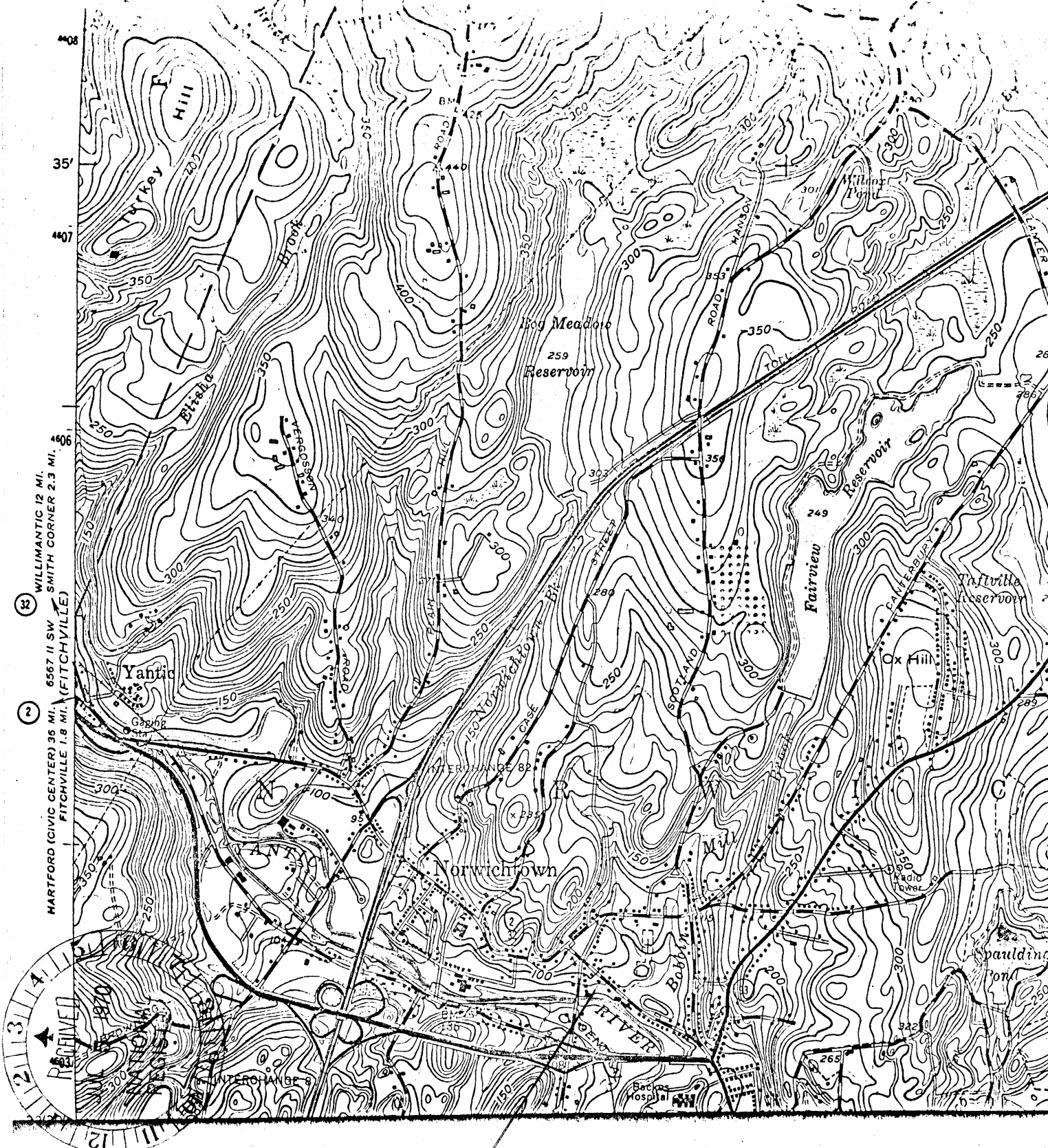
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
OCT 6 1970

Date: _____

ATTEST:
William J. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: **AUG 19 1970**

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 Governor Samuel Huntington House
 Latitude 41° 33' 01"
 Longitude 72° 05' 31"