

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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Town No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Site No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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QUAD: Branford

DISTRICT  S  NR IF NR, SPECIFY  Actual  Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) *Private Residence* (Historic) *Orrin Hoadley House*

2. TOWN/CITY *Branford* VILLAGE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY *New Haven*

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) *15 Sunset Hill Road Map G7, Block 2, Lot 8; 1 acre*

4. OWNER(S) *Joseph E. Buza & Doris Dodd*  Public  Private

5. USE (Present) *One-Family Dwelling* (Historic) *Same*

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD  Yes  No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE  Yes  No IF YES, EXPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING *Late New England Colonial* DATE OF CONSTRUCTION *1785-1815*

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

Clapboard  Asbestos Siding  Brick  Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Wood Shingle  Asphalt Siding  Fieldstone

Board & Batten  Stucco  Cobblestone

Aluminum Siding  Concrete Type: \_\_\_\_\_  Cut stone Type: \_\_\_\_\_

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

Wood frame  Post and beam  balloon

Load bearing masonry  Structural iron or steel

Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

10. ROOF (Type)

Gable  Flat  Mansard  Monitor  sawtooth

Gambrel  Shed  Hip  Round  Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

(Material)

Wood Shingle  Roll Asphalt  Tin  Slate

Asphalt shingle  Built up  Tile  Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

11. NUMBER OF STORIES *2 1/2* APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS *43 feet x 72 feet*

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)

Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN

On original site  Moved \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No *Additions - dates unknown*

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

Barn  Shed  Garage  Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Carriage house  Shop  Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

Open land  Wood-land  Residential  Scattered buildings visible from site

Commercial  Industrial  Rural  High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

*Located in a mid-twentieth century suburban development; set well back from road, isolated by grade.*

(OVER)

**DESCRIPTION (Continued)**

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

Constructed on a square plan with its ridge parallel to its facade, this structure has a steeply-pitched roof (45° or 12:12) with a brick-faced, center chimney set back of the ridge. The house has a three-bay, five-window facade with eight-over-twelve sash. The entry has a paneled door flanked by sidelights; its cornice appears to have been altered. The gable ends have five windows, the east end has received a large one-story addition. The house has several additions constructed during the mid-twentieth century. Its exterior appears to have been restored during the same time.

18. ARCHITECT: N/A

BUILDER: Unknown

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was first recorded by E. D. Keith on the W.P.A. survey. Keith dated the house 1785-1815. While the house has had several twentieth-century additions, the older part has been carefully preserved and is still recognizable as the house appearing in the W.P.A. photograph.

Architecturally, the house is representative of the full two-story, center chimney New England house as it had evolved by the end of the Second Period, 1691-1720 (Keith).

The Orrin Hoadley house is significant in Branford's collection of eighteenth-century houses for its integrity of location, setting, material and workmanship. As an example of eighteenth-century architecture, it meets Criteria C of the National Register of Historic Places.

**SOURCES**

W.P.A. Federal Writers Project "Census of Old or Distinctive Buildings in the State of Connecticut", c.1936, No. 22.  
 Maps: Whiteford, 1852; Beers, 1868.

**PHOTO**

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known     Highways     Vandalism     Developers     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal     Private     Deterioration     Zoning     Expropriation \_\_\_\_\_