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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Noyes, William, Farmstead
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 340 Gallup Hill Road N/A not for publication
city, town Ledyard N/A vicinity
state Connecticut code CT county New London code 011 zip code 06339

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources in Ledyard, Conn.
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official: *John W. Shanahan* Date: 10/23/92
State or Federal agency and bureau: John W. Shanahan, Director, Connecticut Historical Commission

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official: _____ Date: _____
State or Federal agency and bureau: _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet. *Alouise Byers* 12/14/92

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet. _____

determined not eligible for the National Register. _____

removed from the National Register. _____

other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/animal facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

DOMESTIC/secondary structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

COLONIAL/Postmedieval English

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation granite

walls weatherboard

roof asphalt shingle

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The William Noyes Farmstead is located on Gallup Hill Road in southeastern Ledyard near the intersection with Shewville Road. It consists of a large two-story Colonial/Federal-style farmhouse and two barns (Photograph #s 1, 2, 3, 4). Oriented to the south, the house turns its back to the roadway to overlook extensive fields that slope away to the valley formed by Whitford Brook, the headwaters of the Mystic River. The larger of the two barns is located across the road on what was known in the late nineteenth century as the barn lot. The level farmyard is bordered by dry-laid stone walls.

Although the size of the property has been reduced to the few acres surrounding the buildings, and the open fields that surrounded the property are no longer cultivated and have partially reverted to woodland, the secluded rural character of the farmstead has been maintained, undiminished by modern development. Until the late nineteenth century, the farm was more isolated than it is today. It was originally accessed from by a cartway from Shewville Road to the east; today the roadway, the present Gallup Hill Road, passes through the farmstead.

The farmhouse is a gable-roofed, two-story building which rests on a granite foundation. At the rear northeast corner, next to the roadway, is an attached shed-roofed ell. The post-and-beam frame of the house is sheathed with planking and clapboards; some of the latter is old, if not original material, as indicated by the use of hand-headed nails. The distinguishing Federal-style features of the main door, positioned slightly off-center in the facade, include narrow pilasters, overlight, and high entablature with dentils. A simpler projecting cornice is found over the rear door at the back of the west elevation. Both doors date from the Federal period and have six fielded panels.

Architectural evidence indicates that the farmhouse evolved from a one-room structure probably built by 1735, the present west end of the building. The most compelling indication is the separate cellar under each end, connected by a narrow stone-walled passageway. At the east end of the passageway there is an old door which formerly opened to the outside. A stone staircase leading up from the older cellar at the front of the house, now closed off above, is apparently the remains of interior stairs which allowed access to the cellar from the front hall.

The smaller of the two barns is the best preserved. A gable-roofed structure with a rubblestone foundation, it is oriented with its ridge running almost east and west. The larger barn across the road has been somewhat altered for use as a studio but it has retained its form and most of its material. Built into a slope, it displays on the south side a high foundation of dry-laid stone, which rises directly from the roadside. The vertical board walls now have battens, but the cupola and much of the fenestration are unchanged.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

AGRICULTURE

Significant Person

N/A

Period of Significance

c. 1735 - c. 1790

c. 1735 - c. 1940

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

Significant Dates

c. 1735

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The William Noyes Farmstead is locally significant as an exceptional example of an eighteenth-century farmstead. Not only does it have exceptional integrity of setting, it is distinguished by an outstanding dwelling which embodies in its appearance, orientation, materials, and massing, the essential characteristics of a farmhouse of this period. It derives further significance from its finely crafted Federal-style detailing and a vernacular building history that is town, if not region, specific. The Noyes House is one of the few known surviving examples of a local two-story farmhouse to incorporate this building tradition. A two-stage evolution, often with the same cellar plan, is more commonly demonstrated in the Cape form in Ledyard.

The historic context for this resource is identified in the Multiple Resource Nomination Form as E-I., Agriculture, and it fully meets the registration requirements for this property type, Eighteenth-Century Farmsteads.

The original house on this property was built about 1735 by William Noyes (1715-1809), the son of Deacon John Noyes and Mary Gallup. A deed of 1734 correcting the southern boundary indicates that the land was a gift from his maternal grandfather, Lieutenant William Gallup, deceased. There was still contention about the boundary, which was resolved in 1748, when Benadam and Bendam Gallup, Jr., quit-claimed to William the southern half of the "land which has been in controversy." In 1739, the same year that his father took Mrs. Elizabeth Whiting as his second wife, William married Sybil Whiting, possibly her daughter. The 74-acre farm with a dwelling house was sold in 1771 to his son, William Noyes (1743-1798), who at the time was living in New Canaan, New York and may not have moved here. By 1781 he had sold the property to his youngest brother, Nathaniel, who in turn sold it two years later to James Woodbridge. Woodbridge was probably responsible for enlarging the house and the Federal detailing. His estate passed to James J. Brown and Stiles Crandall in 1841. Crandall sold his interest to Brown, who had married Sophia E. Crandall in 1840. In 1897 the estate of James J. Brown, now divided by a highway, the present Gallup Hill Road, was set to his sons, Albert and William, who sold it out of the family in 1910. Farming was carried on by several more owners here until at least 1940, when it was known as the "Littlefield Church Farm." Eva Butler, a prominent local historian, acquired the property in 1944. Her heirs sold it to the present owners in 1976.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

See Multiple Property Documentation Form that accompanys this nomination (Section I).

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 4

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is described in the land records located in the Town Clerk's office in the Ledyard Town Hall in Volume 102:395.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes all the land and buildings still associated with the William Noyes Farmstead that remain from its period of significance.

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11. Form Prepared By Reviewed by John Herzan, National Register Coordinator

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