

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational 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 an 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 Property

historic name David Pinney House and Barn--Boundary Increaseother names/site number Noden-Reed Park

## 2. Location

street & number 58 West Street☐ not for publicationcity or town Windsor Locks☐ vicinitystate Connecticut code CT county Hartford code 003 zip code 06096

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

John W. Shannahan, Director, Connecticut Historical CommissionDate 07/06/94

State of 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 certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

## 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register.  
☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ 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

Entered in the  
National Register Date of Action8/5/94

Hartford County, Connecticut  
County and State

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

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The National Register of Historic Places listing for the David Pinney House and Barn is hereby expanded in boundary to cover the entire 21.56-acre parcel of Noden-Reed Park, an increase of nearly 19 acres over the original National Register boundary. Tentative plans to develop the park's rear acreage for elderly housing resulted in limiting the original National Register listing in August 1977 to only three acres. These plans have been abandoned, and by action of the Windsor Locks Parks Commission in June 1990, which was ratified by town referendum in the following August, the entire 21.56 acres were officially dedicated as a town park for passive recreation. The park property was bequeathed to the town by the last private owner, Gladys Reed (1890-1973), and public title was acquired in 1975.

The acreage covered by this boundary increase is primarily rolling farm land, no longer in cultivation, that is now maintained as grassy open space (photographs 1 and 3). Two structures here contribute to the property's historic significance. A little over half the distance from the Pinney House to the western property line is a long narrow trench that is approximately 350 feet long and 8 feet wide. According to local tradition, the trench is manmade and served as a "ha-ha" (note 1). In the rear woods is Reed Pond (photograph 2), created by an earthen dam across a small stream, from which the property owners once harvested ice. Linking these resources with the David Pinney House is a dirt road, bordered on one side by a row of ancient trees (photograph 3).

In recent years, the Windsor Locks Historical Society has developed the c.1840 David Pinney House (photograph 4) and c.1825 brick barn (photograph 5) as a historical museum. The Pinney House contains an extensive collection of furnishings, decorative objects, books, and manuscripts related to town history. Housed in the barn, which is temporarily closed for roof repairs, is a collection of farm implements related especially to historic tobacco cultivation and a number of 19th-century carriages and wagons.

Notes

1. The Story of Windsor Locks, 1663-1954 (Windsor Locks:

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Windsor Locks Centennial Committee, 1954). The "ha-ha" and a stream running northward across the property form two sides of a triangle for animal containment. No physical evidence remains, however, of how the triangle's third side was bounded. The "ha-ha," or sunken fence, was built below grade to avoid interrupting the visual flow of the natural landscape. Ha-has could take several forms; Thomas Jefferson built one of this sort to surround his West Lawn at Monticello, and Alexander Jackson Downing recommended them to ensure picturesque landscape features. See February 9, 1994, letter from Rudy J. Favretti to David Poirier of the Connecticut Historical Commission; also see C.T. Onions, ed., The Oxford Universal Dictionary of Historical Principles (Oxford: The Clarendon Press, reprinted 1955), p. 853.

## 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.)

- ☒ **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.
- ☒ **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.)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

### 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture

Architecture

### Period of Significance

1825-1944

### Significant Dates

NA

### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

NA

### Cultural Affiliation

NA

### Architect/Builder

NA

### Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☒ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

David Pinney House and Barn  
Name of Property

Hartford County, Connecticut  
County and State

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 21.56 acres

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	18	694970	4644850
Zone	Easting	North	ing
2	18	695700	4644880

3	18	695680	4644580
Zone	Easting	North	ing
4	18	694970	4644600

☐ See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Connecticut Historical Commission date July 1, 1994

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city or town West Hartford state CT zip code 06107

### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Town of Windsor Locks

street & number 50 Church Street telephone 203-627-1444

city or town Windsor Locks state CT zip code 06096

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The property now being added to the David Pinney House listing in the National Register of Historic Places is significant because of its strong historical associations with the Pinney House. The two parcels, which together comprise the 21.56-acre Noden-Reed Park, have been in common ownership since the 18th century and are the last vestige of a larger historic farm property that once totaled 90 acres. The site is one of the few reminders in Windsor Locks today of its predominant agricultural economy prior to the opening of the Windsor Locks Canal in 1847 and subsequent industrial transformation. Unlike most farm properties in Windsor Locks, this tract remained in cultivation into the middle of the 20th century during its ownership by the Reed family. The property retains its significant historic topographical character, including rolling farm land, a "ha-ha" related to its agricultural development, and a pond that was utilized for ice production.

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Verbal Boundary Description: The boundaries of the property, taking into account the boundary increase, are those of Noden-Reed Park in its entirety. The park land was bequeathed to the Town of Windsor Locks by Gladys Reed and conveyed by deed at volume 122, page 410 (recorded 4/2/1975), of the town land records. This property is part of a larger farm property formerly associated with the David Pinney House. Over time, the farm was subdivided, leaving the present 21.56 acres in common ownership with the house.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

All of the photographs in the boundary increase documentation were taken by Gregory E. Andrews in November, 1993. Negatives for the photographs are on file with the Connecticut Historical Commission, Hartford, CT.

1. View of Noden-Reed Park looking southwest from the c.1825 barn.
2. View of Reed's Pond near the western park boundary, looking northwest.
3. View of Noden-Reed Park looking east from rear acreage toward the park buildings.
4. Front(east) and north elevations of c.1840 David Pinney House, looking southwest.
5. South elevation of c.1825 barn, looking north.