
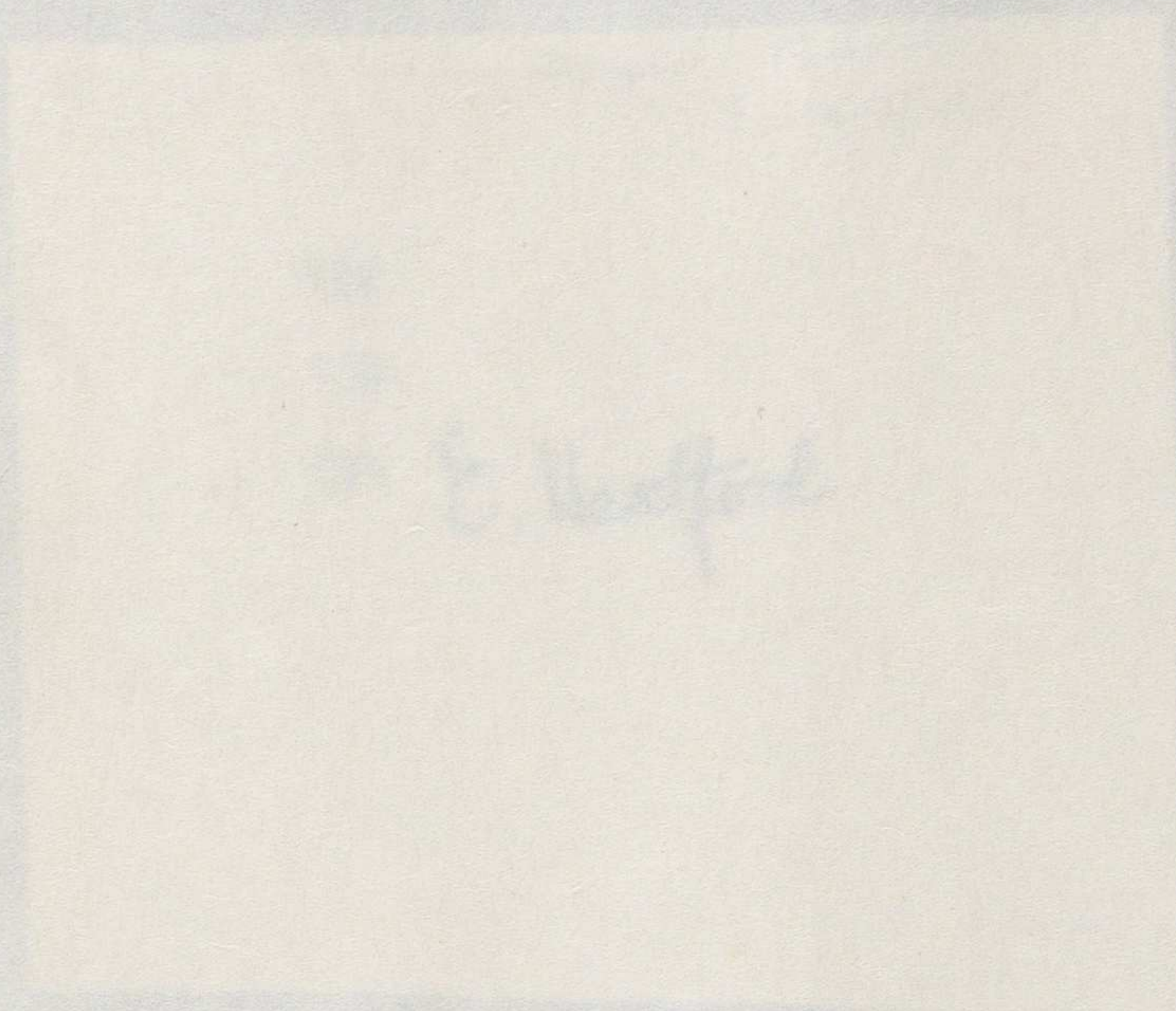


1. STATE Connecticut COUNTY Hartford TOWN E. Hartford VICINITY STREET NO. Main St. and Connecticut Boulevard ORIGINAL OWNER First Congregational ORIGINAL USE Church PRESENT OWNER Church PRESENT USE Church WALL CONSTRUCTION Frame NO. OF STORIES		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
		2. NAME First Congregational Church DATE OR PERIOD c. 1835 STYLE Greek Revival ARCHITECT Third edifice since 1699 BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <div>Large and imposing structure of its type and period, on brick basement with porch of dressed stone. Six large Ionic columns across front are now on cast concrete bases. Entrances of three large double doors with deep-set panels and very plain, rather awkward door frames matching similar window frames are replacements of sheet metal. Exterior in general has been completely redone in recent past, with metal siding, very insensitively.</div> <div></div>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered No Interior DNS Exterior			
Main St. and Connecticut Boulevard			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH D-4	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Herbert C. Darbee Conn. Historical Commission 135-A State Office Building Hartford, Conn. 06115 DATE OF RECORD Sept. 30, 1966	

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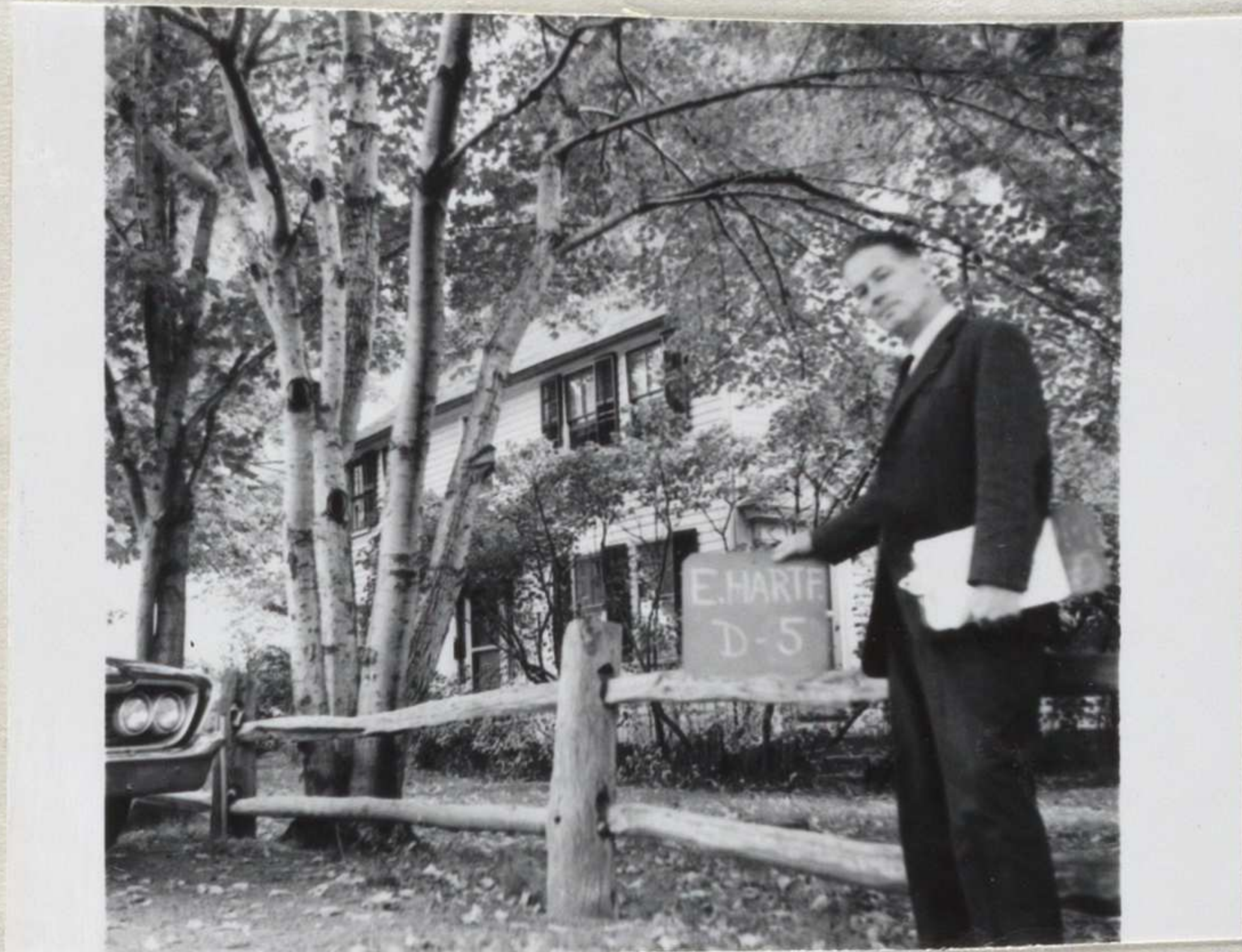
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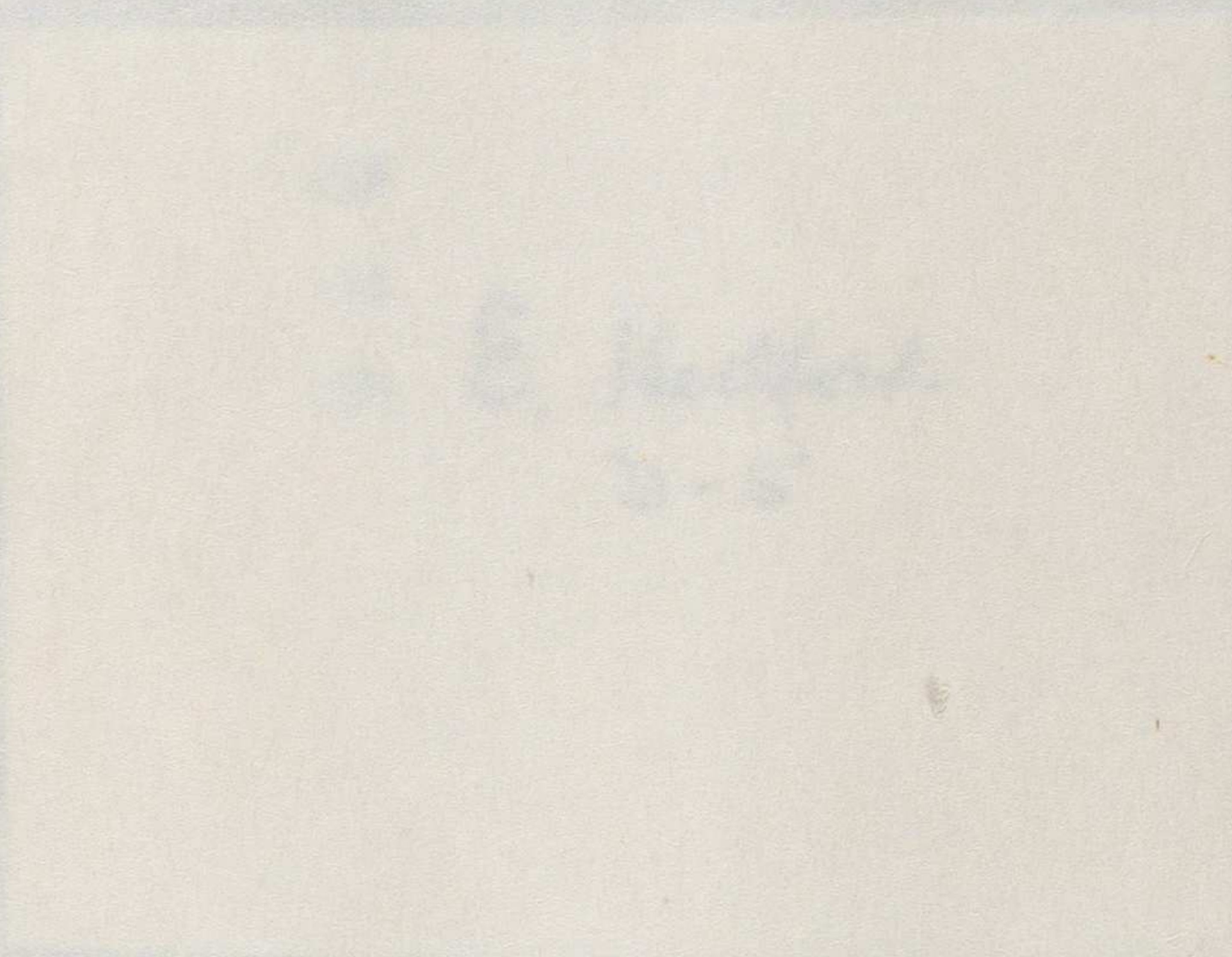
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1. STATE Connecticut COUNTY Hartford TOWN E. Hartford VICINITY STREET NO. 135 Forbes Street ORIGINAL OWNER James Forbes ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER James Forbes PRESENT USE House WALL CONSTRUCTION Frame, clapboard NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
		2. NAME James S. Forbes house DATE OR PERIOD 1765 STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <div style="text-align: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC No</div> <p>House is reputed to have stored kegs of silver to pay French soldiers during Revolution, giving name to street known as Silver Lane. Still in Forbes family, members of whom provided information about interior, which has been considerably altered.</p>			
			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered No Interior DNS Exterior Good			
135 Forbes Street			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH D-5	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Herbert C. Darbee Conn. Historical Commission 135-A State Office Building Hartford, Conn. 06115 DATE OF RECORD Oct. 5, 1966	

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<p>1. STATE Connecticut COUNTY Hartford TOWN East Hartford VICINITY STREET NO. 126 Burnside Ave. Northeast corner of Burnside ORIGINAL OWNER & Clune Court ORIGINAL USE House PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE House WALL CONSTRUCTION Frame, clapboard NO. OF STORIES 2</p>	<p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY</p> <p>2. NAME Huguenot House</p> <p>DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION</p> <p>OPEN TO PUBLIC No</p> <p>A gambrel-roofed central chimney house apparently of first part of 18th century. Difficult to see or photograph because of surrounding heavy foliage. Clapboards appear original or at least very old, largely fastened with hand-wrought nails. Long rear wing probably a later addition, Since clapboards are much wider and point of junction to main house is very evident. All sash of main house except attic and dormers (9 over 6) are later 2 over 2 type. Attic sash is 6 over 6. Present inhabitants not of a kind to give much care to building, which deserves preservation for its architecture, age, and amount of original material on exterior at least. Foundation is dressed sandstone. Oil delivery man (Hudson Oil Co.) said owner's wife died about 6 months ago and owner is now alone and old. May indicate some action respecting house in near future.</p> <p>Demolished as of 1976 Survey - J.R.</p>	
<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE</p> <p>126 Burnside Avenue Northeast corner of Burnside and Clune Court.</p>	<p>Endangered Yes Interior DNS Exterior Poor</p> 
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> <p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>	<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Herbert C. Darbee Conn. Historical Commission 135-A State Office Building Hartford, Conn. 06115</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD Sept. 30, 1966</p>

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1. GENERAL FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

The site is located on the north side of the river, about 1/2 mile from the town of ... The site is a small, rectangular area, approximately 100 feet by 50 feet. It is surrounded by a low wall, and there are several buildings on the site. The site is believed to be a ...

2. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURES

The structures are in poor condition. The walls are crumbling, and the roofs are leaking. The site is overgrown with weeds and brush.

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3. PHOTOGRAPHY

4. RECOMMENDATIONS (See General)

5. FURTHER RESEARCH (See General)

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1. STATE Connecticut COUNTY Hartford TOWN East Hartford VICINITY STREET NO. 236 High Street, Southeast corner of Wadsworth Street ORIGINAL OWNER George Risley ORIGINAL USE House PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE House WALL CONSTRUCTION Frame, clapboard NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
		2. NAME Old George Risley House DATE OR PERIOD About 1690 (sign on house) STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC No A lean-to or saltbox type with about a 9 inch overhang across front at first floor ceiling level, four brackets beneath. These appear to be restorations, as does all exterior woodwork. Overhang also in gable ends at second floor ceiling level. All sash have been replaced. Added porch sheltering entry door at south end of house, which faces west. Added screened porch with wooden Doric columns at north side. Central chimney also appears replaced above roof. Small chimney added at rear. Composition shingles.			
			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered No Interior DNS Exterior Good			
236 High Street, southeast corner of Wadsworth Street.			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH D-10	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Herbert C. Darbee Conn. Historical Commission 135-A State Office Building Hartford, Conn. 06115 DATE OF RECORD Sept. 30, 2966	


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1. STATE Connecticut COUNTY Hartford TOWN East Hartford STREET NO. 1150 Main Street VICINITY (corner Burnside Ave.) ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER Apparently rectory for PRESENT USE adjoining Episcopal Church WALL CONSTRUCTION Frame of clapboard NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
		2. NAME DATE OR PERIOD 1785 - 1810 STYLE Federal ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC Modillion block cornice and heavy rope moulding. Auger hole hole decoration in both cornice and matching window caps in front of lower windows. Entrance portico - repeats fine decorative elements and shows frieze with triglyphs and metopes above Doric columns. Leaded fanlight. Keystone block in arch above fanlight. Foundation and entrance steps are dressed sandstone blocks. Tow chimney central hall type. <i>Demolished - spring 1970.</i>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered No Interior DNS Exterior Good			
1150 Main Street (corner Burnside Ave.)			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Joseph Hickey Dept. of Agric. & Nat. Resources Planner DATE OF RECORD Sept. 20, 1966	

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1. STATE Connecticut COUNTY Hartford TOWN E. Hartford VICINITY STREET NO. 784 Main St., Southeast corner of Central Ave. ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE Probably residence PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE Masonic meeting hall WALL CONSTRUCTION Frame and clapboard NO. OF STORIES 2		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
		2. NAME <i>Greek Revival House</i> DATE OR PERIOD STYLE Greek Revival ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <div style="text-align: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC No</div> <p>Attractive proportioned building with entrance porch of 2-story height showing 4 square columns with paneled sides. fluted necks. Wide cornice all around of very simplified modillions. Leaded spider-wev fanlight over front door gives some distinction to entrance. Not an outstanding structure, but it lends character to its surroundings.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered No Interior DNS Exterior Good			
784 Main Street, southeast corner or Central Avenue			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH D-20	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Herbert C. Darbee Conn. Historical Commission 135-A State Office Building Hartford, Conn. 06115 DATE OF RECORD Sept. 30, 1966	

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1. STATE Connecticut COUNTY Hartford TOWN E. Hartford VICINITY STREET NO. 159 Naubuc Ave. West side, between Broad St. and Colonial Lane ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE House PRESENT OWNER Hollister PRESENT USE House WALL CONSTRUCTION Frame NO. OF STORIES 2		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
		2. NAME Octagon DATE OR PERIOD Victorian STYLE Octagonal ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION			
OPEN TO PUBLIC No			
Small octagonal house with gable-roofed rear wing that may be later addition. Foundation is dressed graystone. That of wing is brick. Small entry porch on the side facing south. A very pleasing small-sized version of its architectural style and type.			
			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered	Interior Exterior
159 Naubuc Ave. West side, between Broad St. and Colonial Lane			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH D-22	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Herbert C. Darbee Conn. Historical Commission 135-A State Office Building Hartford, Conn. 06115 DATE OF RECORD Sept. 30, 1966	

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Connecticut Historical Commission
August 23, 1978
Agenda Item 6a.

6a. Upon motion by _____, seconded by _____,
the Connecticut Historical Commission voted to list the Selden Brewer
House in East Hartford on the State Register of Historic Places.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
(203) 566-3005

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

For Buildings and Structures

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

TOWN NO.:

SITE NO.: 1009

UTM: 18/---/---/---/---/---

QUAD:

DISTRICT: S NR: ACTUAL
POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Brewer House Historic: Selden Brewer House
2. TOWN/CITY: East Hartford VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Hartford
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 137 High Street
4. OWNER(S): Pratt & Whitney, Inc. PUBLIC ☒ PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Unoccupied Historic: Residence
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: ☒ yes ___ no
Interior accessible: yes, explain ☒ no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Federal DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Early 19th Century
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
☒ clapboard (addition) ___ asbestos siding ☒ brick
___ wood shingle ___ asphalt siding ___ fieldstone
___ board & batten ___ stucco ___ cobblestone
___ aluminum siding ___ concrete: type: _____ cut stone: type: _____
___ other: _____
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
☒ wood frame: ___ post and beam ___ balloon
☒ load bearing masonry ___ structural iron or steel
___ other: _____
10. ROOF: type:
___ gable ___ flat ___ mansard ___ monitor ___ sawtooth
___ gambrel ___ shed ☒ hip ___ round ___ other Cupola
material:
___ wood shingle ___ roll asphalt ___ tin ___ slate
☒ asphalt shingle ___ built up ___ tile ___ other: _____
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 3 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 45' x 80' (including ell)
12. CONDITION: Structural: ☒ excellent ___ good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
Exterior: ☒ excellent ___ good ___ fair ___ deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: ☒ on original site ___ moved, when: _____
Alterations: ___ no ☒ yes, explain: Early Victorian interior redecoration
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
___ barn demolished shed ___ garage ___ other landscape features or buildings: tall evergreens
___ carriage house ___ shop ___ garden Acreage: approximately 1 1/4 acres
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
___ open land ___ woodland ☒ residential ___ scattered buildings visible from site
___ commercial ☒ industrial ___ rural ___ high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The Brewer house sits at the edge of the Pratt and Whitney complex and an entrance to Interstate 84 where it is a visual landmark to east bound traffic.

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

Cupola

"Dogear" Georgian style mouldings

Marble and wooden fireplaces

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Selden Brewer

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See attachment already received in agenda.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: _____

date: _____ view: _____

negative on file: _____

COMPILED BY:

name: Staff, Connecticut Historical date: August 23, 1978

organization: Commission

address: _____

Place
Photograph
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19. SOURCES:

National Register pre-selection site file.

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

☐ none known ☐ highways ☐ vandalism ☐ developers ☐ other: _____
☐ renewal ☒ private ☐ deterioration ☐ zoning ☐ explanation: _____

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DESCRIPTION

Selden Brewer House - 137 High Street East Hartford, Connecticut

The "Selden Brewer House" is a landmark in East Hartford and to a generation of travelers on Route 2 from which it is clearly visible. It is precisely this prominence that gives it so much importance since it stands at the beginning of an endangered cluster of eighteenth and nineteenth century dwellings (and one dating to the 1690's) which is being encroached upon by apartments, a funeral parlor and heavy industry.

The Brewer House is unique in the area -- an Italianate villa -- and reflects the prosperity of agriculture in the Connecticut River Valley in the mid nineteenth century. Selden Brewer was a tobacco farmer who did so well that could afford a house style usually associated with urban "developments" or the country estates of upper middle class city folks.

The main portion of the house consists of a square dwelling with center hall, four tall chimneys and two floors surmounted by a shallow attic level with low windows and a square cupola with surrounding "widow's walk". At the rear of the house are two ells in tandem, the first of which may be original and contains a tall kitchen chimney. The second ell was added to house an elderly Brewer aunt.

After the death of Selden, the house passed to his son Norman who probably is responsible for the redecoration in late Victorian style. Norman also added a columned porch on the south side. Inventories taken at the time of Seldon's death show the contents of the house in 1875.

A series of photographs taken in 1946 show the house little changed from its "Norman" redecoration, with arched fireplace moldings simple mantels and graceful woodwork. The main parlor has an embossed tin ceiling. About half the fireplaces had been incorporated into the heating system, while the other half remained open. The exterior of the house was then of natural brick with white paint confined to the attic floor, cupola, porch and trim.

At this time, the house has been painted white with black or dark green shutters, which, with the five chimneys, gives it rather the appearance of a sea captain's house. Reports from former roomers indicate very little changed inside -- "old fashioned, but maintained" -- at least until a few years ago. While the extensive grounds are gone, there is still an adequate south side yard and the small front (east) yard has been cut back only for a sidewalk.

One can argue that consideration should not be given to a structure without further investigation, that no competent historical architect has been in it as yet and that much may have happened in thirty years -- but if you wait, it may be lost. How much more of our heritage, for such a highly visible home is the aesthetic heritage of all of us, can we lose? Which house must be lost before the owners of the 1690 Risley House decide to let the adjacent apartment building expand its parking lot? Before the eighteenth century salt box down the street is let pass from disrepair to decay? East Hartford and Connecticut, in 1850 must have had many of these villas; today East Hartford has one, and Connecticut....?

HISTORY

Selden Brewer House - 137 High Street East Hartford, Connecticut

During the first third of the nineteenth century, Samuel Brewer made extensive land purchases in the area of what is now known as High Street in East Hartford; at least three of these plots bore dwelling houses, and it is possible one such home became the nucleus of the "Selden Brewer House." However, the inventory of the property of Selden Brewer after his death in 1875 enables us to locate many of these purchases and notes that the homestead stood on $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Samuel purchased only one $2\frac{1}{4}$ plot -- from Levi Wells on October 27th, 1827. (E.H. Record of Deeds, Book No. 17, Page 443, as recorded on the original deed in the possession of the Brewer family.)

Selden Brewer, Samuel's son was born in 1811 and, in 1833, married Marietta Galphin of Kensington, Connecticut. The style of the house is consistent with its construction in the early years of this marriage.

After the death of Selden, in 1875, his son Norman inherited the house (known as 27 High Street, now renumbered 137). It was Norman who probably redid the interior of the house and added the porch on the south side.

The house remained in the Brewer family until 1948 when Pratt & Whitney Aircraft purchased it from Norman's son Vincent. P&WA wanted only its lands, which, in various parcels extended to the Connecticut River, and quickly resold the house. The house passed through four owners in the next thirty years and at one time, about twenty years ago was used as a rooming house. A sign "Rooms to Let" may still be attached to the north wall.

In the spring of this year, the parent corporation of Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, United Technologies, repurchased the house, again with the intent of using only its land. However, since in 1948 almost every available inch on the north and west was used by P&WA's Wilgoos Laboratories, this time UT feels that the house must go -- to construct a parking lot and widen the driveway.

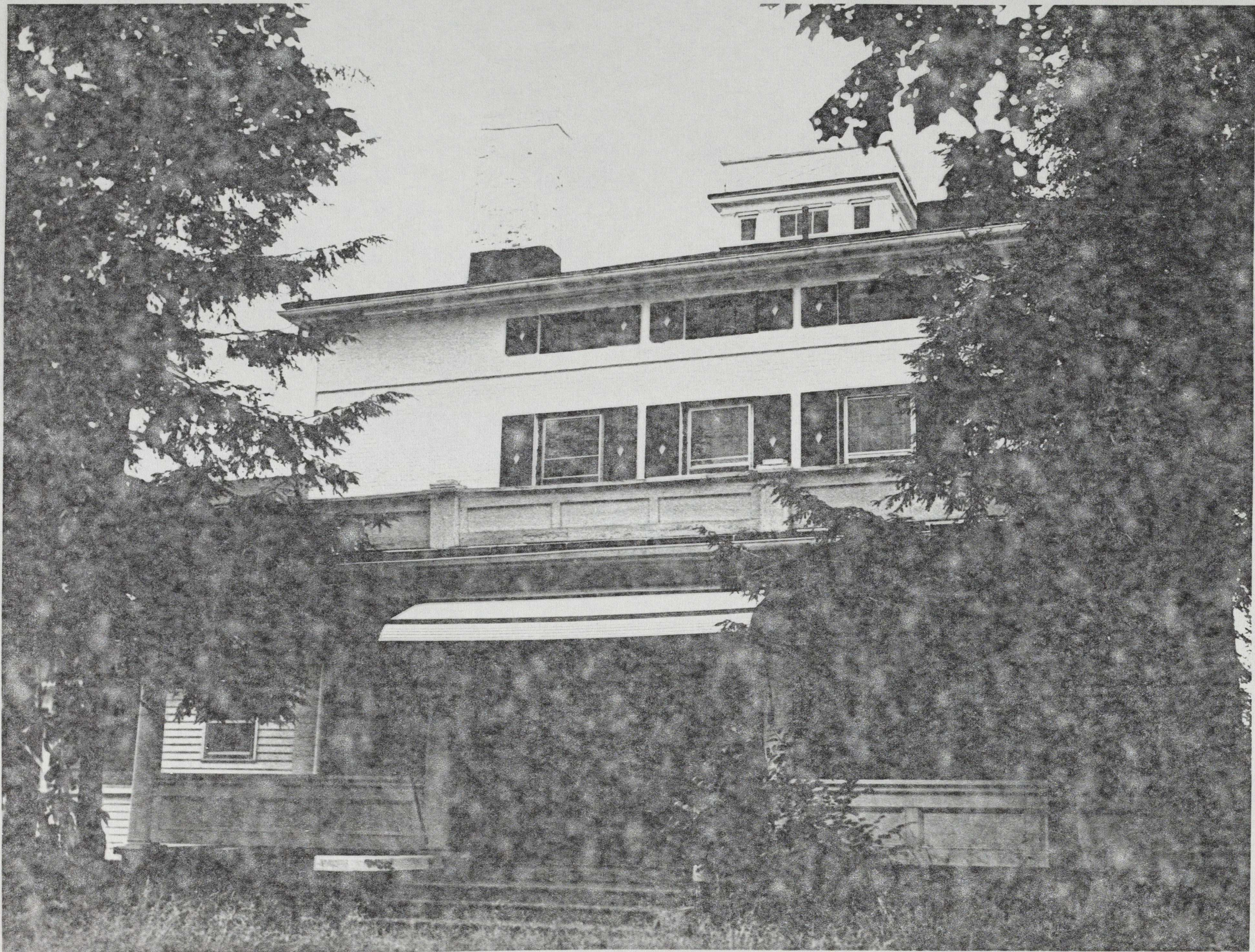


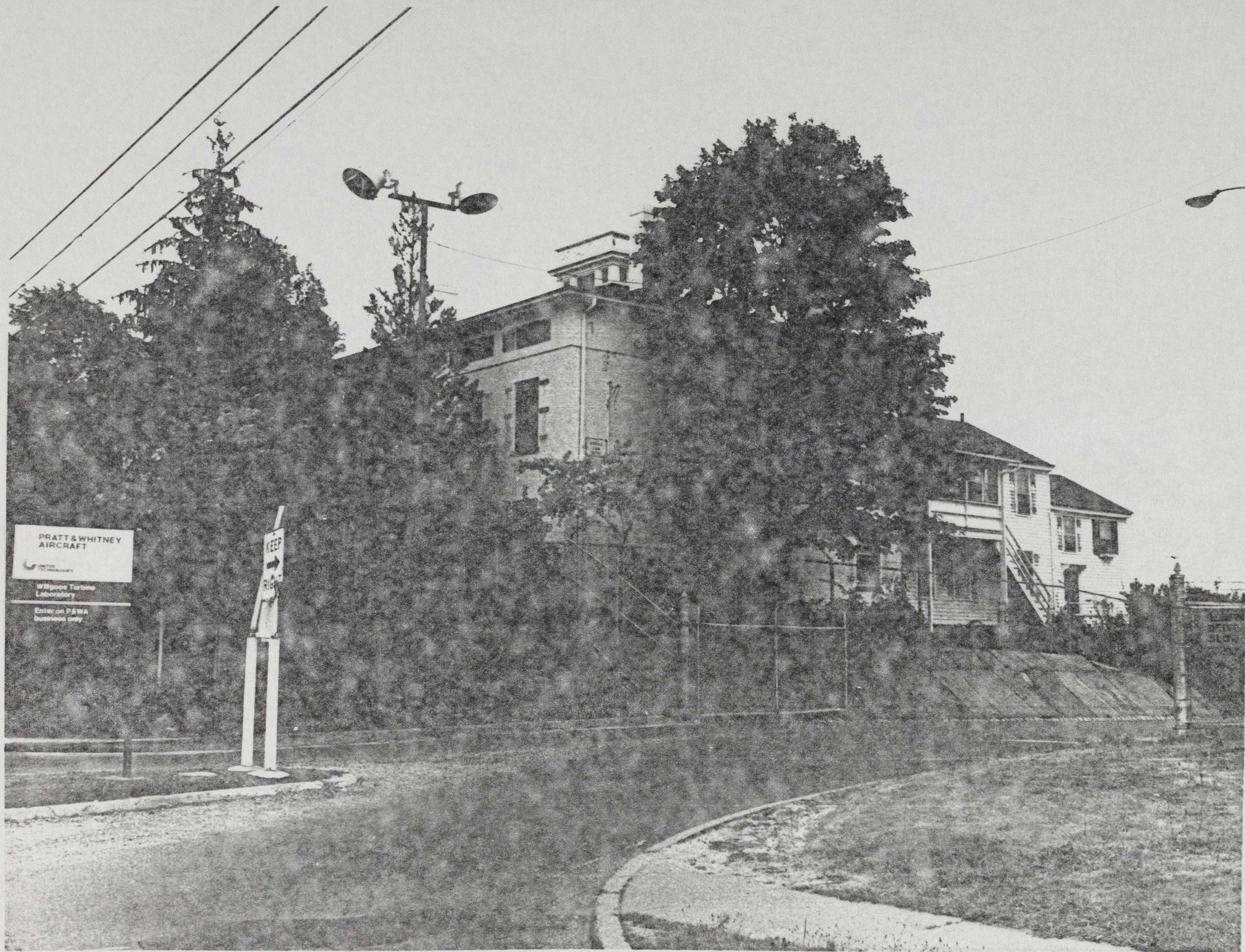
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