

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK NOMINATION

NPS Form 10-900

USDI/NPS NRHP Registration Form (Rev. 8-86)

OMB No. 1024-0018

PROPERTY NAME

United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic Name: Varnum, General James Mitchell, House

Other Name/Site Number: Varnum House Museum

2. LOCATION

Street & Number: 57 Peirce Street

Not for publication: __

City/Town: East Greenwich

Vicinity: __

State: Rhode Island County: Kent

Code: 003

Zip Code: 02818

3. CLASSIFICATION

Ownership of Property

Private: x

Public-Local:

Public-State:

Public-Federal:

Object:

Category of Property

Building(s): x

District:

Site:

Structure:

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

 1

Noncontributing

 1 buildings

 sites

 structures

 objects

 Total

Number of Contributing Resources Previously Listed in the National Register: 1

Name of Related Multiple Property Listing: N/A

PROPERTY NAME

United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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.

Signature of Certifying Official

Date

State or Federal Agency and Bureau

In my opinion, the property ____ meets ____ does not meet the National Register criteria.

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
- Determined eligible for the National Register
- Determined not eligible for the National Register
- Removed from the National Register
- Other (explain):

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

PROPERTY NAME

United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

6. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic: Domestic

Sub: Single Dwelling

Current: Domestic

Sub: Single Dwelling

7. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION: Colonial: Georgian

MATERIALS:

Foundation: Stone: Granite

Walls: Wood: Clapboards

Roof: Wood: Cedar Shingle

Other: Chimneys: Brick;

Trim: Wood;

Porch: Wood and Granite steps

PROPERTY NAME

United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

Describe Present and Historic Physical Appearance. See Continuation Sheet

8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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

Nationally: X Statewide: Locally:

Applicable National

Register Criteria: A X B X C D

Criteria Considerations

(Exceptions): A B C D E F G

NHL Criteria: Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past

NHL Theme(s): The American Revolution; Political and Military Affairs: 1783-1830; The US Constitution

Areas of Significance: Law, Military, Politics/Government

Period(s) of Significance: 1773-1788

Significant Dates: 1781, 1786

Significant Person(s): Varnum, General James Mitchell

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Reynolds, John

Historic Contexts: The US Constitution: Judicial Review of the Constitutionality of the Statutes

State Significance of Property, and Justify Criteria, Criteria Considerations, and Areas and Periods of Significance Noted Above.

See Continuation Sheet

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Continuation Sheet

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: #

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: 1.1 Acres

UTM References: **Zone Easting Northing**

Verbal Boundary Description:

The property is approximately 180 x 220 feet; bounded on the north by Revolution Street, on the east by Peirce Street, on the south by Church Street; the north property line is defined by a fence and the parking lot for the adjacent property.

Boundary Justification:

The boundaries selected are those of the property acquired in the 1930's by the Varnum Continentals, the current owners. The lot is larger than that originally owned by Varnum; however the extension of the lot towards Church Street does reflect the fact that this area, now the property's lawn, has always been vacant. Consequently, it retains the character of house during its period of significance.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/Title: Anne C. Hall, Ph.D.

Address: 511 Town Hill Rd
New Hartford, Ct
06057

Telephone: 860-379-2158

Date: April 8, 2010

Edited by:

National Park Service
National Historic Landmarks Program
1849 C St., N.W. (2280)
Washington, DC 20240

Telephone: (202) 354-

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS PROGRAM
May 10, 2010