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State Historic Preservation Office
Department of Economic and Community Development
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5
Hartford, CT 06103

Re: Post-Move Documentation for 283 (f.k.a. 275) Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut

Ms. Scofield,

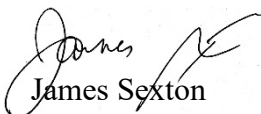
The move of the National Register of Historic Places-listed William Pinto House from 275 to 283 Orange Street was officially approved by the National Park Service on September 21, 2020. I am writing to confirm that the move of the building was undertaken in January-May of 2022, and associated work on recreating the foundation and creating a new accessible entrance at the rear was substantially completed by May 2025.

The work followed the plan outlined in the pre-move memo except for one deviation, discussed at the time it occurred with your office and interested parties including the New Haven Preservation Trust, in the rebuilding the front wall of the foundation. Challenges with removing and splitting the fragile brownstone, the presence of more tinted concrete patches than originally expected, and the reorientation of the stairs for health and safety reasons meant that not all of the stones could be placed back in their original locations. Nevertheless, great effort was expended to recreate the appearance of the original foundation wall and the masons were able to replace the tinted concrete patches with historic brownstone.

The building was moved with no significant damage to the character-defining features that qualified it for listing in the National Register. It now rests on the rebuilt foundation, making a strong contribution to the historically mixed streetscape. Updates for the property's NRHP nomination form, including photographs of the building in its new location, are attached.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best,


James Sexton

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| County and State |
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| NR Reference Number |

State Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,
I hereby certify that this additional documentation ___ additional documentation: name change
 move ___ removal ___ other
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.

Signature of Certifying Official/Title

Date of Action

Federal Agency Certification

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Date of Action

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
___ additional documentation accepted
___ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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Location

Street & number: 283 Orange Street
 City or town: New Haven State: CT County: New Haven
 Not For Publication: Vicinity:

Narrative Description

The National Register of Historic Places Nomination (Nomination) for the William Pinto House in New Haven, New Haven County, Connecticut was completed in 1985. Between that time and the moving of the house in January-April 2022 several changes were made to the building. The one-story addition that documented in the Nomination was replaced with a two-story addition in 1987. In 1990, the building was substantially renovated including the addition of a dormer on the north slope of the roof. The building remained unchanged from that point until it was lifted and moved in 2022.

The building was lifted off its foundation at 275 Orange Street and moved on rails and rollers to the adjacent lot at 283 Orange Street. The move shifted the position of the building approximately 87 feet. It continues to face northwest and is set close to the street. The Pinto House sits on a new concrete-block foundation faced with stones from its original foundation. The facing of the front foundation wall was created using the ashlar brownstone that had been used in that location on the original site. Tinted concrete patches present before the move were replaced with original brownstone blocks that were salvaged from the foundation. The placement of the building on its new site required the changing of the entry stairs from the south to the north side of the stoop. The handrail was reoriented and reused.

After the removal of the 1987 addition in preparation for moving the building, the rear gable of the building was reclad and a concrete porch with concrete steps and room for a wheelchair lift on the south side was added at the new location. The porch now leads to a modern, paneled exterior door, and is surrounded by a simple railing with square balusters. A flat roof is supported by four square piers at the eastern edge of the porch.

Integrity

The building retains much of its integrity. Although it has been moved, it remains on the same block, with the same relationship to the street, and the same orientation. The addition of a new seven-story building to the south has changed the immediate surroundings of the building (it formerly sat in the middle of a large parking lot), but it is far from the only multi-story building in the vicinity, as this block already had three buildings four-stories or taller. Less than 220 feet to the northwest is the 17-story Southern New England Telephone Company administration Building (1938, Orr and Foote, NRHP reference number 97001447). The neighborhood has had a mix of low- and high-rise buildings from a variety of eras since before the Pinto House was listed in the NRHP. In addition, the removal of the non-historic addition did not affect the integrity of the Pinto House or its character-defining features. From the building's sills up,

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the materials have remained the same and the workmanship has been unaltered. The foundation and front stoop have been modified, with the steps being reoriented to avoid a new driveway, and the foundation walls rebuilt. In both cases, material salvaged from the original foundation were used in the process; no new materials are visible. (For structural reasons a new, concrete block foundation was created behind the rebuilt historic foundation.)

Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property 2,352 sq. ft.

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

- 1. Latitude: 41.308475 Longitude: -72.921822
- 2. Latitude: Longitude:
- 3. Latitude: Longitude:
- 4. Latitude: Longitude:

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The boundary of the nominated property is the footprint of the historic building.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

As the building has been moved to its current location, all historic elements are included within the footprint of the building.

Form Prepared By

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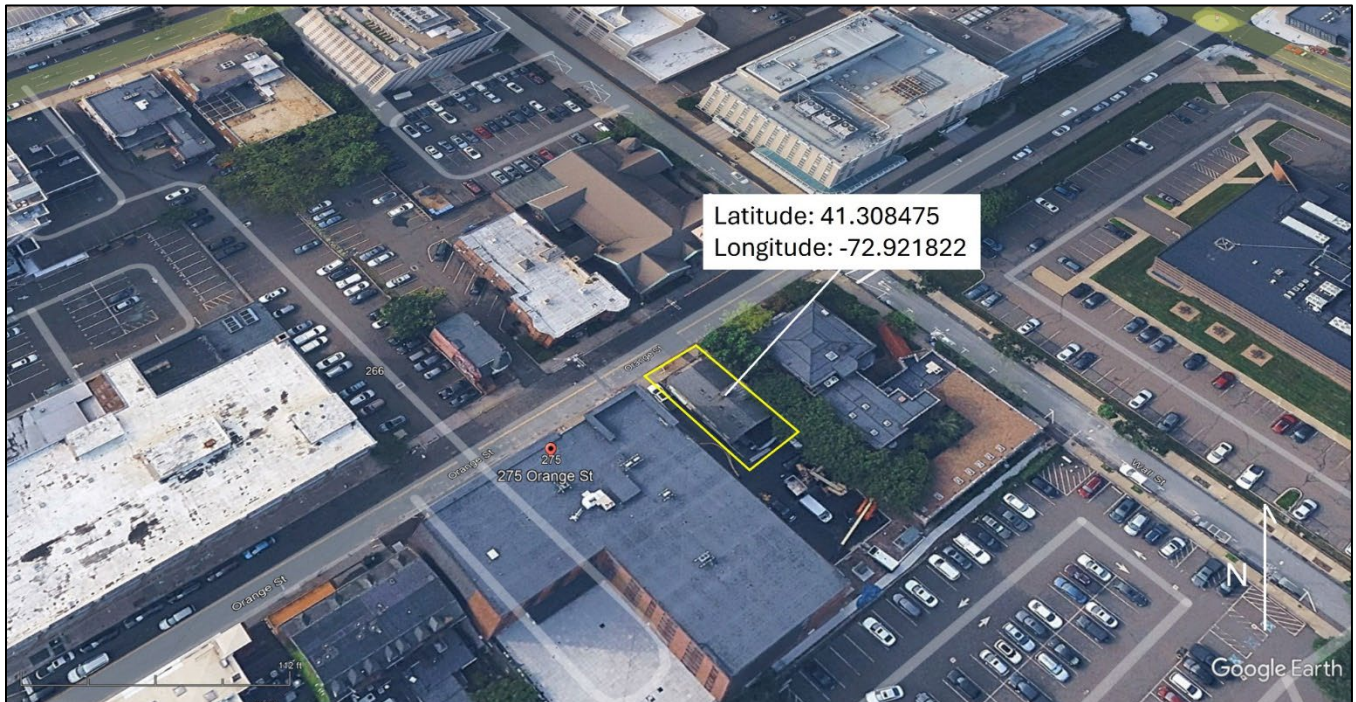
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GRAPHICS



New location at 283 Orange Street, New Haven (Base map: Google Earth, 2026).

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Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: William Pinto-Eli Whitney House

City or Vicinity: New Haven

County: New Haven

State: CT

Photographer: James Sexton

Date Photographed: May 22, 2025

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 13. Front (western) and southern elevations, camera facing east.
- 2 of 13. Front (western) and northern elevations, camera facing east.
- 3 of 13. Rear (eastern) and southern elevations, camera facing northwest.
- 4 of 13. The new foundation and stoop, camera facing south.
- 5 of 13. Front entry, camera facing southeast.
- 6 of 13. Front stairway from the first floor hallway, camera facing southeast.
- 7 of 13. Interior elevation of north wall, first story front room, camera facing north.
- 8 of 13. Fireplace in south central room of original portion of building, first floor (north wall), camera facing north.
- 9 of 13. Fireplace (south) wall in central room, north side of first floor in original main block, camera facing south.
- 10 of 13. Fireplace in southeasternmost room of original portion of building, first floor (original kitchen north wall), camera facing north.
- 11 of 13. Interior elevation, second-story westernmost front room, north wall, camera facing north.
- 12 of 13. Interior elevation, south wall second story central room, camera facing west. This room is now the location of the new central stairs.
- 13 of 13. Mantelpiece on north wall of central second story eastern room, camera facing north.

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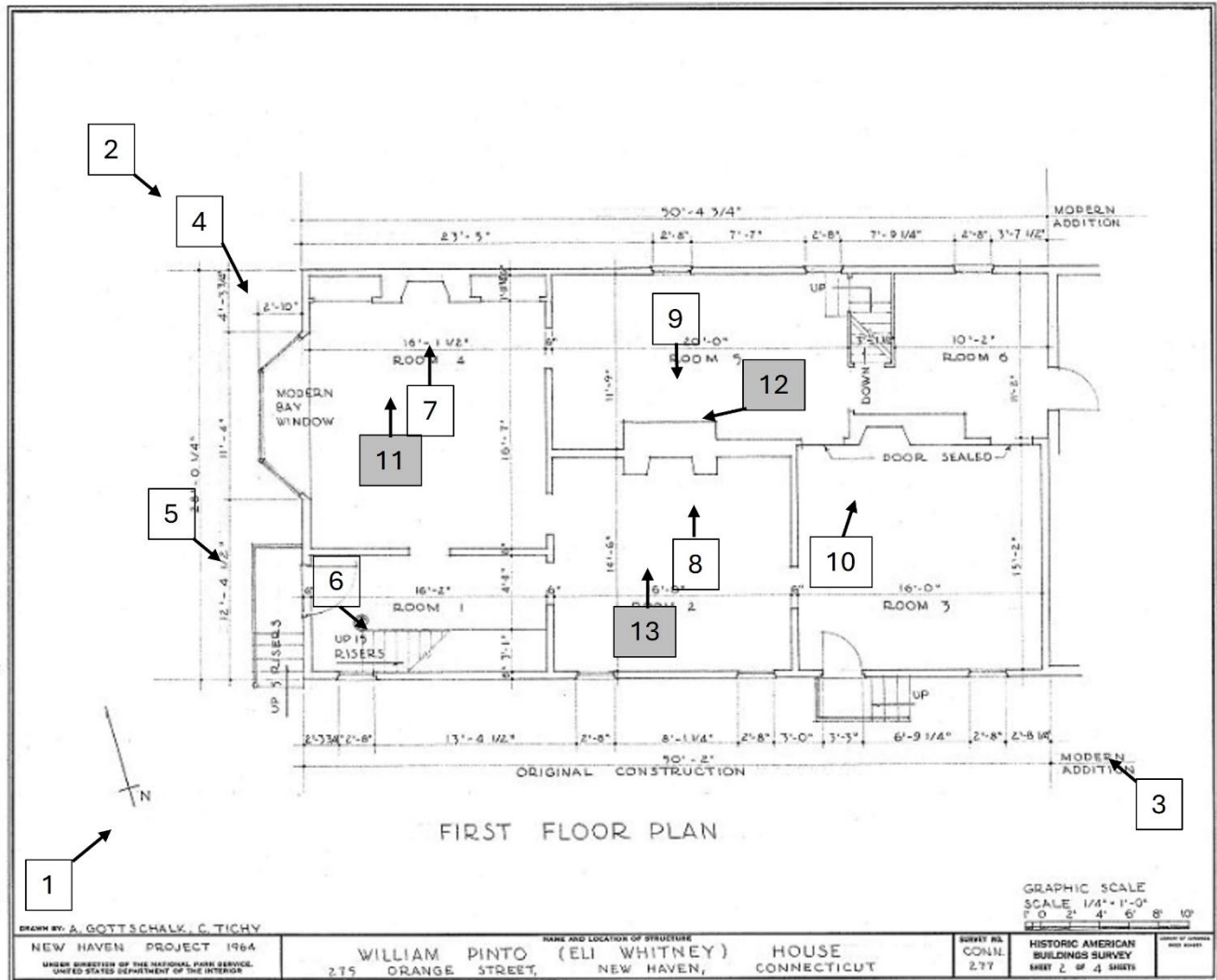


Photo locations on the Plan of the William Pinto House (HABS CONN,5-NEWHA,28- (sheet 2 of 4)). The plan was used in the NRHP nomination for the property. Shaded numbers represent photo locations on the second floor of the building.

William Pinto House, Post-Move Documentation Photographs, 2025



Photograph 1. Front (western) and southern elevations, camera facing east.



Photograph 2. Front (western) and northern elevations as viewed from the west.



Photograph 3. Rear (eastern) and southern elevations, camera facing northwest.



Photograph 4. The new foundation and stoop, camera facing south.



Photograph 5. Front entry, camera facing southeast.



Photograph 6. Front stairway from the first floor hallway, camera facing southeast.



Photograph 7. Interior elevation of north wall, first story front room, camera facing north.



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