



# Preserving Our Heritage:

## A Guide to the National Register Historic Districts and Individually Listed Properties in New London

New London is a historically rich community located at the convergence of the Thames River and Long Island Sound. Founded in 1646 by John Winthrop, Jr., New London grew into one of the nation's most active ports. Twelve National Register Districts and twenty-six individual National Register properties document and preserve the history of the city - from sites that reflect the city's role in the Revolutionary War to Monte Cristo Cottage, the home of playwright Eugene O'Neil.

### The 12 National Register Historic Districts within the City of New London:

1. Coit Street Historic District
2. Downtown New London Historic District
3. Downtown New London Historic District (Boundary Increase)
4. Hempstead Street Historic District
5. Pequot Colony Historic District
6. Prospect Street Historic District
7. United States Housing Corporation Historic District
8. Whale Oil Row
9. Williams Memorial Park Historic District
10. Civic Institutions Historic District
11. Montauk Avenue Historic District
12. Post Hill Historic District

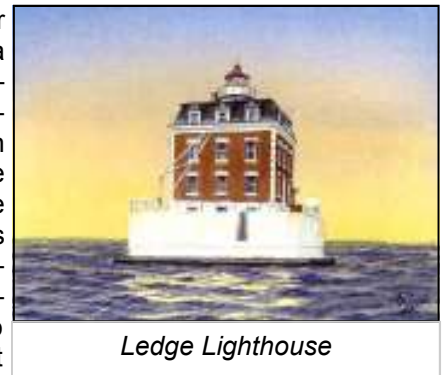
### Individually-listed National Register properties:

- A. Acorns Barns House – 68 Federal Street
- B. Bulkeley School – Harrington Street
- C. Joshua Hempstead House – Corner of Jay & Hempstead Streets
- D. Nathaniel Hempstead House – 11 Hempstead Street
- E. Huntington Street Baptist Church – 29 Huntington Street
- F. New London County Courthouse – 70 Huntington Street
- G. New London Public Library – 63 Huntington Street
- H. New London Railroad Station - State Street
- I. U.S. Post Office – New London Main – 27 Masonic Street
- J. Winthrop Mill – Mill Street
- K. Nathan A. Woodward House – 28 Channing Street
- L. Shaw Mansion – 11 Blinman Street
- M. Deshon-Allyn House – 613 Williams Street
- N. Fort Trumbull - Fort Neck
- O. Jonathan Newton Harris House – 130 Broad Street
- P. Williams Memorial Institute – 110 Broad Street
- Q. Monte Cristo Cottage National Historic Landmark – 325 Pequot Avenue
- R. New London Customs House – 150 Bank Street
- S. New London Ledge Lighthouse – Entrance to New London Harbor

- T. New London Harbor Lighthouse – Lower Pequot Avenue
- U. Thames Shipyard – Farnsworth Street
- V. Lighthouse Inn – 6 Guthrie Place
- W. Ohev Sholem Synagogue – 109 Blinman Street
- X. Winslow Ames House – 132 Mohegan Avenue
- Y. Central Vermont Railroad Pier – State Pier Road
- Z. St. James Church – 125 Huntington Street

### What is the National Register of Historic Places?

The National Register of Historic Places is a federal program administered by the National Park Service in partnership with state governments. The National Register was created by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 to recognize and protect properties of historic



*Ledge Lighthouse*

and cultural significance that warrant consideration in federal undertakings such as highway construction and urban renewal projects and to provide incentives for local and private preservation initiatives.

In each state the program is administered by a State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), who is usually an official in a state historical or environmental agency. In Connecticut, it is the Connecticut Historic Preservation Office or CTSHPO. The SHPO is responsible for conducting the statewide survey of historic properties, coordinating nominations of eligible properties to the National Register, and conducting environmental review of federal and state projects that may affect properties listed or are eligible for listing on the National Register. Nominations of properties to the National Register are prepared and reviewed at the local and state levels, but the final decision to list a property or district on the National Register is made by the National Park Service.

## What does it mean to own a home within a National Register District?

Owning a property that is listed on the National Register is an honor. It means that the property has been surveyed and researched according to established procedures and determined to be significant and worthy of preservation. The listing of a historic property on the National Register does not obligate or restrict a private owner in any way unless the owner seeks a federal benefit such as a grant or tax credit. For a private owner, the chief benefit of National Register listing is eligibility for a tax credit that can be claimed against the cost of a certified rehabilitation of an income-producing historic building.

## What are the National Register Eligibility Criteria?

The following criteria guide the states, federal agencies, and the Secretary of the Interior in evaluating potential entries for the National Register.

Properties must be at least 50 years old, remained fairly unaltered, and meet one or more of the National Register criteria for significance:

- 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.



*New London Harbor Lighthouse*



*Winthrop (Olde Town) Mill*

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