

Town No.:

Site No. 9

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QUAD:

DISTRICT

IF NR SPECIFY

 S NR Actual Potential

State of Connecticut

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

59 South Prospect Street, Hartford 06106

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:

Buildings & Structures

SURVEY OF GUILFORD, NEW HAVEN COUNTY, 06437

June-December 1981

IDENTIFICATION

1. **ADDRESS** 1139 Boston Post Road
(map 46, lot 71)
2. **NAME**
(historic) Samuel Shelley
NAME
(common) Guilford Silversmith
3. **USE**
(historic) House
USE
(present) Store
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** Variously given as 1744 and 1775
7. **ALTERATIONS**
- BUILDER** Colonial
STYLE

SIGNIFICANCE

8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**
Two early plank doors and strap hinges remain in the rear wing, also a well now enclosed in the rear porch. 8/12 sash on front.
9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL** An interesting and puzzling house which has evidently been periodically either modernized or restored by many owners over the last two hundred years or so. Much original work is well preserved inside. The rear section appears older than the front, and perhaps this is the part the ascribed date of 1744 refers to, for the low pitch of the roof of the front section seems unlikely for such a period. It even seems surprising for 1775. The Doric doorway is a still later addition (probably c1840) which has recently lost its onetime projecting porch and columns (c1972). 20th century extensions to the rear and on the west side.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES** Tercentenary Committee and Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; Connecticut Historical Commission '72. Other: Colonial Dames. Photograph: Guilford Keeping Society and Dorothy Whitfield Society '76.

In all categories below, check more than one box if applicable.

If you have not actually made certain of the answer to a given question, either leave it blank or write "inferred" after the checked box; or, if drawn from a previous investigator, give source.

11. MATERIALS

- Clapboard
- Wood Shingle
- Board & Batten
- Brick
- Fieldstone
- Cut Stone
- Stucco
- Concrete
- Cobblestone
- Asbestos Shingle
- Asphalt Siding
- Aluminum/Vinyl
- Other:

12. STRUCTURE

- Wood Frame:
- Post & Beam
- Balloon
- Masonry
- Iron or Steel
- Concrete
- Other:

13. ROOF

- a. Pitched
- Saltbox
- Gambrel
- Gable-front
- Cross-gable
- Mansard
- Hip
- Flat Hip
- Flat
- Shed
- False Dormer
- Sawtooth
- Other:
- b. Tower(s)
- Monitor
- Cupola
- Dormered Gable
- Dome
- c. Wood Shingle
- Asphalt Shingle
- Slate
- Metal
- Other:

14. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: LOT SIZE: 150' X 105' (APPROX)

15. CONDITION: Exterior

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Bad

16. CONDITION: Structure

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Bad

17. OUTBUILDINGS (visible from public road)

- Barn(s)
- Carriage House
- Garage
- Shed(s)
- Shop(s)
- Other (well, stand, greenhouse, gazebo, privy, etc.):

18. LANDSCAPING (visible from public road)

- Planted Grounds
- Garden
- Terracing
- Plaza
- Court
- Stone Wall(s)
- Pickett Fence
- Iron Fence
- Post & Rail
- Other:

19. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

- a. Town Street
- Rural
- Semi-rural
- Clustered Growth
- Development
- b. Commercial
- Industrial
- Agricultural
- Residential
- Vacation, now or originally
- c. Open
- Wooded
- Lakefront
- Coastal
- Salt marsh
- d. Of outstanding scenic/architectural value
- Of scenic/architectural value
- Of supportive value to contiguous scenic/architectural area
- Neutral
- Other:

20. ROLE OF BUILDING IN ENHANCING QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT

- Vital
- Important
- Supportive
- Neutral
- Other:

21. OWNERSHIP

- Public
- Private
- Interior accessible

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22. Name D. PENAR

Date 7/15/87

Photographer D. PENAR

Date 7/15/81

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23. THREATS TO BUILDING

- None Known
- Renewal
- Highways
- Private Owner
- Vandalism
- Deterioration
- Developers
- Other:
- Zoning

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

COMPILED BY

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY