

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 14
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 1355 Boston Post Road
(map 52, lot 7)
2. NAME B.W. Bishop & Sons,
(historic) Apple Growers
NAME
(common) Bishop's
3. USE
(historic) Apple storage and
USE farm market
(present)
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
6. DATE 1937
- BUILDER BARN
STYLE
7. ALTERATIONS Extensive additions have been made to the front, west side and rear.

8. NOTABLE FEATURES
A monumental barn of the 20th century, with a monumental red apple out front and a time-honored sign: "If satisfied tell others, if not tell us" - Guilford landmarks all.

SIGNIFICANCE

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL Walter Bishop came from Orange and married a Leete. In 1871 he bought the farm and started growing apples, and thereby he founded one of Guilford's most venerable institutions--Bishop's Orchards. In 1907 the enterprise began to sell to the passer-by and built a small stand across the road from the present barn. Today Arthur Bishop, one of Walter's grandsons now in his 86th year, recalls helping to set the first apple baskets out along the road. The stand turned out to be a good idea and has been a good idea ever since. In 1937 the great barn took its place and it has subsequently been enlarged three or four times. The fifth generation of Bishops is now working in the family enterprise--some half-dozen grandsons, great grandsons, and great-great sons in all. The first Big Apple was put (cont'd. on next sheet)

SOURCES

10. SOURCES
Shore Line Times, Bicentennial Pages; Arthur Bishop, interview, 1982.

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: HORIZONTAL
BOARDS

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: 52.95 ACRES

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 STORAGE
ATTACHED

☐ 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 7/7/81

Photographer D. PENAR

Date 7/7/81

Negative ROLL 6:8

Organization: Guilford Preservation Alliance
P.O. Box 199, Guilford, Conn. 06437

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23. THREATS TO BUILDING

- ☐ None Known
☐ Renewal

- ☐ Highways
☐ Private Owner

- ☐ Vandalism
☐ Deterioration

- ☐ Developers
☐ Other:

☐ Zoning

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

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9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL cont'd.
out front around 1918. It was made out of a barrel. Since then there have been two more apples--a second barrel and the present more sophisticated version which fortunately looks much the same but is made out of plywood and fiberglass and is expected to last longer than its forerunners. Let us hope it lasts at least another century.

For the Bishop farmhouse, see 1350 Boston Post Road.