

## HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Please send completed form to: Stacey Vairo, National Register and State Register Coordinator,  
State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Economic and Community Development, One Constitution Plaza,  
2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06103

\* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 2355 Boston Post Road  
 Building Name (Historic) Lawrence and Sarah Theiss House  
 Street Address or Location 2355 Boston Post Road  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Mexay Khambounhouang and Minhaun Nguyen  Public  Private

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residential: single dwelling  
 Historic Use: Residential: single dwelling

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road?  Yes  No

Interior accessible?  Yes  No If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Style of building Colonial Revival Date of Construction 1942 (Helander)

Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

Clapboard  Asbestos Siding  Brick  Wood Shingle  Asphalt Siding  
 Fieldstone  Board & Batten  Stucco  Cobblestone  Aluminum Siding  
 Concrete (Type \_\_\_\_\_)  Cut Stone (Type \_\_\_\_\_)  Other vinyl siding

#### Structural System

Wood Frame  Post & Beam  Balloon  Load bearing masonry  Structural iron or steel  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### Roof (Type)

Gable  Flat  Mansard  Monitor  Sawtooth  
 Gambrel  Shed  Hip  Round  Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Material)

Wood Shingle  Roll Asphalt  Tin  Slate  Asphalt Shingle  
 Built up  Tile  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Stories: 1 Approximate Dimensions 25' x 30'

Structural Condition:  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

Exterior Condition:  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

Location Integrity: On original site  Moved  When? \_\_\_\_\_

Alterations?  Yes  No  If yes, explain: Additions on east and north elevations

**FOR OFFICE USE:** Town # \_\_\_\_\_ Site # \_\_\_\_\_ UTM \_\_\_\_\_

District:  S  NR  If NR, Specify:  Actual  Potential

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**PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT'D)****Related outbuildings or landscape features:**

- Barn       Shed       Garage       Carriage House       Shop       Garden  
 Other landscape features or buildings: \_\_\_\_\_

**Surrounding Environment:**

- Open land       Woodland       Residential       Commercial       Industrial       Rural  
 High building density       Scattered buildings visible from site

- Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

This property consists of 0.43 acres of land on the north side of Boston Post Road. The house is set back from the road. A driveway extends to the north off the road and terminates in front of (to the south of) the attached garage. The garage is attached to the east elevation of the house. The property is directly to the west of an office plaza located at 2351 Boston Post Road. (See continuation sheet)

- Other notable features of building or site (Interior and/or Exterior)

This is a one-story Colonial Revival cape style single-family dwelling with an attic and a basement. It is sheathed in vinyl siding with asphalt shingles on the roof. The facade faces south and the main entry is centered on this side. It is reached by wood stairs with wood railings. The entry is protected from the elements by a gable-roof overhang supported by slender wood posts. Gable-roof dormers are on the south slope of the roof. (See continuation sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder John Theiss, Jr. (helped) (Helander)

- Historical or Architectural importance:

In 1936, John Theiss, Sr. purchased this property and the one next door at 2351 Boston Post Road. The original owners of the property were Lawrence W. and Sarah R. Theiss and it was built in 1942. Lawrence Theiss acquired this property from his father in 1942. John Theiss, Jr., Lawrence Theiss's brother, helped to build this house at 2355 Boston Post Road. Lawrence William Theiss was born in New York City in 1902 to John and Jennie Cudoba Theiss. He married Sarah McArthur in 1931. Sarah McArthur was born in Middletown in 1893 to Alex and Mary Scott McArthur. She worked for James Young Company in Middletown for several years. Sarah McArthur Theiss died in 1979 at the age of 86, and is buried in Portland. (See continuation sheet)

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=7208> on November 19, 2015. Shore Line Times. "Obituaries." January 3, 1979, pg. 24. Shore Line Times. "Obituaries." March 28, 1990, pg. 17. Ancestry.com. "Nettleton Family Tree 1." Accessed November 19, 2015. Helander, Joel, Email Correspondence, November 23, 2015.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 4/19/2015  
View South view of the house, camera facing north. Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Kristen Nietering Date 11/19/2015  
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance  
Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.308309, -72.72093

**Threats to the building or site:**

- None known       Highways       Vandalism       Developers       Renewal       Private  
 Deterioration       Zoning       Other \_\_\_\_\_       Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

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CONTINUATION SHEET

2355 Boston Post Rd

### **Interrelationship of building and surroundings**

To the west of the property is the intersection of Boston Post Road and New England Road. Surrounding the property are twentieth and twenty-first dwellings and commercial properties.

### **Other notable features of building or site**

Fenestration includes six-over-six double-hung windows and three-pane rectangular windows. An addition is added to the north elevation, and an attached garage is on the east elevation, facing south. A deck is above the attached garage.

### **Historical or Architectural importance**

After her death, Lawrence W. Theiss married Elizabeth Stevens Nettleton in 1980. Lawrence Theiss was a Game Warden for the State of Connecticut and worked along the shoreline. He died at the age of 88 in 1990.

