

State of Connecticut  
**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
 59 South Prospect Street, Hartford 06106

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Town No.:	Site No. 17
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:**  
 Buildings & Structures

**SURVEY OF GUILFORD, NEW HAVEN COUNTY, 06437**  
 June-December 1981

IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 2804 Boston Post Road  
(map 83, lot 26)
2. NAME  
(historic) Henry B. Fowler (also  
NAME Eber Fisher)  
(common)
3. USE  
(historic) Farm  
USE Private house  
(present)
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
6. DATE Probably c1840
7. ALTERATIONS West wings added

**BUILDER**  
**STYLE** Greek Revival

8. NOTABLE FEATURES  
Doric entry porch

SIGNIFICANCE

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL The date traditionally ascribed to this house is 1830 but it does not appear to be documented. In stylistic terms it seems on the early side as houses of this type are not usual in Guilford before the 1840s. Harry Fowler acquired the family farm in 1835 with an older house already on it, and it seems more likely that the new house was built sometime after that, perhaps in 1841 when the title was recorded. It is a standard Greek Revival model, now covered with asbestos shingles and aluminum sash. Its siting is still fine, perched on a rise above the road with a pair of large flowering trees in front. Great barns still stand out back, in perilous condition, and the long view of <sup>rolling</sup> felling open lands reminds us of the Fowlers' onetime farm.

10. SOURCES Noah Fowler, who built the house across the road for his son Miner, originally lived on the site of this (con't. on next sheet)
- Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; Mary Hoadley Griswold, p. 66 ff.; Steiner.

SOURCES

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

- |   |                                     |                                      |  |                                 |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard      | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick      | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete    | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding              |                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum/Vinyl              |                                 |

# 12. STRUCTURE

- |                                      |                                  |  |                                   |                                 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Frame: | <input type="checkbox"/> Masonry | <input type="checkbox"/> Iron or Steel | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post & Beam |                                  |  |                                   |                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon     |                                  |  |                                   |                                 |

# 13. ROOF

- |  |   |                                   |   |                                 |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Pitched      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable-front     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hip      | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saltbox         | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-gable                | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Hip | <input type="checkbox"/> False Dormer   |                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sawtooth       |                                 |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Tower(s)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Cupola   | <input type="checkbox"/> Dormered Gable | <input type="checkbox"/> Dome   |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Slate    | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

14. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:

LOT SIZE: 4.4 ACRES

# 15. CONDITION: Exterior

- |                                    |                               |  |                               |                              |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Bad |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|

# 16. CONDITION: Structure

- |                                    |                               |                               |                               |                              |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Bad |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|

# 17. OUTBUILDINGS (visible from public road)

- |   |   |                                 |                                  |                                  |
|---|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn(s) <u>2</u>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage House | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shop(s) |
| Other (well, stand, greenhouse, gazebo, privy, etc.): |   |                                 |                                  |                                  |

# 18. LANDSCAPING (visible from public road)

- |   |  |                                     |                                      |                                 |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planted Grounds          | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden        | <input type="checkbox"/> Terracing  | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza       | <input type="checkbox"/> Court  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stone Wall(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickett Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Post & Rail | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

# 19. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

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

# 20. ROLE OF BUILDING IN ENHANCING QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT

- |                                |   |                                     |                                  |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vital | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Important | <input type="checkbox"/> Supportive | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|

# 21. OWNERSHIP

- |                                 |   |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior accessible |
|---------------------------------|---|--|

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22. Name D. PENAR

Date 7/7/81

Photographer D. PENAR

Date 7/7/81

Negative ROLL 6.4

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P.O. Box 199, Guilford, Conn. 06437

GLFD's NEG 6.6

# 23. THREATS TO BUILDING

- |                                     |  |  |                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None Known | <input type="checkbox"/> Highways      | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism     | <input type="checkbox"/> Developers | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal    | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:     |                                 |

# 24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

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## 9. Architectural-Historical con't.

house. The Fowlers were descended from one of the early settlers, John, who was prominent in town affairs and whose taxable estate in 1672 was the largest in town. Noah Fowler served in the Revolutionary Army, leading a contingent of Connecticut men to fight at Lexington and later serving as a Lt. Colonel in the 28th Militia Regiment. He and others of the family are said to be buried in the cemetery behind the house. The Fowlers were for a long time large landowners in this area. They continued to live in this house until 1895 when the property passed to Eber Fisher, whose family still own it. For other Fowler houses see 2785 and 3061 Boston Post Road.