

## 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) 2839 Boston Post Road  
 Building Name (Historic) Walter C. B. Goldsmith House  
 Street Address or Location 2839 Boston Post Road  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Ann Seseske  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 Craftsman Date of Construction 1930 (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 \_\_\_\_\_

#### 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 Jerkin head

(Material)

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

Number of Stories: 1 1/2 Approximate Dimensions 25' x 35'

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: Addition added to north elevation

**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 2.77 acres of land on the north side of Boston Post Road. The dwelling sits close to the road. A driveway extends to the north off the road and terminates on the west side of the house. A secondary driveway extends to the north off the road and terminates in front of (to the south of) the garage. The garage is to the west of the house. A shed is just to the north of the house. (See continuation sheet)

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

This is a two-story Craftsman style dwelling with a front-gable roof with a jerkin head. The house is sheathed in aluminum siding and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The three-bay façade faces south, and the main entry is centered on this side. It is reached by stone stairs, and is protected from the elements by an open porch with stone walls and a shed-roof supported by slender posts. (See continuation sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

The dwelling was originally owned by Walter C. B. Goldsmith and it was built in 1930. According to the 1920 United States Federal Census of Guilford, Walter C. B. Goldsmith (age 48) was listed as a farmer and was living with his wife, Lillian (age 53) and niece, May Kelsey (age 16). The 1930 Federal Census shows Walter C. Goldsmith living on Peddlers Road with his wife, Lillian, and is still listed as a farmer. By 1940, Lillian had died, and Walter Goldsmith was living on Moose Hill Road with his sister, Jenny Fenner. In 1952, Ann and Alex Seseske, Sr. purchased this property from Rudolph and Frances Kneuer. They Kneuers may have purchased the property from the Goldsmith family. (See continuation sheet)

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=6576> on November 20, 2015. Shore Line Times. "Miss Ann Bremmer Weds Alex Seseske." February 3, 1949, pg. 2, column 3. The New Haven Register. "Obituaries." January 3, 2013. Helander, Joel, Email Correspondence, November 24, 2015. Ancestry.com. 1920, 1930, 1940 United States Federal Census of Guilford.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 4/19/2015  
View South view of the house, camera facing north. Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Kristen Nietering Date 11/20/2015  
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance  
Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.311136, -72.737149

**Threats to the building or site:**

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

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### CONTINUATION SHEET

2839 Boston Post Rd

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

Directly to the north of the house is an open field. Across the street and slightly to the west is the intersection of Boston Post Road and Bruce Lane. Half a mile to the west is the Branford Town Line. Surrounding the property are nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first century dwellings and commercial properties.

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

The fenestration consists of one-over-one double-hung sash windows. A stone chimney runs up the right side (east elevation) of the house. Shed-roof dormers are found on each slope of the roof.

#### **Historical or Architectural importance**

Alexander Seseske was born in Branford in 1925 to Michael and Malvina Munitska Seseske. He married Ann Bremmer in 1949. After their honeymoon to Florida, they resided on Boston Post Road. Alexander Seseske was a sales associate for Sears during his lifetime. He also ran a roadside stand selling flowers, fruit, and vegetables with his wife. Alexander Seseske died in 2012 and is buried in West Side Cemetery.

