

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 110 Boston Street
 Building Name (Historic) David Benton House
 Street Address or Location 110 Boston Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Maryellyn Page 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 Greek Revival Date of Construction 1878 (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 _____

(Material)

Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate Asphalt Shingle
 Built up Tile Other _____

Number of Stories: 2 1/2 Approximate Dimensions 60' x 25'

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 added to north and west sides.

FOR OFFICE USE: Town # _____ Site # _____ UTM _____

District: S NR If NR, Specify: Actual Potential

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:

The property consists of 0.63 acres of land on the north side of Boston Street, to the east of the intersection with Pearl Street. A driveway extends to the north off the road and leads past the east side of the house to a garage and parking area. A second driveway extends to the west off Pearl Street and leads to the garage and parking area. The garage and a shed are directly to the north of the house. (see continuation sheet)

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

This is a two and a half story, front-gable roof house with Greek Revival features which include a simple entablature surround around the door and overhanging eaves with a broken cornice return. The house is sheathed in wood shingles, asphalt shingles cover the roof, and the foundation is of granite. The main facade faces south, and the main door is near the west corner. (see continuation sheet)

Architect _____ Builder George W. Seward (Helander)

- Historical or Architectural importance:

David Benton (1830-1885) was the original owner of this property, and it was built in 1878. Benton was born in 1830 to Daniel Lindsley Benton (1780-1859) and Betsey Seward (1788-1865). In 1854, David Benton married Frances S. Smith (1836-1880). They had four children: Ida Emoratta Benton, Mary Elizabeth Benton, Katie Augusta Benton, and Jessie Stow Benton. The 1880 Federal Census record for Guilford lists David Benton as "keeps meat market." The house was built by George W. Seward who was a third generation master carpenter – his grandfather, Martin Seward, and father, George M. Seward, were both master carpenters before him. Seward grew up on Fair Street and is credited as building Boston Street School house, the Guilford Town Hall, and Gov. Rollin Woodruff's summer house. (See continuation sheet)

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property cards accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=5408> on October 6, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/17/2015

View South view, camera facing north. Negative on File _____

Name Kristen Nietering Date 10/6/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.282717, -72.677861

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

110 Boston Street

Interrelationship of building and surroundings

Trees line the east and north borders of the property and a walkway lines the south. The property is less than a mile to the east of the Guilford Green, and less than a mile to the north of the Guilford Fair Grounds. Less than a mile to the east is the Griswold House located at 171 Boston Street, and a few houses to the west of this property is the Griswold House located at 84 Boston Street.

Other notable features of building or site

Above the door is a roof held up by iron brackets, and stone steps lead to the entry. Two one-over-one double-hung sash windows are to the east of the door. Above the entry, in the second story, are three two-over-two double-hung sash windows. A two-over-two double-hung sash window is in the gable-peak. The house has a small extension on the east side and two additions, one in the rear (north side elevation), and the other on the west side elevation.

Historical or Architectural importance

George W. Seward was heavily involved in the community serving as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Guilford Institute for 37 years, representing Guilford in the General Assembly in 1923 and serving as Fire Marshall. Seward's home was located at 33 Church Street. Later owners of the property were Osbert D. Dudley, Katherine L.G. Dudley, and William C. White.

