

# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Please send completed form to: Stacey Vairo, National Register and State Register Coordinator,  
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\* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 131 Boston Street  
 Building Name (Historic) William Blatchley House  
 Street Address or Location 131 Boston Street  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Russell Campaigne and Mary Jo Kestner  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 1844 (Helander)

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

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|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard  | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding        | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone            | <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten         | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco      | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone  | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 50' 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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:

The parcel consists of 0.33 acres of land on the south side of Boston Street. A short driveway extends to the south off the road, leads past the west side of the house to the garage at the rear of the property. Trees line the east and west borders of the property, and a sidewalk lines the north border. This property is less than a mile to the east of the Guilford Green and approximately half a mile to the north is Route 1.

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

This is a two and a half story, cross-gable house with Greek Revival features. These features include a simple entablature surround around the door, side-lights on either side of the door, and overhanging eaves. A chimney protrudes in the center of the roof, atop the ridge-line. Sheathed in wood shingles and clapboard siding, the house has a brick foundation and the roof is covered in asphalt shingles. (see continuation sheet)

Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Builder William Blatchley (Helander)

- Historical or Architectural importance:

The original owner of this house was William Blatchley and was built in 1844. Blatchley was born in 1817 to Martin Blatchley and Hannah Norton. He married Mary Ann Graves (widow of John R. Leete) in 1841. The 1850 Federal Census record for Guilford shows Blatchley living with his wife and his step-children Mary A. Leete and John R. Graves. He is listed as a ship carpenter. In 1879, William Blatchley died and was buried in the West Side Cemetery. Later owners of the property were Lewis Benton (1853), Wellington B. Munger (1854), and Eli Kimberly, Jr. (1855).

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property cards accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=3552> on October 6, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Ancestry.com. 1850 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/17/2015

View Northwest view, camera facing southeast. Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_

Name Kristen Nietering Date 10/6/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.283071, -72.675933

**Threats to the building or site:**

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

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**131 Boston Street**

**Other notable features of building or site**

The facade faces north, and the entry is near the west corner, reached by stone steps. Two six-over-six double-hung sash windows are to the east of the door on the first story. Up above, in the second-story, are three six-over-six double-hung sash windows. A rectangular window is located in the gable-peak of the north façade of the house. A porch with a hip-roof is between the main portion of the house, and the ell found on the west elevation. Another porch is between the ell and the south portion of the house.

