

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

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:
 Buildings & Structures

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

IDENTIFICATION

1. **ADDRESS** 147 Boston Street
(map 40, lot 139-H2)
2. **NAME**
(historic) Nathaniel Bishop
NAME
(common)
3. **USE**
(historic)
USE
(present) Private house
4. **IE MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**
Formerly 42 Boston Street, site of
present parking lot. Moved c1976.



DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** 1755- **BUILDER**
STYLE Colonial
7. **ALTERATIONS** Rear additions. The chimney is evidently rebuilt and the fine slate roof, almost unique in Guilford, is probably late 19th century. On its former site, where it had been an office building, the house had a pair of bay windows on each side of the front door. These were changed back to reproductions of the original windows
8. **NOTABLE FEATURES** at the time of the move. The doorway looks as if it too may have had a history: first a Greek Revival frame with a flat top was probably added sometime around 1840, and then perhaps, about a century later, a Colonial enthusiast Georgianized it with the pediment. This house is notable for its vigorous steep lines and modillioned cornice and frieze. Since the photograph above was taken (1981), it has been painted dark grey and false shutters have been added, and attractive landscaping.
9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**

SIGNIFICANCE

Nathaniel Bishop was a farmer and also a sea captain engaged in the West Indies trade, where he accumulated considerable wealth. At the time of his death in 1769 the house was not yet finished.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES**
 Tercentenary Committee; Connecticut Historical Commission '72;
 Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; Colonial Dames; Mary Hoadley Griswold,
 p. 13, Dana Collection.

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

- Clapboard
- Wood Shingle
- Board & Batten
- Brick
- Fieldstone
- Cut Stone
- Stucco
- Concrete
- Cobblestone
- Asbestos Shingle
- Asphalt Siding
- Aluminum/Vinyl
- Other:

12. STRUCTURE

- Wood Frame:
- Post & Beam
- Balloon
- Masonry
- Iron or Steel
- Concrete
- Other:

13. ROOF

- a. Pitched
- Saltbox
- Gambrel
- Gable-front
- Cross-gable
- Mansard
- Hip
- Flat Hip
- Flat
- Shed
- False Dormer
- Sawtooth
- Other:
- b. Tower(s)
- Monitor
- Cupola
- Dormered Gable
- Dome
- c. Wood Shingle
- Asphalt Shingle
- Slate
- Metal
- Other:

14. NUMBER OF STORIES:

2 1/2

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:

LOT SIZE:

1 ACRE (APPROX)

15. CONDITION: Exterior

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Bad

16. CONDITION: Structure

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Bad

17. OUTBUILDINGS (visible from public road)

- Barn(s)
- Carriage House
- Garage
- Shed(s)
- Shop(s)
- Other (well, stand, greenhouse, gazebo, privy, etc.):

18. LANDSCAPING (visible from public road)

- Planted Grounds
- Stone Wall(s)
- Garden
- Pickett Fence
- Terracing
- Iron Fence
- Plaza
- Post & Rail
- Court
- Other:

19. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

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

20. ROLE OF BUILDING IN ENHANCING QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT

- Vital
- Important
- Supportive
- Neutral
- Other:

21. OWNERSHIP

- Public
- Private
- Interior accessible

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22. Name D. PENAR

Date 7/23/81

Photographer D. PENAR

Date 7/23/81

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23. THREATS TO BUILDING

- None Known
- Renewal
- Highways
- Private Owner
- Vandalism
- Deterioration
- Developers
- Other:
- Zoning

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

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