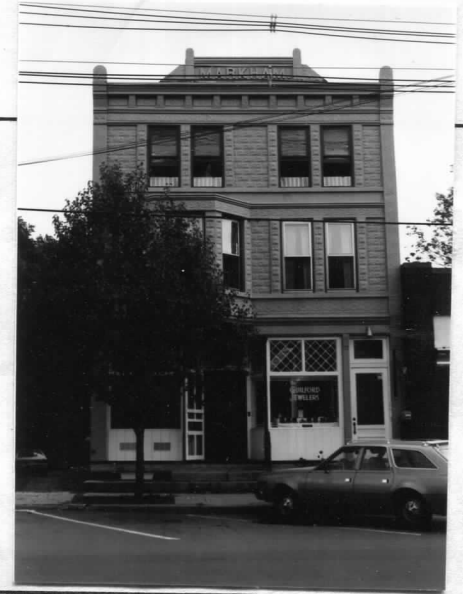


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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 South Prospect Street, Hartford 06106

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:
 Buildings & Structures

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



IDENTIFICATION

1. **ADDRESS** 19 Boston Street
(map 40, lot 161)
2. **NAME**
 (historic) Markham Building
 NAME
 (common) Markham's
3. **USE**
 (historic) Store and apartments
 USE
 (present) Store, offices and
 apartments
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**

DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** 1902 **BUILDER**
STYLE Commercial
7. **ALTERATIONS** Modern white shopfronts, aluminum sash, and railing.

SIGNIFICANCE

8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**
 Stamped metal facade imitating stone. Manufacturer's name on east wall at front corner. Slim iron columns flanking entrance; iron sill and granite platform and steps.
9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL** Jutting up in lonely state among the little surrounding frame buildings of Boston Street, this is the perfect symbol of Small Town Main Street USA in the go-getter years of the early 20th century. Regarded with horror by the Colonial Revivalists of the 1920s and '30s, it doggedly stood its ground and is today the object of general, if somewhat amused, affection--an important fixture in the familiar everyday scenery of town life.
 In this building for many years two generations of Markhams repaired clocks and watches and sold jewelry and eye glasses under hanging green-shaded lights: modern Guilford people still remember old men and occasional dogs dozing around the stove. Today, Clarence Markham's son, Dr. Fred Markham, continues the practice of optometry upstairs.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES**
 David D. Dudley; Mary Hoadley Griswold, p. 11.

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: **PRESSED METAL**

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: **3** APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: LOT SIZE: **3/5 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
- Garden
- Terracing
- Plaza
- Court
- Stone Wall(s)
- Pickett Fence
- Iron Fence
- Post & Rail
- 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 **7/22/81**
 Photographer **D. PENAR** Date **7/22/81** Negative ROLL 16:16A
 Organization: Guilford Preservation Alliance
 P.O. Box 199, Guilford, Conn. 06437

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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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