

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) 208 Boston Street
 Building Name (Historic) Lewis Fowler House
 Street Address or Location 208 Boston Street (Formerly 198 Boston Street)
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Allen and Gloria Smith 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 1879 (Helander)

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input checked="" 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 Approximate Dimensions 20' x 50'

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 south elevations

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:

This property consists of 1.03 acres of land on the west side of Boston Street. The house sits close to the road. A driveway extends to the north off the road and terminates in front of (to the east) of the garage. The garage is to the north of the house. The property sits at the corner of Boston Street and Union Street. Less than a mile to the west is the Guilford Green. Surrounding the property are nineteenth and twentieth century single-family dwellings.

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

This is a two-story, front-gable Greek Revival house. It is sheathed in asbestos siding and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The roof has overhanging eaves. A brick chimney protrudes from the ridge-line of the roof. The facade faces east and the main entry is on this side. It is reached by concrete stairs with metal railings and set within a half-width porch. The main entry includes a simple entablature door surround. (See continuation sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

This property was originally numbered 198 Boston Street. Sometime after 1991, the address number was changed to 208. The original owner of the property was Lewis Fowler and was built in 1879. An earlier house was on this same site until 1878 when it was demolished. Lewis Fowler was born in 1830 to Elisha Fowler (1790-1876) and Mary Ann Parmelee (1795-1859). He married Martha A. Wilcox (1846-1919) in 1885. The 1880 United States Federal Census shows Lewis Fowler (age 50) as a farmer living with his sisters, Caroline (age 56) and Lavinia (age 44) Fowler. The 1900 United States Federal Census shows Lewis Fowler (age 70) as a farmer living with his wife, Martha A. (age 54). Lewis Fowler died in 1905 and Martha A. Fowler died in 1919. Lewis Fowler is buried in Alderbrook Cemetery.

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=6732> on November 21, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Ancestry.com, "SeaversChristianWebsterWatts Tree," accessed 11/22/2015. Ancestry.com, 1880 and 1900 United States Federal Census of Guilford, accessed 11/22/2015.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 4/19/2015

View East view of the house, camera facing west. Negative on File _____

Name Kristen Nietering Date 11/21/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.285046, -72.673796

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Other notable features of building or site

Fenestration includes six-over-one double-hung windows. The Greek Revival features include overhanging eaves, wide fascia board, and simple entablature door surround. Additions are attached to the north and south elevations of the house.

