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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 23 Boston Street
(map 40, lot 160)
2. NAME
(historic) Andrew Eliot
NAME
(common) Guildford Motor Co.
3. USE
(historic)
USE
(present) Office
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
6. DATE 1804
- BUILDER Abraham Coan
- STYLE Federal
7. ALTERATIONS
 The assigned date of 1804 means that the Greek Revival porch, which is the dominant feature of the building, must have been added later, probably around the 1840's. Shopfronts early 1930s (see below).

SIGNIFICANCE

8. NOTABLE FEATURES
 Nice Greek Revival porch with unfluted Tuscan columns, mutules in the soffit, and a decorative row of small blocks, rather like Greek guttae but used in a way that evidently suited the builder's fancy--all very unusual in Guilford. The row of little diamond-shaped cut-outs along the cornice is also distinctive.
9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL
 Part of the charm of this house lies in its appealing small size and delicacy of ornament. It is also a rare and heartening instance of a commercial front being added to an old house without injury to its scale and quality. Here the shop windows are framed by pilasters and set over paneled window breasts that are entirely congenial with the older building. One wishes the Andrew Eliot house could serve as a model for some of the other work that goes on around the Green. (See 21 Boston Street for an account of the Guilford Motor Company and of the Lazarevich family who established the business here in 1931 and who were responsible for the remodeling.)

SOURCES

10. SOURCES
 Tercentenary Committee; Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; David D. Dudley; Hope Lazarevich Whitehead, interview; Griswold Scrapbooks.

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:

1/2 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

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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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