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

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY: **Buildings & Structures**

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

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25 Boston Street 1. ADDRESS (map 40, lot 159)

2. NAME (historic) NAME

Ama Kimberly (see below)

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3. USE

(historic) USE

(common)

(present)

Offices and stores

4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



5. ARCHITECT

6. DATE

Probably soon after 1821

BUILDER STYLE

Federal

7. ALTERATIONS See below

The most notable feature of this building is what has happened to it. Here stand the remains of a Federal house with nicely finished window heads, a well-cut cornice, and what was probably a pretty doorway. Long ago the eastern end was extended and an arcaded shopfront built across

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL the front, making a harmless extension of the building and a delightful addition to the street-

scape of the lower Green, as old photographs show. In modern times all this has disappeared, big blank store windows are now cut into the wall, everything is aluminum. An extension to the west, unlike the earlier one, detracts from both building and street.

About the date. In 1821 Ara Kimberly bought the property with a house on it which could scarcely have been this one as the whole deal only cost her \$375. In 1846 the property was sold again, for \$1200. These were the days before inflation, so we may infer that the \$825-difference represents the new house, evidently built between 1821 and 1846. Style and construction suggest the earlier rather than the later date.

10. SOURCES

David D. Dudley; Dorothy Whitfield Society '76. Photograph: Guilford Keeping Society.

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