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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

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. **ADDRESS** 281 Boston Street  
(map 41, lot 6)
- 2. **NAME**  
(historic) S. Robinson  
**NAME**  
(common)
- 3. **USE**  
(historic)  
**USE**  
(present) Private house
- 4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



DESCRIPTION

- 5. **ARCHITECT**
- 6. **DATE** 1860 **BUILDER**  
**STYLE** Gothic Revival, hybrid
- 7. **ALTERATIONS**  
Red aluminum or vinyl siding; sash; chimneys.
- 8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**

SIGNIFICANCE

9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**  
 Gothic cottages with their frills and whimsy were rare birds in sober Guilford. Here is a very cautious version of the style-- the front gable of modest pitch, brackets and porch restrained. In actual fact the owner seems not to have been able to make up his mind whether he wanted the Gothic style at all or would rather stick to the more familiar Italianate or even the ever-safe Colonial. Originally his ornament would have been less retiring than now, for it would presumably have been painted in a slightly deeper shade than the wall, which would probably have been a soft fawn or grey.

SOURCES

- 10. **SOURCES**  
Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; David D. Dudley.

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

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

14. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: LOT SIZE: 1.12 ACRE

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

- Town Street, Rural, Semi-rural, Clustered Growth, Development, Commercial, Industrial, Agricultural, Residential, Vacation, now or originally, Open, Wooded, Lakefront, Coastal, Salt marsh, 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

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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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Alterations: Skylight was added in 1982.

Source: Prudence F. Meehan.