

## HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Please send completed form to: Stacey Vairo, National Register and State Register Coordinator,  
State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Economic and Community Development, One Constitution Plaza,  
2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06103

\* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 310 Boston Street  
 Building Name (Historic) John W. Norton House  
 Street Address or Location 310 Boston Street  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) John and Nancy Cunningham  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 Colonial Revival Date of Construction 1912 (Helander)

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

Clapboard  Asbestos Siding  Brick  Wood Shingle  Asphalt Siding  
 Fieldstone  Board & Batten  Stucco  Cobblestone  Aluminum Siding  
 Concrete (Type \_\_\_\_\_)  Cut Stone (Type \_\_\_\_\_)  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 25' x 30'

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: Addition added to north elevation

**FOR OFFICE USE:** Town # \_\_\_\_\_ Site # \_\_\_\_\_ UTM \_\_\_\_\_

District:  S  NR  If NR, Specify:  Actual  Potential

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**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 0.46 acres of land on the north side of Boston Street. A driveway extends to the north off the street and terminates in front of and to the side (north and west) of the garage. The garage is to the north of the house. A shed is located to the east of the garage. The property is just to the east of the intersection of Boston Street, Preeble Drive, and Mafre Drive. Less than a mile to the west is the Guilford Green. (See continuation sheet)

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

This is a two-story, side-gable Colonial Revival dwelling. It is sheathed in clapboard siding with asphalt shingles on the roof. The facade faces south and the main entry is located on this side. A brick chimney is centered on the ridge-line of the roof. The main entry is reached through a small half-width enclosed porch with a hip-roof and Doric columns. The porch is reached by wooden stairs. Fenestration includes one-over-one double-hung windows.

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

**• Historical or Architectural importance:**

This dwelling was built as Deacon John W. Norton's retirement home in 1912. John William Norton was born in 1839 in Guilford to John Norton and Ruth Dudley. He studied at the Guilford Institute and was the First Selectman of Guilford. He was also a Representative of Guilford in the General Assembly in 1876 and 1884. In 1877 he was elected Deacon of the First Congregational Church. He first married Adelaide E. Kimberly of Guilford who died in 1872, and then married Elizabeth Russell Dudley who died in 1919. His only child died in 1896. Deacon John W. Norton died in 1925 at the age of 86. He is buried in Alderbrook Cemetery.

**• Sources:**

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=3459> on October 31, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Shore Line Times. "Obituaries." August 6, 1925, pg. 1.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/21/2015  
View South view of the house, camera facing north. Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Kristen Nietering Date 10/31/2015  
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance  
Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

**• Subsequent field evaluations:**

Latitude & Longitude: 41.287093, -72.669981

**Threats to the building or site:**

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

310 Boston Street

**Interrelationship of building and surroundings**

Surrounding the property are nineteenth and early twentieth century single-family dwellings.

