

Town No.:

Site No. 50

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QUAD:

DISTRICT

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IF NR SPECIFY

 Actual Potential

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** 320 Boston Street
(map 48, lot 37)
2. **NAME**
(*historic*) John Norton
NAME
(*common*)
3. **USE**
(*historic*)
USE
(*present*) Private house
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** 1870
- BUILDER** Carlton Parmelee
STYLE Greek Revival
7. **ALTERATIONS**
East chimney added by present owner.

SIGNIFICANCE

8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**
9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**
It is hard to believe that this house of traditional Colonial form with standard Greek Revival doorway was built as late as 1870, but the date is thoroughly documented. The New Haven Palladium wrote in 1879, "In a new house that sprouted up in 1870 from the old one lives J.W. Norton, one of those eminently square men sure to be burdened with cares of state and church." The square Mr. Norton, a deacon of the church, evidently liked things just the way they always had been. He tore down an older house on the site in order to build this one, and re-used some of the materials. Windows and doors were handmade by the builder, Carlton Parmelee.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES**
Joel E. Helander; David D. Dudley; Dorothy Whitfield Society '76. Title search, Charles F. Peluse, owner. Photograph: Guilford Keeping Society.

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.

DESCRIPTION

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 7/24/81

Photographer D. PENAR

Date 7/24/81

Negative ROLL 18: 25A

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23. THREATS TO BUILDING

- None Known
- Renewal
- Highways
- Private Owner
- Vandalism
- Deterioration
- Developers
- Other:
- Zoning

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS