

State of Connecticut
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** 321 Boston Street
(map 41, lot 3)
2. **NAME**
(historic) Levi Hubbard
NAME
(common) The Black House.
3. **USE**
(historic)
USE
(present) Private house
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** 1761 (also see below) **BUILDER**
STYLE Colonial
7. **ALTERATIONS**
2/2 sash; Greek Revival doorway probably added c1840.

SIGNIFICANCE

8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**
Kelly (who, alone among all the people who mention this house, dates it 1717) discusses the unusual ornamentation of the summer beam and illustrates it with a measured drawing.
9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**
Levi Hubbard sold his house in 1787 to Nicholas Loyselle, a Frenchman who had recently fled from a black uprising in Guadeloupe and, like numerous of his compatriots, had settled in New England. His house remains famous in Guilford annuals because in the spring of 1793, while getting ready to paint it, Loyselle heard the news of the execution of Louis XVI and in an outburst of emotion painted the house black. Traces of black paint long remained visible after later coats had weathered off. This story is told in full by Mary Hoadley Griswold.
Today the house is unpainted and partly hidden by the dark shadows of trees, as if continuing to mourn.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES** Tercentenary Committee; Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; Connecticut Historical Commission '72; Colonial Dames; Federal Writers' Guide; Kelly, Early Domestic Architecture; Mary Hoadley Griswold, p. 70. Photograph: Guilford Keeping Society and Guilford Library.

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: 3 1/2 ACRES (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) 3
- 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 7/24/87

Photographer D. PENAR

Date 7/24/87

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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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