

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Please send completed form to: Stacey Vairo, National Register and State Register Coordinator,
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* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 368 Boston Street
 Building Name (Historic) Westal Scovil House
 Street Address or Location 368 Boston Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Elwood Burton Family Trust 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 Vernacular/Colonial Revival Date of Construction c. 1783

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone | <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>vinyl siding</u> | | |

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 20' x 35'

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: _____

FOR OFFICE USE: Town # _____ Site # _____ UTM _____

District: S NR If NR, Specify: Actual Potential

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 road and terminates at a parking area to the east of the house. The property is across the street (to the north) of Alderbrook Cemetery. It is located to the west of the intersection of Soundview Road and Boston Street. Less than a mile to the west is the Guilford Green.

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

This is a two-story, side-gable, vernacular dwelling with a small addition on the east elevation. It is sheathed in vinyl siding with asphalt shingles on the roof. The facade faces south and the main entry is centered on this side. It is protected from the elements by an overhanging gable-roof supported by slender columns. A brick chimney protrudes from the center of the ridgeline of the roof. (See continuation sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

This dwelling has been extensively renovated. It was originally owned by Westal Scovil and was built c. 1783. Later owners of the property include Hiram Thomas, Frank Morse, and Angelo Bonzi. Angelo Bonzi acquired the property in 1912. Bonzi was born in 1882 in Bergamo, Italy. He married Rosa Luigia Manzoni and had nine children. He came to the United States in 1907 and lived in a shack for four years before his wife and children came to the United States. They first lived on Little Meadow Road before buying a house on North Street. He then purchased a house on Boston Street where he and his family lived for 50 years. Before becoming a self-employed stone mason, he was a lumberman. Their last name is spelled both Bonzi and Benzi. (See continuation sheet)

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=913> on November 3, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Ancestry.com, accessed 11/3/2015. Helander, Joel, Email correspondence 11/6/2015. (See continuation sheet)

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/21/2015

View South view of the house, camera facing north. Negative on File _____

Name Kristen Nietering Date 11/3/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.287317, -72.667318

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Other notable features of building or site

Fenestration includes six-over-six double-hung windows with shutters. A small addition is on the east elevation of the house, and a large addition is on the north elevation. Although this is a vernacular building it has some Colonial Revival style features including a symmetrically balanced façade, double-hung windows with multiple panes, and an entry porch.

Historical or Architectural importance

Many of his children had the last name Benzi, and Angelo Bonzi is often noted as Angelo Benzi in official documents. Bonzi lived in Guilford for 75 years before his death in 1981 at the age of 98. He was buried in St. John's Cemetery. Among the work he did in Guilford were two houses on Boston Street (380 and 386 Boston Street), The Little Stone House fish market and gift shop, and the retaining wall at the Town Docks. When Bonzi purchased the property, the dwelling was only one story, and he added the second story.

Sources

Baxter, Linda Trowbridge. "The Newcomers: A Study of Immigrants to Guilford, Connecticut 1850-1930." Dexter, Michigan: Thomson-Shore, Inc., 1985.

