

# 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) 386 Boston Street  
 Building Name (Historic) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address or Location 386 Boston Street  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Sharon Bower  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 c. 1949

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 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: 1 Approximate Dimensions 30' 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 road and terminates at a parking area just to the west and north of the house. The property is across the street and to the northeast 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. (See continuation sheet)

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

This one-story, Colonial Revival cape style dwelling is constructed of rubble stone and has a side-gable roof. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles. The main façade faces south, and the main entry is centered on this side. It is reached by stone stairs with iron railings. The fenestration consists of eight-over-one double hung sash windows. Stone chimneys are found on each gable end of the house, and a small addition extends to the west off the west elevation.

Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Builder Angelo Bonzi (Baxter)

- Historical or Architectural importance:

This dwelling was built by Angelo Bonzi c. 1949. 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. 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. (See continuation sheet)

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=516> on November 2, 2015. Helander, Joel, Email Correspondance August 21, 2015. Ancestry.com, accessed 11/3/2015. Baxter, Linda Trowbridge. "The Newcomers: A Study of Immigrants to Guilford, Connecticut 1850-1930." Dexter, Michigan: Thomson-Shore, Inc., 1985.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/21/2015

View North view of the house, camera facing south. Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_

Name Kristen Nietering Date 11/2/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.287512, -72.666486

**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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**Interrelationship of building and surroundings**

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

**Historical or Architectural importance**

Among the work he did in Guilford were two houses on Boston Street (including this one at 386 Boston Street), The Little Stone House fish market and gift shop, and the retaining wall at the Town Docks.

