

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 394 Boston Street
 Building Name (Historic) _____
 Street Address or Location 394 Boston Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Mary Ann Fido 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 1947 (Helander)

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 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 0.4 acres of land on the north side of Boston Street. A driveway extends to the north off the road and terminates in front of (to the south of) the attached garage. The garage is attached to the house on the northeast corner. 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. (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 field stone and has a side-gable roof. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles. The three-bay façade faces south, and gable-roof dormers with pediments protrude from the slant of the roof. The main entry is centered on the façade and is reached by stone stairs with an iron railing. (See continuation sheet)

Architect _____ Builder Joseph Testori (Helander)

- Historical or Architectural importance:

This dwelling was built by Joseph Testori in 1947. The Testori brothers, Joseph and Isadoro, were stone masons in Guilford. Joseph came to the United States first and built a home on East Creek on Old Boston Street. He later built two more stone houses on Boston Street. Isadoro arrived in the United States after Joseph, and lived with him for some time. Joseph Testori was born in Italy in 1877. In the 1930 United States Federal Census, Joseph Testori is listed as a stone mason living on Leete's Island Road. Living with him is his wife, Olive and his children: Ida, Edward, Betty, and Joseph. According to the census record, Testori immigrated to the United States in 1892 and married Olive c. 1901 at the age of 24. He died in 1957 at the age of 80 and is 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=7200> on 11/4/2015. Helander, Joel, Email Correspondance 8/21/2015 and 11/6/2015. Baxter, Linda Trowbridge. "The Newcomers: A Study of Immigrants to Guilford, Connecticut 1850-1930." Dexter, Michigan: Thomson-Shore, Inc., 1985. Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census of Guilford.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/17/2015

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

Name Kristen Nietering Date 11/4/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.287558, -72.666213

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

394 Boston Street

Interrelationship of building and surroundings

Less than a mile to the west is the Guilford Green. Surrounding the property are nineteenth and twentieth century single-family dwellings.

Other Notable Features

It is protected from the elements by a gable-roof overhang supported by slender posts. The fenestration consists of multi-paned iron stationary windows. A stone chimney runs up the west elevation of the house, and a garage addition was added to the east elevation.

Historical or Architectural importance

In an interview Joel Helander had with Ed Testori (Joseph Testori's son) in 2009, he said this house was built by Joe Testori in 1947. He mentioned that the walls were one foot thick and the floor joists were salvaged railroad or trolley ties. He also believed the house was built with granite (Helander email correspondence). Joseph Testori built two stone buildings at 433 Boston Street, one of the building was built as a garage/apartment.

