

Town No.:

Site No. 31

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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** 55 Boston Street  
 (map 40, lot 155)
2. **NAME**  
*(historic)* Ebenezer Hopson  
**NAME**  
*(common)*
3. **USE**  
*(historic)*  
**USE**  
*(present)* Apartments
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** 1763 **BUILDER**
- STYLE** Colonial
7. **ALTERATIONS**  
 Shed added on rear; front steps and railings. Chimney appears to have been rebuilt in original size and location.

SIGNIFICANCE

8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**  
 The door, which is probably a Greek Revival addition of sometime around 1840, is delightful--modest but elegant, with a simple row of little blocks like Greek guttae at the top of each pilaster, and a delicate cornice.
9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**  
 A house in this neighborhood that has not been covered with synthetic siding and shiny silver window sash is a welcome sight. With its gambrel roof and austere simplicity, this is one of the striking buildings on the street. The first Methodist sermon preached in Guilford, we are told, was preached here, in 1789 by the Reverend Jesse Lee.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES**  
 Tercentenary Committee; Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; Connecticut Historical Commission '72; Colonial Dames; Steiner. Photograph: Guilford Library and Dana Collection.

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: 75' X 166'

15. CONDITION: Exterior

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Bad

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- 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 7/22/81

Photographer D. PENAR

Date 7/22/81

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23. THREATS TO BUILDING

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

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

COMPILED BY

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