

State of Connecticut  
**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
 59 South Prospect Street, Hartford 06106

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Town No.:	Site No. 32
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**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:**  
 Buildings & Structures

**SURVEY OF GUILFORD, NEW HAVEN COUNTY, 06437**  
 June-December 1981

IDENTIFICATION

1. **ADDRESS** 58-60 Boston Street  
(map 40, lot 14)
2. **NAME**  
*(historic)* Alfred G. Hull  
**NAME**  
*(common)*
3. **USE**  
*(historic)* Private House  
**USE**  
*(present)* Offices and apartment
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** 1849, probably remodeled  
c1870
7. **ALTERATIONS**  
See below

**BUILDER**  
**STYLE** As remodeled: French  
 Second Empire

SIGNIFICANCE

8. **NOTABLE FEATURES** The date of 1849 given above is based on a family recollection that in November of that year William Weld considered buying the "new" house on this site. Presumably the house was then a 3-bay Italian Villa of the same general type as No. 79 up the street, a type that the expansive post-Civil War generation found very easy to enlarge by simply popping a mansard on top of the original flat roof. This evidently is what happened here, for the mansard roof, opulently arched dormers, polygonal bays both to the left and the right, and bracketed porch are unmistakable signs of the French Empire Style that flourished in this country in the '60s and '70s but that was as yet unheard of in the 1840s. Notice also the delectable little conservatory with transom lights tucked into the angle of the west wing. All in all, Alfred G. Hull did himself proud, and it is good to learn that he was an eminently respected citizen: Vice-President of the Guilford Savings Bank, Town Treasurer, and a Deacon of the Third Church.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES**  
 Joel E. Helander; David D. Dudley; Steiner; Dorothy Whitfield Society '76.

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: 85' X 156' (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) *IN FERRE*
- 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 7/22/87

Photographer D. PENAR

Date 7/22/87

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P.O. Box 199, Guilford, Conn. 06437

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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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