

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) 79 Boston Street
 Building Name (Historic) John L. Seward House
 Street Address or Location 79 Boston Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Howard and Edith Brown 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 Greek Revival/Italianate Date of Construction 1849 (Helander)

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

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| <input checked="" 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 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: 2 Approximate Dimensions 45' 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 parcel consists of 0.37 acres of land on the south side of Boston Street. A short driveway extends to the south off the road and leads to a parking area on the east side of the house. A secondary driveway extends to the south off the road and leads to an attached garage on the west side of the house. This property is located just to the east of the intersection of Boston Street and Graves Avenue. (see continuation sheet)

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

This is a two-story, hip-roof house with Greek Revival features. It is sheathed in clapboard siding and has asphalt shingles on the roof. The Greek Revival features include wide over-hanging eaves and a simple entablature door surround on the main entry which is located on the north facade. The main door is a paneled door and is flanked by four-pane side lights. Two one-over-one double-hung sash windows to the west. (see continuation sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

The original owner of this property was John L. Seward and it was built c. 1849. John L. Seward and George P. Rolf were developers of Pearl Street. Their own homes were located on Boston Street. John L. Seward was born in 1817 to Timothy Seward (1792-1833) and Polly Bartlett (1792-1833). He married Elizabeth Dudley (1822-1846) in 1843 and had one child Timothy Dwight Seward who was born in 1844. In 1849, Seward married Antoinette Betsey Conklin (1823-1892) and had two children, Leonidas Conklin Seward and Alonzo Seward. John L. Seward was a native of Guilford and found his profession as a sea captain. He died in 1899 at the age of 83, and is buried in Alderbrook Cemetery. (See continuation sheet)

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property cards accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=3598> on October 4, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Shore Line Times. 1899. "Obituaries." October 27, pg. 1.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/17/2015
View Northeast view, camera facing southwest. Negative on File _____
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.282353, -72.678094

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

79 Boston St

Interrelationship of building and surroundings

It is less than a mile to the east of the Guilford Green and less than a mile to the northwest of the Guilford Fair Grounds. A cast iron fence lines the north border of the property and a wooden fence lines the east, west, and south borders. Attached to the house on the west side is a garage.

Other notable features of building or site

Three one-over-one double-hung sash windows are found spaced evenly along the second-story of the house. Attached by a breeze way on the west elevation of the house is a hip-roof garage. A small extension is attached to the rear of the house (on the south elevation). Italianate features include the hip roof and square form of the dwelling.

Historical or Architectural importance

Later owners of the property included Caroline Bartlett, Lucy Dudley, Nettie Dudley, and Emily C. Snow.

