

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

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Town No.:	Site No. 35
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:
 Buildings & Structures

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

IDENTIFICATION

1. **ADDRESS** 85 Boston Street
(map 40, lot 145)
2. **NAME**
(historic) Thomas Burgis
NAME
(common)
3. **USE**
(historic)
USE
(present) Private house
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** Variously given as 1707-11 and 1736
- BUILDER STYLE** Colonial and Federal
7. **ALTERATIONS**
Addition on east side

SIGNIFICANCE

8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**
Overhanging eaves; stone chimney; eight over twelve windows; doorway with thin pilasters supporting an entablature (could be original); paneled door; stone foundation.
9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**
In the midst of the growing ranks of the metallicized and plasticized historic houses of Boston Street, it is a joy to find one that is still its natural self--and a particularly early and valuable one at that. Wood clapboards, cedar shingles, a center chimney which, although evidently rebuilt, is still of stone and of the right size; 8/12 sash, an agreeable color scheme, and finally a charming Federal door make this one of the outstanding historic survivals in town.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES**
Date: 1) Connecticut Historical Commission '72; 2) Tercentenary Committee; Colonial Dames, and Dorothy Whitfield Society '76.
Other: Mary Hoadley Griswold, p. 56.

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: 1/4 ACRE

15. CONDITION: Exterior

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Bad

16. CONDITION: Structure

- Excellent
- 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.): PRIVY (INFERRED)

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 7/23/81

Photographer D. PENAR

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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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While doubts may remain as to the exact date of this house, the Burgis family were prominent Guilford residents. Thomas Burgis, Sr., a native of Yorkshire, settled in Guilford about 1707. A shoemaker and tanner by trade, he married Mercy, daughter of Thomas Wright. He died in 1736. Burgis' son, Thomas Jr., graduated from Yale in 1758. He was Guilford's Town Clerk 1776-1799.