

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) 88 Boston Street
 Building Name (Historic) Albert B. Wildman House
 Street Address or Location 88 Boston Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Eileen Charlsworth 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/Queen Anne Style Date of Construction 1852 (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 35' x 30'

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 0.57 acres of land on the north side of the road. Directly to the north of the house, in the rear, is a garage. A driveway extends to the north off the road and leads past the west side of the house to the garage. The parcel is long and rectangular with a grassy yard filled with trees. A sidewalk runs along the south border of the property. (see continuation sheet)

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

This is a two-story, front gable-roof, Greek Revival style house with a Queen Anne style two-story bay window. The Greek Revival features include a simple entablature door surround around and a full pediment in the gable. The main entry is found on the south facade and is reached by stone steps. To the east is a two-story bay window. Above the door is a six-over-one double-hung sash window. In the pediment is a rectangular window.

Architect _____ Builder William E. Weld (Helander)

- Historical or Architectural importance:

The original owner of this dwelling was Albert B. Wildman and was built in 1852. Wildman was born in 1810 to Agur Wildman (1779-1861) and Elizabeth Chalker (1777-1852). He married Abigail Graves (1813-1900) in 1838 and their children were James Grave Wildman (1839-1913), Joel Tuttle Wildman (1841-1903), and Burdett Magill Wildman (1845-1864). In the 1860 United States Federal Census of Guilford lists Wildman as a merchant living with his wife and children. Albert B. Wildman was a successful merchant in Guilford and operated a store at 11 Boston Street. Wildman died in 1878. (See continuation sheet)

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=6435> on October 23, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Helander, Joel. "House Dating Dossier," 1989. Ancestry.com. 1860 United States Federal Census of Guilford, Connecticut.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/21/2015

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

Name Kristen Nietering Date 10/23/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

Address PO Box 199 Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.282717, -72.677861

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Albert B. Wildman House/88 Boston Street

Interrelationship of building and surroundings

Less than a mile to the west of the property is the Guilford Green, and less than a mile to the south is the Guilford Fair Ground.

Historical or Architectural Importance

Daniel Webster Benton, Wildman's stepson, noted the building of this house in his diary in 1852. William E. Weld (1815-1902) was the town's foremost house carpenter, contractor, joiner, and self-taught architect. He constructed more than 35 houses between 1838 and 1875.

