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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** 33 Church Street
 (map 39, lot 45)
2. **NAME**
(historic) George W. Seward
NAME
(common)
3. **USE**
(historic) Private house
USE
(present) Private house and
 apartments
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** 1888
- BUILDER** George W. Seward
STYLE Queen Anne
7. **ALTERATIONS** Screened porch in rear.

SIGNIFICANCE

8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**
 Slate roof (rare in Guilford). Nice porch with spindles and sunburst--distant repercussions of the Aesthetic Movement and of the Japanese style popular in the '80s. The picket fence, while probably not original, helps to contain the property on a busy through street and gives the big building a visual base.

9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**
 An unusually elaborate house for Guilford in this period, doubtless intended to show the carpenter's skill. George W. Seward, carpenter and builder, was a well-known citizen and a member of one of Guilford's old families. His known works include Nos. 39 and 55 Church Street, the Boston Street School (103 Boston Street), the Town Hall (31 Park Street), and the Rollin Woodruff house (268 Whitfield Street). His carpenter's shop stood next door, now 39 Church Street. In 1928 Seward died in the house in which he was born and in which his father was born before him, at 52 Fair Street. In 1980 a contractor who had been called in to demolish a gazebo at Sachem's Head found himself regretfully admiring the workmanship of the little structure and its profusion of decorative trim. Under a piece of scrollwork he found the maker's name scratched in the wood: "G. W. Seward."

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES**
 Joel E. Helander, MSS Notes; Guilford Land Records.

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 *in gable* Brick
- Wood Shingle Fieldstone
- Board & Batten Cut Stone
- Stucco
- Concrete
- Cobblestone
- Asbestos Shingle
- Asphalt Siding
- Aluminum/Vinyl
- Other:

12. STRUCTURE

- Wood Frame: Masonry Iron or Steel Concrete Other:
- Post & Beam
- Balloon

13. ROOF

- a. Pitched Gable-front Hip Shed Other:
- Saltbox Cross-gable Flat Hip False Dormer
- Gambrel Mansard Flat Sawtooth
- 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:** *30' x 45'* **LOT SIZE:** *± 110' x 160'*

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.):

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 *P. Odiseos* **Date** *7/7/81*
Photographer *P. Odiseos* **Date** *7/7/81* **Negative** *5: 28A*
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 P.O. Box 199, Guilford, Conn. 06437
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23. THREATS TO BUILDING

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

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

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