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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

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DESCRIPTION

1. ADDRESS

96 Church Street (map 46. lot 22)

2. NAME

(historic)

NAME (common)

3. USE

(historic)

USE (present)

Private house

4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



BUILDER STYLE

Greek Revival/Italianate

5. ARCHITECT

6. DATE

c1880

7. ALTERATIONS

Rear addition.

8. NOTABLE FEATURES

Boxed cornice with returns; frieze and below, at the corners are flat boards resembling brackets; double sash windows in the gable; two over two windows with a moulding around the window frame; two story bay window on side; arched staircase window with stainglass; decorative

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL wrap around north with brackets above the nosts wrap around porch with brackets above the posts.

This house is similar to at least two others in the immediate neighborhood (72 and 105 Church Street) and others scattered around the town. The style combines strong Greek Revival elements such as the cornice with later Italianate windows. The three houses on Church all have porches; the porch at number 96 is more ornate than the others. It has been thought that the 1880 date is late for such an Italianate house, but it has been documented in the land records by David Dudley; an example of Guilford's persistent conservatism all through the 19th century.

10. SOURCES

David D. Dudley; Elizabeth Mills Brown, Bicentennial.

SIGNIFICANCE

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