DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

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

1. ADDRESS

205 Clapboard Hill Road

(map 75, lot 34)

2. NAME

Henry N. Dudley

(historic)

(common)

3. USE

(historic)

USE

(present)

Private house

4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Site No

IF NR SPECIE

Actual

Potential

Town No.:

QUAD:

5. ARCHITECT

6. DATE probably c1844

BUILDER George W. Bushnell
STYLE Greek Revival

7. ALTERATIONS

Rear screened porch; attic vent in gable.

8. NOTABLE FEATURES

Part of an important concentration of 18th and 19th century houses, many belonging to the Dudley family which has long dominated Clapboard Hill.

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL

A mature and richly modeled example of Guilford's Greek Revival style and a fine specimen of Bushnell's work. Notice especially the strongl carved cornice and the channeled pilasters of the doorway, both adding to the chiaroscuro of the facade, both signs of a late phase of the style. George Bushnell was a builder in Saybrook who married Eunice Dudley in 1807 and thus became a cousin to the large "tribe" of Clapboard Hill Dudley's and the builder of some half-dozen Dudley houses on the Hill (see 167 Clapboard Hill). A family reminiscence records that while working on a house, Bushnell would stay over in Guilford during the week and walk home on weekends.

10. SOURCES

Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; Joel E. Helander, Henry Nelson Dudley of Clapboard Hill; Connecticut Historical Commission.

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