

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

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:
 Buildings & Structures

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

IDENTIFICATION

1. **ADDRESS** 376 Colonial Road
(map 4, lot 25)
2. **NAME**
(historic) Eli Kircum
NAME
(common)
3. **USE**
(historic) Toll House
USE
(present) Private house
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** 1824 **BUILDER STYLE** Federal
7. **ALTERATIONS**
Rear porch; excavated around cellar in rear.

SIGNIFICANCE

8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**
Boxed cornice; frieze; 6/9 sash; plain door frame; stone central chimney; stone foundation.
9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**
This simple house was built close to the road so that the owner could operate the toll gate. It is interesting that despite its practical purpose the house contains heavy decorative cornices on the gable ends. The house is very small in size and is nicely set off by a picket fence in scale. The door and door frame appear to be modern.

Kircum built this house so that he could be the toll keeper on this road, which was built by the State from Sachem's Head to join the New Haven-Durham Turnpike in 1825.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES**
Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; Joel E. Helander, Oxpasture to Summer Colony; Mary Hoadley Griswold, Yester-Years of Guilford.

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.

DESCRIPTION

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: 1 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: LOT SIZE: 3 ACRES (APPROX)

15. CONDITION: Exterior
 Excellent Good Fair Poor Bad

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 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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23. THREATS TO BUILDING
 None Known Highways Vandalism Developers Zoning
 Renewal Private Owner Deterioration Other:

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS