

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.: 109
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

- ADDRESS** 385 Colonial Road
(map 4, lot 19)
- NAME** Dan L. Benton, Jr.
(historic)
NAME
(common)
- USE**
(historic)
USE
(present) Private house
- IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



DESCRIPTION

- ARCHITECT**
- DATE** 1839 **BUILDER**
STYLE Greek Revival
- ALTERATIONS**
Side addition; stone chimney (rebuilt); railing on front steps.

SIGNIFICANCE

- NOTABLE FEATURES**
Boxed cornice with returns; frieze; 6/6 sash; rectangular gable window; doorway with pilasters and entablature.
- ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**
Modest cornice returns, a rectangular gable window, and a pilaster and entablature doorway along with a three bay facade are typical features of Greek Revival house in Guilford. Fairly large barn/garage located to the right of the house close to the road.
Dan L. Benton, Jr. built this house on 18 acres, which were formerly Pelatiah Leete's "Hart Lot" which his grandfather - Silas Benton - had bought in 1801. Dan Benton had extensive land holdings on Sachem's Head.

SOURCES

- SOURCES**
Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; Joel E. Helander, Oxpasture. p119 et al;

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
- 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:

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:

LOT SIZE: 4 ACRES (APPROX)

15. CONDITION: Exterior

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Bad

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17. OUTBUILDINGS (visible from public road)

- Barn(s)
- Carriage House
- Garage
- Shed(s)
- Shop(s)
- Other (well, stand, greenhouse, gazebo, privy, etc.): WELL

18. LANDSCAPING (visible from public road)

- Planted Grounds
- Garden
- Terracing
- Plaza
- Stone Wall(s)
- Pickett Fence
- Iron Fence
- Post & Rail
- Court
- 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 D. PENAR

Date 7/10/81

Photographer D. PENAR

Date 7/10/81

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23. THREATS TO BUILDING

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

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

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