

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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Town No.:					Site No. 113				
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DISTRICT					IF NR SPECIFY				
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IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 470 County Road
(map 104, lot 39)
2. NAME
(historic) Dr. David Brook's Coachman's
NAME House
(common)
3. USE
(historic) Coachman's house
USE
(present) Private house
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE: The house was
moved in 1832 from the Brook's property
on Long Hill Road



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
6. DATE 1770 BUILDER
STYLE Colonial
7. ALTERATIONS
Side addition for kitchen; brick chimney
8. NOTABLE FEATURES
12/12 sash; simple moulding around windows and door; door and
window sharing common jamb; plank house.

SIGNIFICANCE

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL

This small house built to house a coachman, possibly a slave, is understandably simple. However, in its simplicity there is great charm. The house has been carefully restored and the addition does not detract from the original.

This was the coachman's house, originally two rooms, of Dr. David Brooks, North Guilford physician, who moved to New York. He died in 1826. J.S. Stevens purchased the place in 1839 and his family occupied the building for the next century as a home, cobbler shop and barber shop. In 1939, it was restored and a kitchen and dining room were added. A bedroom wing was added in 1959.

SOURCES

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Steiner, p.414. Interview Joseph Lynch, July 1982.

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: 1 1/2

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:

LOT SIZE: $\approx 205' \times 165'$

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.):

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.O. & D.P.

Date 7/3/81

Photographer

D.P.

Date 7/3/81

Negative ROLL 4:4A

Organization:

Guilford Preservation Alliance
P.O. Box 199, Guilford, Conn. 06437

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23. THREATS TO BUILDING

- ☐ None Known
- ☐ Renewal

- ☐ Highways
- ☐ Private Owner

- ☐ Vandalism
- ☐ Deterioration

- ☐ Developers
- ☐ Other:

☐ Zoning

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

COMPILED BY

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Alterations: Two wings have been added on the east and west ends of this house in harmony with the original structure, 1982-83.

Add to Sources: Dorothy Whitfield Society.