

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Please send completed form to: Stacey Vairo, National Register and State Register Coordinator,
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* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 538 County Road
 Building Name (Historic) Ebenezer F. Dudley Gristmill
 Street Address or Location 538 County Road
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Albert, Ann, and Robert Erda Trustee Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residential: single dwelling
 Historic Use: Business: gristmill

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No

Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain _____

Style of building Vernacular Date of Construction 1888 (Helander)

Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

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|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone | <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

Structural System

- Wood Frame Post & Beam Balloon Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel
 Other _____

Roof (Type)

- Gable Flat Mansard Monitor Sawtooth
 Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other _____

(Material)

- Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate Asphalt Shingle
 Built up Tile Other _____

Number of Stories: 2 Approximate Dimensions 25' x 60'

Structural Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Exterior Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Location Integrity: On original site Moved When? _____

Alterations? Yes No If yes, explain: Converted to dwelling in 1958.

FOR OFFICE USE: Town # _____ Site # _____ UTM _____

District: S NR If NR, Specify: Actual Potential

PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT'D)**Related outbuildings or landscape features:**

- Barn Shed Garage Carriage House Shop Garden
 Other landscape features or buildings: _____

Surrounding Environment:

- Open land Woodland Residential Commercial Industrial Rural
 High building density Scattered buildings visible from site

- Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

This property consists of 2.91 acres of land on the north side of County Road, to the east of the intersection of County Road and Long Hill Road. A long driveway extends to the north off County Road and terminates at a parking area in front of (to the south) of the attached garage. Less than half a mile to the north is what was once the center of North Guilford, and where the North Guilford Cemetery is located. (See continuation sheet)

- Other notable features of building or site (Interior and/or Exterior)

This is a two-story vernacular dwelling with a side-gable roof. The house is sheathed in wood shingle siding and the roof is covered in asphalt shingles. The façade faces southeast, and it is assumed the main entry is found on this side. Fenestration consists of a large multi-paned window and eight-over-eight double-hung sash windows. An attached garage is on the southwest elevation of the house, extending to the southwest.

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

This dwelling was originally built as a gristmill and converted to a residential home in 1958 by Robert A. Field. The original owner was Ebenezer Fowler Dudley who was born in 1819 to Erastus Dudley (1783-1872) and Ruth Fowler (1784-1863). He married Nancy Ann Fowler (1819-1890) in 1843. They had two children: Baldwin C. Dudley (1843-1932) and Ira I. Fenn Dudley (1849-1927). As noted by Helander in "A Treasury of Guilford Places," "During springtime, Dudley manufactured chestnut shingles in a turbine-run shingle mill that has been converted to a dwelling at 538 County Road" (Helander 2008, 231). A later owner of the property was Baldwin Dudley.

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=2179> on October 12, 2015. Helander, Joel; "A Treasury of Guilford Places"; Guilford, Connecticut; 2008. findagrave.com. 2008. "Ebenezer Fowler Dudley" record created by Jan Franco accessed at <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=32300942&ref=acom> on October 12, 2015.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 4/26/2015

View Southeast view of the house, camera facing northwest. Negative on File _____

Name Kristen Nietering Date 10/12/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.362578, -72.729236

Threats to the building or site:

- None known Highways Vandalism Developers Renewal Private
 Deterioration Zoning Other _____ Explanation _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET

538 County Road

Interrelationship of building and surroundings

Surrounding the property are nineteenth and early twentieth century dwellings.

