

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.: 117				
UTM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
QUAD:									
DISTRICT					IF NR SPECIFY				
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR					<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential				

IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 149 Denison Drive
(map 72, lot 12-12)
2. NAME
(historic) Dwight Tavern
NAME
(common)
3. USE Tavern
(historic)
USE Private house
(present)
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:
Moved from Warren, Mass.
on the Boston Post Road in 1980.



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT 1746
6. DATE 1763 (Rear ell)
7. ALTERATIONS
Rear addition; chimney (rebuilt).

BUILDER
STYLE Colonial

SIGNIFICANCE

8. NOTABLE FEATURES
Two over two floor plan; 12/12 sash; 4/4 sash in the gable; projecting window frames; doorway with recessed panel pilasters; crown moulding with dentil-like trim, six pane transom (with bull's eye glass), and a paneled door; stone block foundation.
9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL
This Massachusetts house has been reconstructed in Guilford. It has been well sited on its lot and presents an interesting contrast to locally built houses of the same period. The Massachusetts house appears broader with more space between the windows. The window framing and other detail work also contribute to the sense that this is not a local house.
The house was built in 1746 by Colonel Simeon Dwight and was located on the Boston Post Road in Warren, Massachusetts. Dwight was also involved in building a grist mill and an iron furnace in Warren. The Dwight Tavern was visited by many prominent people; a local Warren historical record details a visit from George Washington.

SOURCES

10. SOURCES
Owner, Stephen Carta, 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

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

12. STRUCTURE

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|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Frame: | <input type="checkbox"/> Masonry | <input type="checkbox"/> Iron or Steel | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post & Beam | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon | | | | |

13. ROOF

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|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pitched | <input type="checkbox"/> Gable-front | <input type="checkbox"/> Hip | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saltbox | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-gable | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Hip | <input type="checkbox"/> False Dormer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel | <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat | <input type="checkbox"/> Sawtooth | |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Tower(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor | <input type="checkbox"/> Cupola | <input type="checkbox"/> Dormered Gable | <input type="checkbox"/> Dome |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Slate | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

14. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: LOT SIZE: 1.38 ACRE

15. CONDITION: Exterior

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|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Bad |
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16. CONDITION: Structure

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Bad |
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17. OUTBUILDINGS (visible from public road)

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|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barn(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage House | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shop(s) |
| Other (well, stand, greenhouse, gazebo, privy, etc.): | | | | |

18. LANDSCAPING (visible from public road)

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|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planted Grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Terracing | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza | <input type="checkbox"/> Court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stone Wall(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickett Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Post & Rail | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

19. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Town Street | b. <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | c. <input type="checkbox"/> Open |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wooded |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-rural | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Lakefront |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clustered Growth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation, now or originally | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt marsh |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> Of outstanding scenic/architectural value | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Of scenic/architectural value | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Of supportive value to contiguous scenic/architectural area | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | |

20. ROLE OF BUILDING IN ENHANCING QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vital | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Important | <input type="checkbox"/> Supportive | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
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21. OWNERSHIP

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior accessible |
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22. Name D. PENAR

Date FALL 1981

ROLL 22:

Photographer D. PENAR

Date FALL 1981

Negative 9A

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

ROLL 22:

G-F&Nec 10A

23. THREATS TO BUILDING

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None Known | <input type="checkbox"/> Highways | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Developers | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

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Builder: Colonel Simeon Dwight

Sources: Stephen Carta, owner, who moved the Tavern
to Guilford; Historical Society of Warren,
Massachusetts.