

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) 31 Driveway
 Building Name (Historic) Gertrude R. Leete House
 Street Address or Location 31 Driveway
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Philomena Mancini et al Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residential: single dwelling
 Historic Use: Residential: single dwelling

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

Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain _____

Style of building vernacular Date of Construction 1885 (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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>vinyl siding</u> | | |

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 30'

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: Addition added to north elevation.

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 sits on 0.61 acres of land on the south side of Driveway. A parking area is just off the road, and is on the east side of the house, in front (to the west) of the garage. Two sheds are to the south of the house. Just to the south is the railroad tracks and the Guilford Train Station. Less than a mile to the northwest is the Old Stone House. Surrounding the property are nineteenth and early twentieth century dwellings.

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

This is a two-story dwelling with an attic and a cross-gable roof. The house is sheathed in vinyl siding, the roof is covered in asphalt shingles, and the foundation is of concrete block. The five-bay façade faces west, and the main entry is centered on this side. It is reached by concrete stairs with iron railings. The main entry opens into a hip-roof enclosed porch. (See continuation sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

The original owner of the property was Gertrude R. Leete and it was built in 1885. Leete purchased a vacant lot from Adolph G. Sommer in October of 1884. The 1880 United States Federal Census records show a Gertrude Leete (age 22) living in Guilford with her husband, Nelson S. Leete (age 24). Nelson Leete was listed as a fisherman. The 1900 United States Federal Census records show Adolph G. Sommers (age 55) living in Guilford and working as a barber. He was born in Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1870.

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property taxes accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=4483> on October 7, 2015. Helander, Joel; "A Treasury of Guilford Places"; Guilford, Connecticut; 2008. Ancestry.com. 1880 United States Federal Census of Guilford, Connecticut. Ancestry.com. 1900 United States Federal Census of Guilford, Connecticut.

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View West view, camera facing east. Negative on File _____
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Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.276567, -72.673592

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Other notable features of building or site

Fenestration consists of one-over-one double-hung sash windows. A small addition is attached to the north elevation of the house.

