

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. 119
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	
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IF NR SPECIFY	
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	<input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 90 Duck Holes Road
(map 81, lot 28)
2. NAME
(historic) Ebenezer Scranton
NAME
(common) Duck Holes Road Farm
3. USE
(historic) Farm House
USE
(present) Private house
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:
House moved in 1929 from Hoop Pole Road
by George Goss



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
 6. DATE 1723
 7. ALTERATIONS
 8. NOTABLE FEATURES
- All new clapboards; (since photograph was taken); Gambrel roof ell; attached garage (rear); window sash.
- Over hanging eaves; 6/6 sash in the gable and in the second story lean-to portion; mouldings for sills; large stone chimney; double front door with a five pane transom above; "coffin door".

BUILDER
STYLE Colonial

SIGNIFICANCE

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL This large colonial house originally stood at the south end of Lake Quonnipaug in North Guilford. It is a very large five bay house similar to a number of others built in Guilford in the early part of the eighteenth century. It has been well sited in its second location beyond a saltmarsh and near a remarkable stone field. The area called Duck Holes Farm was once a feeding area for wild ducks.
- The house was originally built by Ebenezer Scranton, son of John Scranton of East Guilford. John Scranton's father, John, had come to Guilford with the original Whitfield group in 1639. The house was moved and rebuilt by Mr. & Mrs. George A. Goss, of Waterbury Conn. in 1929 and 1930

SOURCES

10. SOURCES Tercentenary Committee; Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; Colonial Dames; Guilford Keeping Society Photograph index.
Griswold Scrapbook, Vol II

In all categories below, check more than one box if applicable.

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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: 2

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:

LOT SIZE:

557 ac

15. CONDITION: Exterior

☐ Excellent

☒ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Poor

☐ Bad

16. CONDITION: Structure

☐ Excellent

☐ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Poor

☐ Bad

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

INDEX NO. 119

22. Name

P. Odiseos

Date 7/15/81

Photographer

P. Odiseos

Date 7/15/81

Negative R 9:35

Organization:

Guilford Preservation Alliance

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

Guilford Neg. R 9:35A

23. THREATS TO BUILDING

☐ None Known

☐ Highways

☐ Vandalism

☐ Developers

☐ Zoning

☐ Renewal

☐ Private Owner

☐ Deterioration

☐ Other:

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

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IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 90 Duck Holes Road
(map 81, lot 28)
2. NAME
(historic) Walter Beckwith
NAME
(common)
3. USE
(historic)
USE
(present) Private house
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
6. DATE 1912
7. ALTERATIONS
Screened front porch.
8. NOTABLE FEATURES
Overhanging eaves and rafters; brackets below the eaves; 6/1 sash;
one story bay window on the side; outside stone chimney; round field
stone foundation.

BUILDER Walter Beckwith
STYLE Bungalow

SIGNIFICANCE

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL
This house is a version of the bungalow style seen in limited
number in Guilford. The very large pair of dormers distinguishes
it from its contemporaries. The house is located in a secluded
area and may have been used primarily as a cottage when it was built.
It appears to have been winterized. This house is part of a larger
farm complex.

SOURCES

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Joel E. Helander, Guilford Long Ago, Vol II.

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well - chicken house - silo - corn crib
privy

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22. Name P. Odiseas

Photographer P. Odiseas

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

Date 7/15/81

2 Shots

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Negative R9:32,33

Slits Neg R9: 32A, 33A

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Sources: Interview with George Beckwith, son of
builder, 1982.