

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. 131				
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QUAD:									
DISTRICT									
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IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 2351 Durham Road
(map 105, lot 24)
2. NAME
(historic)
NAME
(common)
3. USE
(historic)
USE
(present) Private house
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
6. DATE Main section probably c1835-45
North section 1905
7. ALTERATIONS See below

BUILDER
STYLE Greek Revival

SIGNIFICANCE

8. NOTABLE FEATURES The most notable feature, which no one passing on the road can fail to be struck by, is the beautiful presence of the house on its land. Placed on a slope that rises above the road, with a great sweep of open hillside behind it, filled with light, the house itself stands in a green shade under great trees. A white picket fence delineates the broad lawn, and big weathered barns stand to one side. This is one of Guilford's most gracious places.
9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL The main section of the house was probably built around 1840--like many Guilford houses a conservative mixture of the old Colonial-Federal building tradition (pitched roof and five-bay facade) with the new accessories of the Greek Revival, principally the free-standing Doric entry porch. Later in the 19th century, presumably, the south wing was added (the arched window suggests a date around the Civil War), but in 1905, according to the owner, the north section was built. This section follows the detailing of the original faithfully, and the group as a whole forms an interesting and satisfying composition.

SOURCES

10. SOURCES Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; Connecticut Historical Commission '72.

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: 2 1/2

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:

LOT SIZE: 10.5 ACRES

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

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22. Name P.O. D.P.

Date 6/29/1981

Photographer DP

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23. THREATS TO BUILDING

- ☐ None Known
- ☐ Renewal

- ☐ Highways
- ☐ Private Owner

- ☐ Vandalism
- ☐ Deterioration

- ☐ Developers
- ☐ Other:

☐ Zoning

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

Sources: David M. Dudley, owner, 1982.