

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.: 141				
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QUAD:									
DISTRICT					IF NR SPECIFY				
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IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 5000 Durham Road
(map 128, lot 1)
2. NAME
(historic) Samuel Russell II
NAME
(common) Bluff Head Farm
3. USE
(historic)
USE
(present) Private house and farm
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
6. DATE Variously given as 1754 and 1789
- BUILDER
STYLE Colonial
7. ALTERATIONS
Like any house that has been well cared for and well lived in for more than two centuries, there are alterations too numerous to count, but the strong statement made by this Colonial farmhouse is unchanged.
8. NOTABLE FEATURES

SIGNIFICANCE

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL
With overhangs on front and sides; with 12/12 sash, a foundation of cut brownstone blocks, and a fine two-leaved door with iron latch and a six-light transom, this is one of Guilford's outstanding houses--well preserved, with clapboards, with window frames still intact, cedar shingles on the roof, and the chimney apparently rebuilt but still in its original form. Barns out back, pastures and fields around it, and ancient maple trees along the road complete the picture.

SOURCES

10. SOURCES
Tercentenary Committee and Dorothy Whitfield Society '76;
Connecticut Historical Commission.

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:

34.5 acres.

15. CONDITION: Exterior

☐ Excellent

☒ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Poor

☐ Bad

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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 July 1 1981

Photographer

D. P.

Date July 1-1981 Negative ROLL 2:21

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

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23. THREATS TO BUILDING

- ☐ None Known
- ☐ Renewal

- ☐ Highways
- ☐ Private Owner

- ☐ Vandalism
- ☐ Deterioration

- ☐ Developers
- ☐ Other:

☐ Zoning

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

COMPILED BY

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Notable Features: Overhangs, front and side; windows
and front door.