

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) 5051 Durham Road
 Building Name (Historic) Bluff Head District Schoolhouse
 Street Address or Location 5051 Durham Road
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Dino Esposito 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 c. 1860 (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 30' x 40'

Structural Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Exterior Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Location Integrity: On original site Moved When? 1914

Alterations? Yes No If yes, explain: School house moved and added to house

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: Farmed land and pastures

Surrounding Environment:

- Open land Woodland Residential Commercial Industrial Rural
- High building density Scattered buildings visible from site

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

This property consists of 10.83 acres of land on the east side of Durham Road. A driveway extends to the east off Durham Road and leads to a garage just to the northeast of the house. The driveway continues to the rear of the parcel. A barn is to the northeast of the house, and a shed is to the east of the house. This property sits to the southeast of the intersection of Durham Road and Bluff View Drive. (See continuation sheet)

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

This is a two-story vernacular dwelling with a cross-gable roof. The house is sheathed in vinyl siding and the roof is covered in asphalt shingles. The eaves of the roof have a slight overhang and cornice returns. The three-bay façade faces west, and the main entry is centered on this side. It is reached by concrete steps, and is protected from the elements by a wrap-around porch with a wide, overhanging roof. (See continuation sheet)

Architect _____ Builder George Seifert - moved building (Helander)

• Historical or Architectural importance:

This house was originally built c. 1860. A portion of the building was originally the Bluff Head District Schoolhouse built in 1804 (The Dudley Foundation). This schoolhouse was originally located just south of the current property at 4775 Durham Road. After the County Road School (originally called Chittenden School) was built in 1913, all one-room schools in North Guilford were closed. In 1914, it was moved by George Seifert and became the south ell of the house located at 5051 Durham Road. (See continuation sheet)

• Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=5366> on October 22, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. The Dudley Foundation. "Voices from North Guilford." North Guilford, Connecticut: The Dudley Foundation, 2012. Ancestry.com. 1930 & 1940 United States Federal Census of Guilford, Connecticut.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/21/2015

View West view of the house, camera facing east. Negative on File _____

Name Kristen Nietering Date 10/22/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

• Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.420762, -72.689434

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

5051 Durham Rd

Interrelationship of building and surroundings

A mile to the north is the town line of Durham. Surrounding the property are nineteenth and twentieth century single-family dwellings.

Other notable features of building or site

The porch roof is supported by slender, decorative posts. Fenestration consists of four-over-four double-hung sash windows. A brick chimney runs up the north elevation of the house. Additions are attached on the west and south elevations of the house.

Historical or Architectural importance

George Franklin Seifert was born in 1892 and married Nellie Thedy. In the 1930 United States Federal Census of Guilford, Connecticut, Seifert is listed as age 39 living on Middletown Turnpike. His occupation was sawyer in a Lumber Mill and he was living with his wife, Nellie, and seven children. In the 1940 Federal Census records George Seifert was listed as a farmer living on Guilford Street.

