

State of Connecticut
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 159 South Prospect Street, Hartford 06106

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Town No.:	Site No. 126
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:
 Buildings & Structures

SURVEY OF GUILFORD, NEW HAVEN COUNTY, 06437
 June-December 1981

IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 524 Durham Road
(map 85, lot 47)
2. NAME
(historic) S. Davis
NAME
(common)
3. USE
(historic)
USE
(present) Two-family house
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
6. DATE c1865
- BUILDER
STYLE Greek Revival/Italianate
Transitional
7. ALTERATIONS
Rear addition.
8. NOTABLE FEATURES

SIGNIFICANCE

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL
 A transitional house of the Civil War era showing how the old straight-forward, gable-front style of the earlier Greek Revival had loosened up under the influence of a more flamboyant age. A fancy double-decker bay window, all tricked out with flounces of bracketing, erupts from one side; a slight, seductive curve appears in the gable window which before had always been strictly rectilinear; and a sprightly porch replaces the solemnity of the old-fashioned Doric doorway that everyone had grown up with and was doubtless heartily sick of. At the same time the whole house is broader and taller: rooms are bigger, ceilings are higher, windows let in more light. Altogether it speaks plainly of the new affluence of the post-Civil War era, and of new ambition and restlessness.

SOURCES

10. SOURCES
 Dorothy Whitfield Society '76.

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 Brick Stucco Asbestos Shingle Other:
- Wood Shingle Fieldstone Concrete Asphalt Siding
- Board & Batten Cut Stone Cobblestone Aluminum/Vinyl

12. STRUCTURE

- Wood Frame: Masonry Iron or Steel Concrete Other:
- Post & Beam
- Balloon

13. ROOF

- a. Pitched Gable-front Hip Shed Other:
- Saltbox Cross-gable Flat Hip False Dormer
- Gambrel Mansard Flat Sawtooth
- b. Tower(s) Monitor Cupola Dormered Gable Dome
- c. Wood Shingle Asphalt Shingle Slate Metal Other: **5.54 ACRES**

14. NUMBER OF STORIES: **2 1/2** APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: LOT SIZE:

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. Odiseas** Date **7/5/91**
 Photographer **P. Odiseas** Date **7/5/91** Negative **Roll 5: 8A**
 Organization: **Guilford Preservation Alliance**
P.O. Box 199, Guilford, Conn. 06437

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23. THREATS TO BUILDING

- None Known Highways Vandalism Developers Zoning
- Renewal Private Owner Deterioration Other:

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

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