

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

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Town No.:	Site No. 142
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**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:**  
 Buildings & Structures

**SURVEY OF GUILFORD, NEW HAVEN COUNTY, 06437**

June-December 1981

IDENTIFICATION

1. **ADDRESS** 35 East River Road  
 (map 43, lot 51)
2. **NAME** Capt. Harry Crittenden  
*(historic)*  
**NAME**  
*(common)*
3. **USE**  
*(historic)*  
**USE**  
*(present)* Private house
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** c1834 **BUILDER**  
**STYLE** Colonial Revival
7. **ALTERATIONS**  
 Side wings; closed window above the door.

SIGNIFICANCE

8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**  
 Overhanging eaves; 6/6 sash; doorway with slender pilasters, entablature, and a five pane transom.
9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**  
 This house has a Colonial appearance, despite the fact that it was built in the second quarter of the nineteenth century. Even for an architecturally conservative town like Guilford, this is a late example of this style. The typical five bay pattern has been interrupted with the boarding up of the second story central window.  
 When built, this house was conveniently near the docks, for its owner the harbor master, Capt. Harry Crittenden. The house was bought by Judge Thomas W. Swan, Dean of the Yale Law School, in 1927. Swan served on the U.S. 2nd Circuit Court in New York and lived here for many years. In the 1960's it was haven for a commune.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES**  
 Mary Hoadley Griswold Scrapbook p. 25, 1928; 1852 Irvine Map; Dana 94-139.

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:**                      **APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:**                      **LOT SIZE:** approx 1 acre -

- 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.):
- conv. aptment (Lib. sep. building) - now residence*

- 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. Odiseos                      Date 7/16/81  
**Photographer** P. Odiseos                      Date 7/16/81                      Negative Roll 11:7  
**Organization:** Guilford Preservation Alliance  
 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

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