

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

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Town No.:	Site No.: 143
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**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:**  
 Buildings & Structures

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

IDENTIFICATION

1. **ADDRESS** 58 East River Road  
(map 50, lot 6)
2. **NAME**  
*(historic)* Captain John Seward  
**NAME**  
*(common)*
3. **USE**  
*(historic)* Private house  
**USE**  
*(present)* Private house
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** 1849
7. **ALTERATIONS**  
 Side porch enclosed (c1900).
8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**  
 Boxed pedimented cornice; frieze; 6/6 sash; wide lintel boards; entry with fluted columns; plain pilasters, entablature hood; and side-lights flank the door; grey granite foundation.

**BUILDER** William Weld  
**STYLE** Greek Revival

SIGNIFICANCE

9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**  
 This strong Greek Revival house was built by William Weld for Captain John Seward. The substantial entablature and columns make this one of the bolder Greek Revival doorways in Guilford.  
  
 Captain Seward built his house near the East River Wharf, which was once busy with shipping long before the railroad trestle was built.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES**  
 William Weld Ledger, Watrous Scrapbook.

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: 3.2 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

DESCRIPTION

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22. Name P. Odiseos Date 7/16/81

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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