

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) 20 Edwards Street
 Building Name (Historic) _____
 Street Address or Location 20 Edwards Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Sean and Elizabeth Curtain 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 Colonial Revival Date of Construction 1947-1948

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

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: 1 1/2 Approximate Dimensions 25' x 30'

Structural Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Exterior Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Location Integrity: On original site Moved When? _____

Alterations? Yes No If yes, explain: _____

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: _____

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 0.33 acres of land on the north side of Edwards Street. A driveway extends to the north off the road and terminates in front of (to the south of) the garage. The attached garage is on the east corner of the house. The property is to the east of the corner of Edwards Street and Nut Plains Road. Less than a mile to the south is Nut Plains Cemetery and a mile to the northwest is Guilford Lakes Elementary School. (See continuation sheet)

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

This is a one-story, side-gable Colonial Revival cape style dwelling with an attic. It is sheathed in aluminum siding with asphalt shingles on the roof. A brick chimney runs up the west elevation of the house, and a second brick chimney is centered on the ridgeline of the roof. The facade faces south and the main entry is centered on this side in a small gable-roof addition. It is reached by stone stairs. (See continuation sheet)

Architect _____ Builder Edward Dohm (Helander)

• Historical or Architectural importance:

According to a 1948 Developer's Map of Edwards Street and Dohm Avenue found at the Town Clerk's office, this house was built before the map was created. This street was developed by Edward and Anna Dohm in the late-1940s. The houses were built between 1947-1956 (Helander). Originally this subdivision was named "Ridgecroft," but it is now known by residents as "Dohmville." Edward Joseph Dohm was born in New York in 1913 to Julius and Theresa Dohm. He married Anna Russo in 1940. He was a developer who owned his own construction company, Dohm Construction Company. He died at the age of 83 in 1996. Anna Russo was born in New Haven in 1916 to Pasquale (an Italian immigrant) and Antoinette Basilicato Russo, Sr. (See continuation sheet)

• Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=1506> on November 6, 2015. Hahn, Frederick C. Developer's Map Number 248. Accessed at the Guilford Town Clerk's Office. Ancestry.com. "Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2012." accessed 11/6/2015. Shore Line Times. "Marriages." September 26, 1940, pg. 6. (See continuation sheet)

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 6/27/2015

View South view of the house, camera facing north. Negative on File _____

Name Kristen Nietering Date 11/6/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

• Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.315827, -72.678585

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

20 Edwards Street

Interrelationship of building and surroundings

Surrounding the property are twentieth century single-family dwellings.

Other notable features of building or site

Fenestration includes one-over-one and six-over-six double-hung windows. A garage is attached to the east elevation of the house, extending to the east. Two gable-roof dormers are located on the south slope of the roof.

Historical or Architectural importance

The Russos moved to Guilford when Anna was 17. Anna Russo was the oldest of ten children. She was very active in sports and played on semi-pro basketball and baseball teams. She was also a model for the Sun Beam Dress Factory. She died in 2008 and is buried at the Alderbrook Cemetery. Owners of the property in 1961 were Robert and Marion Johnson. In 1974 they sold the property to Christopher M. Russo. In 1977 Robert and Helen Cowan acquired the property and they sold it in 1985 to Eugene and Jennifer Yankura, Jr.

Sources

Legacy.com. "Anna Dohm Obituary, 1916-2008." accessed 11/6/15. Helander, Joel, Email Correspondance, November 23, 2015.

