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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford 06106

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:

Buildings & Structures

SURVEY OF GUILFORD, NEW HAVEN COUNTY, 06437

June-December 1981

1. ADDRESS

47 Fair Street

(map 39, lot 27)

2. NAME

(historic)

Daniel Hand

(common)

3. **USE**

(historic)
USE

(present)

Private house

4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Site No.

IF NR SPECIF

Actual

Potential

Town No .:

DISTRICT

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QUAD:

5. ARCHITECT

6. DATE

1878

BUILDER

George Seward and sons

STYLE Italianate

7. ALTERATIONS

8. NOTABLE FEATURES Projecting eaves; elongated modillions rounded at the ends; cupola with a finial; two-story bay on the south side; 2/2 sash; triangular shape lintels over second story window and entablature window; trim on first door; double front stone foundation.

A handsome, well designed Italianate house, and one of the finest examples of the style in Guilford. A house befitting such a notable citizen as Daniel Hand.

Daniel Hand was born in Guilford and went to Georgia where he was successful in business. He had to leave the south during the Civil War because he was thought to be a "Lincoln spy." After the war he settled in Guilford where he died. Hand donated large sums of money to the education of Negroes in the South. He also gave the Hand Academy in Madison. The American Missionary Association was the chief beneficiary of his fortune. His wife predeceased him.

SIGNIFICANCE

DESCRIPTION

10. SOURCES

Steiner, David D. Dudley, notes; Elizabeth Mills Brown; Shore Line Sentinel, 725-1878; 11-7-1878 and 4-24-1879; H.T. Oedel) Daniel Hand of Madison, Connecticut.

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