

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

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Town No.:	Site No.: 150
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**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:**  
 Buildings & Structures

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

IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 6 Fair Street  
(map 39, lot 17)
2. NAME  
(historic) Judge Nathaniel Griffing  
NAME  
(common)
3. USE  
(historic)  
USE  
(present) Private house
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
6. DATE 1807 BUILDER STYLE Federal
7. ALTERATIONS  
Window sash, possibly a new chimney, rear addition for sun room. The rear addition was built with the materials taken from Caleb Dudley I house on Clapboard hill.
8. NOTABLE FEATURES Palladian window with a pediment above projecting slightly above the roof line; original paneled double door; door hood over entrance; fanlight; cut stone field foundation.

SIGNIFICANCE

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL This house occupies an important corner in the Guilford Village (Fair and Broad Street); pediment/palladian window an uncommon feature in Federal style houses in Guilford. It is part of an important collection of 18th and 19th century houses on Fair Street.  
Nathan Griffing, a leading citizen, built this house, copying that of his brother, Ephraim Joel, at 64 Fair Street, on land originally held by Robert Kitchel, a member of the Whitfield Company.  
A graduate of Yale College 1786, Griffing was Justice of the New Haven Colony Court for many years. He was active in town affairs; involved in the planning and fund-raising for the construction of the First Congregational Church built to replace the decaying meeting house on the Green. His widow, Sarah, deeded land on North Fair Street and gave \$10,000 for the establishment of a secondary school, The Guilford Institute.
10. SOURCES

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Dorothy Whitfield Society; Connecticut Historical Commission; Steiner; Mary Hoadley Griswold, Yester-Years of Guilford p. 105. Photograph: Dana Collection.

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: ≈ 135' X 190'

15. CONDITION: Exterior

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Bad

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- 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
- Stone Wall(s)
- Garden
- Pickett Fence
- Terracing
- Iron Fence
- Plaza
- Post & Rail
- Court
- 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 7/7/81

Photographer P. Odiseos

Date 7/7/81

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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

DESCRIPTION

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