

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 159 Granite Road
 Building Name (Historic) James D. Goldsmith House II
 Street Address or Location 159 Granite Road
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Frank Ferraro and Dana Ann Nelson 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 vernacular Date of Construction c. 1860 (Helander)

Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding
 Fieldstone Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone Aluminum Siding
 Concrete (Type _____) Cut Stone (Type _____) 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: 2 Approximate Dimensions 30' x 35'

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: Addition added to south elevation. Converted to dwelling.

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: corn crib

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 4.3 acres of land on the south side of Granite Road. A short driveway extends to the south off the road, and terminates at a parking area just to the north of the house. The house is set back from the road, and to the west is a corn crib and to the east is a barn/garage. The property is just to the southwest of the intersection of Granite Road and Moose Hill Road. Surrounding the property are nineteenth and twentieth century dwellings.

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

This is a two-story vernacular dwelling with a side-gable roof. The house is sheathed in clapboard siding and the roof is covered in asphalt shingles. The façade faces north, and the main entry is on this side. It is flanked by sidelights. Fenestration consists of single-pane windows. A brick chimney runs up the west elevation. An addition is attached to the south elevation of the house.

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

The original owner of this dwelling was James D. Goldsmith and it was built c. 1860. This building was originally a barn, but has since been converted to a house. James Goldsmith lived at the house that is currently addressed as 141 Granite Road (to the west of this dwelling). James D. Goldsmith was born in 1834 Guilford and to Daniel Goldsmith and Laura Fisher. He was a farmer, but also served as the First Selectman of Guilford during his lifetime. He married Gertrude Baldwin in 1860 in Branford, Connecticut and had six children. He died at his home on Moose Hill Road at the age of 77 in 1911. He is buried in West Side Cemetery.

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=5546> on October 18, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Ancestry.com. "Stauffer, Fisher, Heller, and Jenkins Families." Accessed October 18, 2015.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 4/19/2015
View North view of the house, camera facing south. Negative on File _____
Name Kristen Nietering Date 10/18/2015
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance
Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.300958, -72.733261

Threats to the building or site:

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

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