

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) John Graves House
 Building Name (Historic) John Graves House
 Street Address or Location 17 Graves Avenue
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Susanne Andres 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 Greek Revival Date of Construction 1850 (Helander)

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input checked="" 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: 2 Approximate Dimensions 35' 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: _____

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 sits on 0.29 acres of land on the east side of Graves Avenue. A short driveway extends to the east off Graves Avenue and terminates in front of the garage on the south side of the house. The garage is to the southeast of the house. Just to the south of the property is the intersection of Graves Avenue and Boston Street. Less than half a mile to the west is the Guilford Green. 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 Greek Revival dwelling with an attic and a side-gable roof with overhanging eaves. The house is sheathed in clapboard siding, the roof is covered in asphalt shingles, and the foundation is made of brick and stone. The three-bay facade faces west, and the main entry is on this side. It is reached by stone steps, has sidelights flanking the entry and a decorative door surround. (See continuation sheet)

Architect _____ Builder William E. Weld (Helander)

• Historical or Architectural importance:

The original owner of this dwelling was John Graves and it was built in 1850. John Graves was born in 1822 and was the son of Sherman Graves. Sherman Graves acquired this property in two transactions, one in 1822 and the other in 1824. These parcels were a part of Doctor John Redfield's property before Sherman Graves acquired them. Sherman Graves sold this parcel and the dwelling in 1859 to his son, John Graves for \$700. John Graves married Nancy Landon in 1849. She died in 1861. After her death, John Graves married Florilla Bailey. John Graves died in 1883. Later owners of the property were Eliza S. Graves/Nancy Richards, G. F. Walter, and Clara/Edward A. Chittenden. (See continuation sheet)

• Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=1178> on October 14, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Helander, Joel. "House Dating Dossier." 1985 accessed September 18, 2015.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/17/2015
View West view of the house, camera facing east. Negative on File _____
Name Kristen Nietering Date 10/14/2015
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance
Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

• Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.283, -72.678739

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

17 Graves Ave

Other notable features of building or site

The door is protected from the elements by a decorated overhanging roof supported by thick square columns. Fenestration consists of six-over-six double-hung sash windows. A brick chimney protrudes from the center of the ridgeline of the roof. A two-story bay window is on the south elevation, and an addition is attached to the east elevation of the house.

Historical or Architectural importance

William E. Weld (1815-1902) was the town's foremost house carpenter, contractor, joiner, and self-taught architect. He constructed more than 35 houses between 1838 and 1875.

