

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

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Town No.:	Site No.: 189
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:
 Buildings & Structures

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

IDENTIFICATION

1. **ADDRESS** 23 Graves Avenue
(map 40, lot 37)
2. **NAME**
(historic) Sherman Graves
NAME
(common)
3. **USE**
(historic)
USE
(present) Private house, apartment
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**
 The house was moved from the corner of Boston and Graves
 c1920.



DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** 1825 **BUILDER** Federal
STYLE
7. **ALTERATIONS**
 Shingle siding; chimney; moved and placed on a brick foundation;
 2/2 sash.
8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**
 Overhanging of the third story; moulding under the eave; doorway
 with moulded pilasters, stylized entablature and a protruding
 moulding above.

SIGNIFICANCE

9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**
 Relief panels of the entablature carry the lines of the pilasters
 and capitals up to the cornice to produce an elegant doorway, a
 particularly fine feature of this house. The doorway is in the
 first bay of this well-proportioned four-bay house. Having been
 moved from the corner, this house is unusually early for this
 street; it stands in a neighborhood of later 19th century houses.
 Sherman Graves was a trustee of The Guilford Institute in
 1854. A Republican, he was a delegate from Guilford to the General
 Assembly in 1860.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES**
 Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; 1852 Map; Steiner, 1925 Sanborn Map.

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: approx. 1/4 acre +

15. CONDITION: Exterior

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Bad

16. CONDITION: Structure

- Excellent
- 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
- Garden
- Terracing
- Plaza
- Court
- Stone Wall(s)
- Pickett Fence
- Iron Fence
- Post & Rail
- 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 7/21/81

Photographer P. Odiseos

Date 7/21/81

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Organization: Guilford Preservation Alliance
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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