

# 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) 36 Graves Avenue  
 Building Name (Historic) Horatio N. Johnson House  
 Street Address or Location 36 Graves Avenue  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Town of Guilford  Public  Private

## PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Office: medical services  
 Historic Use: Residential: single dwelling

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road?  Yes  No

Interior accessible?  Yes  No If yes, explain open to patients

Style of building Greek Revival Date of Construction 1851 (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 1/2 Approximate Dimensions 30' x 75'

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 on west elevation

**FOR OFFICE USE:** Town # \_\_\_\_\_ Site # \_\_\_\_\_ UTM \_\_\_\_\_

District:  S     NR     If NR, Specify:  Actual     Potential

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**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 consists of 0.41 acres of land on the west side of Graves Avenue. A driveway extends to the west off the road, and terminates at a garage at the rear of the parcel (in the west). A garage and a shed are at the rear of the house, to the west. A walkway leads from a parking area behind (to the west) of the parcel and extends to the east, terminating at the house. (See continuation sheet)

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

This is a two-story Greek Revival style dwelling with an attic and a front-gable roof with slightly overhanging eaves. The house is sheathed in clapboard and asbestos siding, the roof is covered in asphalt shingles, and the foundation is made of stone. The three-bay façade faces east, and the main entry is on this side. It is reached by wood steps and has sidelights flanking the entry. (See continuation sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

The original owner of this dwelling was Horatio N. Johnson and was built in 1851. Horatio Johnson was born in 1799 to Benjamin Johnson (1771-1811) and Ruth Kimberly (1769-1852). He married Eliza Fowler (1803-1889) in 1829. They had three children: Jerome Harrison Fowler (1829-1909), Seth G. Johnson (1841-1926), and Mary E. Johnson (1845-1927). In the 1850 United States Federal Census records, Horatio N. Johnson (age 50) was listed as a merchant. Johnson had a store at 31 Park Street. He died in 1882 and is buried in the Alderbrook Cemetery. Later owners of the property were Mary E. Johnson and then Herbert L. Palmer.

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=8896> on October 12, 2015. Helander, Joel; "A Treasury of Guilford Places"; Guilford, Connecticut; 2008. Ancestry.com. "Glenn Mitchell & Jane Hathaway Family Tree." accessed October 12, 2015. Ancestry.com. "1850 United States Federal Census" accessed October 12, 2015.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/11/2015  
View East view of the house, camera facing west. Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Kristen Nietering Date 10/12/2015  
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance  
Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.283469, -72.679444

**Threats to the building or site:**

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

36 Graves Avenue

**Interrelationship of building and surroundings**

The property is to the north of the intersection of Boston Street and Graves Avenue. Less than a mile to the east is the Guilford Green. Surrounding the property are nineteenth and early twentieth century dwellings.

**Other notable features of building or site**

The entry surround includes decorative pilasters and an entablature. The doorway is protected by the elements by a flat roof supported by decorative square columns. Fenestration consists of six-over-six double-hung sash windows. In the attic is a rectangular multi-pane window. An addition is attached to the west elevation of the house.

