

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

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Town No.:	Site No.: 197
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:
 Buildings & Structures

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

IDENTIFICATION

1. **ADDRESS** 52 Graves Avenue
(map 40, lot 24)
2. **NAME**
(*historic*) George A. Hull
NAME
(*common*)
3. **USE**
(*historic*)
USE
(*present*) Private house
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** 1888
7. **ALTERATIONS**
Rear addition.

BUILDER John C. Norton
STYLE 19th Century Eclectic

SIGNIFICANCE

8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**
Two-story bay on the side; shallow window hoods with brackets; (the same trim is over the front door); pilasters with recessed panels flank the front door; turned-post porch with a balustrade above.
9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**
John C. Norton, who built this house for George A. Hull, kept certain elements of much earlier styles in this late Victorian house. The horizontal window and the return cornice on the gable facing the street are features that go back to before the middle years of the century. However, the bracketed window and door hoods, and the two-story bay are evidence that the builder was in touch with newer trends. The five-bay width of this house make it seem very large. It is an imposing feature of its neighborhood.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES**
Eleanor N. Giddings, "Guilford Houses Built by John C. Norton"

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.

DESCRIPTION

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. 1/2 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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COMPILED BY

22. Name

P. odiseos

Date 7/22/81

Photographer

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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