

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

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:
Buildings & Structures

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.: 211
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 1050 Great Hill Road
(map 121, lot 2)
2. NAME Rossiter (Saw Mill and
(historic) Shingle Factory)
NAME
(common)
3. USE Saw Mill and Shingle
(historic) Factory
USE
(present) Private house and barn
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
6. DATE See #9
7. ALTERATIONS Addition of front.

BUILDER
STYLE See #9

SIGNIFICANCE

8. NOTABLE FEATURES
House - overhanging eaves and raking; decorated bargeboards and stick like design in gable (similar trim on the porch); Barn - board and batten siding; plain bargeboards; openings and hardware intact; no machinery inside.
9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL
The vertical board siding is an unusual feature of this house, perhaps the result of its builder's association with the adjacent sawmill. The suggestion of framing members on the gable end of the house is another flourish appropriate to a sawmill owner.
By 1852 there was already a sawmill on this site. The board and batten building here seems likely to have housed the Rossiter sawmill and shingle works.
Even in poor condition, this complex plays a supportive role in the district, representing the forest products manufacturing that supplemented the agricultural economy of this rural region.
The Rossiters were among the first settlers of North Guilford. Josiah was on the surveying committee (cont'd. on next sheet)

SOURCES

10. SOURCES
1852 Map; Steiner.

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: *house vertical narrow boards*

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

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:

LOT SIZE:

1 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.):

other: building we think might have been ~~shingle factory~~ photo: DP2#2

18. LANDSCAPING (visible from public road)

- ☐ Planted Grounds

- ☐ Garden

- ☐ Terracing

- ☐ Plaza

- ☐ Court

- ☐ Stone Wall(s)

- ☐ Pickett Fence

- ☐ Iron Fence

- ☐ Post & Rail

- ☒ Other:

all overgrown

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

PO. D.P.

Photographer

D.P.

Date

7/1/81

Date

7/1/81 Huse

Negative ROLL

2:28

2:29

Organization:

Guilford Preservation Alliance
P.O. Box 199, Guilford, Conn. 06437

GLFD's NEG 2:28+2

23. THREATS TO BUILDING

- ☐ None Known

- ☐ Highways

- ☐ Vandalism

- ☐ Developers

- ☐ Zoning

- ☐ Renewal

- ☐ Private Owner

- ☐ Deterioration

- ☐ Other:

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

COMPILED BY

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9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL cont'd.

of 1705. Theophilus was among those who petitioned the First Society for permission to found the Congregational Church in North Guilford. Rossiter possession of this property most likely dates from the mid 18th century.

