

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) 131 Great Hill Road
 Building Name (Historic) David B. Rossiter House
 Street Address or Location 131 Great Hill Road
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Peter and Sandra Benzi 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 1878 (Helander)

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input 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 1/2 Approximate Dimensions 30' x 30'

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 consists of 1 acre on the east side of Great Hill Road. A short driveway/parking area are just off the road, extending to the south. The parking area is directly in front (to the west) of the barn. The barn is to the north of the house. The property is located just to the south of the intersection of Great Hill Road and Hemlock Avenue. Surrounding the property are nineteenth and twentieth century single-family dwellings.

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

This is a two-story dwelling with an attic and a front-gable roof with slightly overhanging eaves and cornice returns. The house is Greek Revival in style and sheathed in aluminum siding. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles and the foundation is made of stone. The three-bay façade faces west, and the main entry is on this side. It is reached by a stone step, and has a decorative door surround. (See continuation sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

The original owner of this dwelling was David B. Rossiter and was built in 1878. David Brooks Rossiter was born in Guilford to Benjamin and Catherine Brooks Rossiter. He married Carile Mary Rossiter in 1842 and they had seven children: David Webster Rossiter, Susan Amelia Rossiter, Erwin Walter Rossiter, Wilbur Theophilus Rossiter, Eliza Ann Rossiter, Ellen Sophronia Rossiter, and Jennette Augusta Rossiter. In 1867, he was a representative in the State Legislature. In 1871 and 1872, he was a member of the Board of Selectmen of Guilford. Rossiter was a direct descendent of Bryan Rossiter, a well-known Guilford physician in his day. At his death in 1905, David Rossiter was survived by his son, Erwin W. Rossiter.

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=5836> on October 14, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Shore Line Times. 1905. "Obituaries." October 26, pg. 4. Ancestry.com. 1880 United States Federal Census of Guilford, Connecticut.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/21/2015

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: 41.372614, -72.725752

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Other notable features of building or site

The Greek Revival features include the door surround with pilasters and an entablature, the symmetry of the fenestration, and the overhanging eaves with cornice returns. Fenestration consists of two-over-two double-hung sash windows with shutters. An enclosed porch is on the south elevation and wraps around the east elevation.

