

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) 455 Great Hill Road
 Building Name (Historic) Samuel Byington House
 Street Address or Location 455 Great Hill Road
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Peter and Diane Van Der Griten 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 Vernacular Date of Construction 1889 (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 type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>vinyl siding</u> | | |

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 45' x 45'

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 two acres of land on the east side of Great Hill Road. A short driveway extends to the east off the road and terminates in front of (to the west) of the house. A barn is just to the east of the house and a shed is just to the southeast. The property is to the north of the intersection of Saw Mill Hill Road and Great Hill Road. (See continuation sheet)

- 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. The house is vernacular in style and sheathed in vinyl siding. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles and a brick chimney protrudes from the center of the ridge line. The three-bay façade faces west, and the main entry is on this side. It is reached by stone steps. (See continuation sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

Samuel Byington was the original owner of this dwelling and it was built in 1889. Lucien Beers had an earlier dwelling on this same property, but is no longer extant. Byington was born in North Guilford in 1853 to Charles Byington and Harriet Hotchkiss. He married Lillia Beers of North Guilford in 1875. They had a daughter, Hattie Byington, who was born in 1875. In the 1930 United States Federal Census records, Byington is listed as a Carpenter. Samuel Byington died in 1932 at the home of his daughter. He is buried in the North Guilford Cemetery.

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=7712> on October 13, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Shore Line Times. 1932. "Obituaries." April 14, pg. 3. Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census Records, accessed October 13, 2015.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/21/2015
View West view of the house, camera facing east. Negative on File _____
Name Kristen Nietering Date 10/13/2015
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance
Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.380645, -72.721915

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

455 Great Hill Rd

Interrelationship of building and surroundings

A mile to the south is the North Guilford Congregational Church and the North Guilford Cemetery, both of which are located where the center of North Guilford was. Surrounding the property are nineteenth and early twentieth century dwellings.

Other notable features of building or site

The overhanging eaves, and layout of the fenestration along with the front gable entry could mean this was originally a Greek Revival style house but is now devoid of its decorative features. Fenestration consists of six-over-six double-hung sash windows with shutters. Additions are on the north and south elevations of the house.

