

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. 210	
UTM			
QUAD:			
DISTRICT		IF NR SPECIFY	
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IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 976 Great Hill Road
(map 121, lot 1 see map 117)
2. NAME
(historic) Ira Kimberly
NAME
(common)
3. USE
(historic)
USE
(present) Private house
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
 6. DATE 1824
 7. ALTERATIONS
- BUILDER
STYLE Colonial

SIGNIFICANCE

8. NOTABLE FEATURES
Overhanging eaves decorated with a moulding; 12/12 sash except in the garret and the second floor windows; doorway with five pane transom and a small entablature above; panel door; window and the doorway reproduced from the deteriorated originals; stone chimney rebuilt.
9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL
Wood shingled roof, stone chimney, small-paned windows, and transom-lighted doorway are all fine features of this house. The excellent condition of this house is the result of careful restoration and reconstruction of these features based on materials found in the house. This is a good example of the small cottage-form houses of the Federal period.
Ira Kimberly, a mechanic, was assessed twelve cents tax by the North Guilford Congregational Church Society for the year 1811 and 1812. He built this house for his bride, Nabby Scranton.

SOURCES

10. SOURCES
Dorothy Whitfield Society; Connecticut Historical Commission; Rena Lane, History of the North Guilford Congregational Church.

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:

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: *1 1/2 + garage*

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:

LOT SIZE: *6.25 ACRES*

15. CONDITION: Exterior

☐ Excellent

☒ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Poor

☐ Bad

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☐ 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
☐ Stone Wall(s)

- ☒ Garden
☒ Pickett Fence

- ☐ Terracing
☐ Iron Fence

- ☐ Plaza
☐ Post & Rail

- ☐ Court
☐ 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

22. Name

DP & PO

Date

7/1/81

Photographer

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Date

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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

DESCRIPTION

COMPILED BY

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A more accurate description of the style of this house is Colonial/Federal (see items 6 and 9 of the 1982 Survey).

Prudence F. Meehan, November 1983.