

# 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) 28 High Street  
 Building Name (Historic) W. T. Wilcox House  
 Street Address or Location 28 High Street  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Marlene Schwartz and Jeffrey Babbin  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 and Italianate Date of Construction 1850 (Helander)

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

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|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" 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 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 Approximate Dimensions 25' x 60'

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: Addition added to rear

**FOR OFFICE USE:** Town # \_\_\_\_\_ Site # \_\_\_\_\_ UTM \_\_\_\_\_

District:  S  NR  If NR, Specify:  Actual  Potential

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**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 0.32 acres of land on the south side of High Street. A driveway extends to the south off the road and terminates in a parking area to the southwest of the house. To the southwest of the property is the intersection of High Street and Halleck Street. Less than a mile to the north is the Guilford Green. Surrounding the property are nineteenth and early twentieth century single-family houses.

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

This is a two-story dwelling with a hip-roof that has overhanging eaves. The house is Greek Revival and Italianate in style and sheathed in clapboard siding. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles and the foundation is made of stone. The three-bay façade faces north, and the main entry is in a vestibule attached to this elevation. It is reached by wood steps and is protected from the elements by a hip-roof that is supported by a Doric column. (See continuation sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

This dwelling was originally owned by W. T. Wilcox and was built in 1850. A William Titus Wilcox was born in 1809 and married Minerva Gaylord in Killingworth in 1832. He was the son of Henry Wilcox and Jennette Bushnell. In the 1860 United States Federal Census of Guilford, William T. Wilcox (age 50) lived in Guilford and was listed as a farm laborer. He was living with his wife, Minerva (age 40) and their children Elisabeth, Augusta, and Caty. William T. Wilcox died in 1869 and is buried in Wallingford. A later owner of the property was George W. Loveday.

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=7378> on October 15, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Ancestry.com. 1860 United States Federal Census of Guilford, Connecticut. Ancestry.com. "Earl Arthur Russell Tree 2015." accessed 10/22/2015.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/21/2015  
View North view of the house, camera facing south. Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Kristen Nietering Date 10/22/2015  
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance  
Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.279004, -72.680604

**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 overhanging eaves, the symmetrical façade, the wide fascia board, and molding on the corners and bottom of the house. Fenestration consists of two-over-one double-hung sash windows. Below the first story windows on the façade are decorative features, allowing for one to imagine the window extending to the foundation, a feature often found on Italianate style houses. Another feature of Italianate houses found here is the hip-roof. A large addition is on the south elevation of the house.

