

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) 37 High Street
 Building Name (Historic) Eckford Stevens House
 Street Address or Location 37 High Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Leonard and Dorothy Billing 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 1870 (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 checked="" 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 40'

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 0.92 acres of land on the north side of High Street. A driveway extends to the north off the road and terminates at a parking area in front of (to the south) of the barn. The barn is to the northeast of the house. A large tree screens the view of the house from the road. The property is just to the northeast of the intersection of High Street and Halleck Street. Less than a mile to the north is the Guilford Green. (See continuation sheet)

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

This is a two-story dwelling with a hip-roof. The house is vernacular in style and sheathed in wood shingle siding. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles and the foundation is made of stone. The three-bay façade faces south and the main entry is on this side. It is reached by wood steps. Fenestration consists of two-over-one double-hung sash windows. Additions are on the north and west elevations of the house.

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

This dwelling was originally owned by Eckford Stevens and was built in 1870. Eckford T. Stevens was born in Guilford in 1845 to Alexander and Rachel Hamilton Stevens. He married Almira Bassett in 1865 and had three children. In the 1880 Federal Census records for Guilford, Connecticut, Stevens (age 34) is listed as a cabinet maker living on High Street with his wife and children. Later census records show Eckford Stevens as a carpenter. He died in 1921, and at the time of his death he was survived by his wife, a son and a daughter. A later owner of the property was I. Burdette MacGregor.

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=566> on October 15, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Shore Line Times. 1921. "Obituaries." June 23, pg. 6. Ancestry.com. 1880 and 1920 United States Federal Censuses of Guilford, Connecticut.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/21/2015
View South view of the house, camera facing north. Negative on File _____
Name Kristen Nietering Date 10/15/2015
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance
Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.279037, -72.68119

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

37 High Street

Interrelationship of building and surroundings

Surrounding the property are nineteenth and early twentieth century single-family houses.

