

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. 225
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 329 Lake Drive  
(map 114, lot 3)
2. NAME  
(historic) JOHN SCRANTON  
NAME  
(common)
3. USE  
(historic)  
USE  
(present) Private house
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
6. DATE 1789
- BUILDER  
STYLE Colonial
7. ALTERATIONS  
Brick chimney; addition in rear; doorway with slender pilasters; pediment with dentils, and sidelight.

SIGNIFICANCE

8. NOTABLE FEATURES  
Overhangs along the front and sides delineate the floors of this center-chimney house. The high peaked pedimented doorway of the facade may be a later addition. A small side door is an unusual feature. The house is a good example of the larger Colonial build-
9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL ings and one of the few 18th century houses in this part of Guilford.  
John Russell Scranton, son of Jared, and grandson of Ebenezer Scranton who settled in North Guilford, was the first owner of this house. All were farmers and descendants of John Scranton, a member of the Whitfield Company. It is said this house was a tavern when the nearby Rockland Road was the main route to Hartford.

SOURCES

10. SOURCES  
Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; Connecticut Historical Commission; Steiner 54, 61, 163; Genealogical Register of the Descendants of John Scranton - 1855; Dana Collection.

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

- |   |                                     |                                      |   |                                 |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick      | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco      | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete    | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding   |                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten       | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum/Vinyl   |                                 |

# 12. STRUCTURE

- |   |                                  |  |                                   |                                 |
|---|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Frame:                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Masonry | <input type="checkbox"/> Iron or Steel | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post & Beam <i>INFERRED</i> |                                  |  |                                   |                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon                                |                                  |  |                                   |                                 |

# 13. ROOF

- |  |   |                                   |   |                                 |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pitched | <input type="checkbox"/> Gable-front                | <input type="checkbox"/> Hip      | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saltbox               | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-gable                | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Hip | <input type="checkbox"/> False Dormer   |                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel               | <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sawtooth       |                                 |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Tower(s)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Cupola   | <input type="checkbox"/> Dormered Gable | <input type="checkbox"/> Dome   |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Slate    | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

14. NUMBER OF STORIES: *2 1/2* APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: LOT SIZE: *105' X 200'*

# 15. CONDITION: Exterior

- |                                    |                               |                               |                               |                              |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Bad |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|

# 16. CONDITION: Structure

- |                                    |                               |                               |                               |                              |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Bad |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|

# 17. OUTBUILDINGS (visible from public road)

- |   |   |  |                                  |                                  |
|---|---|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barn(s)                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage House | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shop(s) |
| Other (well, stand, greenhouse, gazebo, privy, etc.): |   |  |                                  |                                  |

# 18. LANDSCAPING (visible from public road)

- |   |  |                                     |                                      |                                 |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planted Grounds          | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden        | <input type="checkbox"/> Terracing  | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza       | <input type="checkbox"/> Court  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stone Wall(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickett Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Post & Rail | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

# 19. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Town Street  | b. <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial                          | c. <input type="checkbox"/> Open              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural   | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wooded    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-rural  | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lakefront |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clustered Growth                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacation, now or originally | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt marsh           |
| d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Of outstanding scenic/architectural value     |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Of scenic/architectural value                               |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Of supportive value to contiguous scenic/architectural area |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other:  |   |   |

# 20. ROLE OF BUILDING IN ENHANCING QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT

- |   |                                    |                                     |                                  |                                 |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vital | <input type="checkbox"/> Important | <input type="checkbox"/> Supportive | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|

# 21. OWNERSHIP

- |                                 |   |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior accessible |
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22. Name *DP + PO*

Date *6/29/81*

Photographer *DP*

Date " " Negative *ROLL 2:11*

Organization: *Guilford Preservation Alliance*  
*P.O. Box 199, Guilford, Conn. 06437*

*GLFD's NEG 2:13*

# 23. THREATS TO BUILDING

- |                                     |  |  |                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None Known | <input type="checkbox"/> Highways      | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism     | <input type="checkbox"/> Developers | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal    | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:     |                                 |

# 24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

Date: 1759 is often given as the date of this house.  
Further research is needed on this question.

Notable Features: The side door was built to protect  
the original coffin door which  
remains intact.

Source: Marguerite P. Couch, owner, 12th January, 1983.

