

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) 5 Laurel Road
 Building Name (Historic) _____
 Street Address or Location 5 Laurel Road
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Steven and Jennifer Mowry 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 Contemporary Date of Construction c. 1953

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type <u>block</u>) | <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: 1 Approximate Dimensions 35' x 75'

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 0.27 acres of land on the east side of Laurel Road. The house sits close to the road. A driveway extends to the east off the road and terminates in front of (to the west) the attached garage. The garage is attached on the north elevation of the house. This property sits at the corner of Laurel Road and Lakeside Drive. Upper Guilford Lake is directly to the west of the property. Surrounding the property are twentieth century single-family dwellings.

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

This is a one-story ranch style house. It has a flat roof with wide overhanging eaves with simple brackets. The house is constructed of concrete block and has asphalt shingles on the roof. Two brick chimneys protrude from the roof. The facade faces west, and the entry is centered on this side. The main door is reached by stone steps with iron railings. Fenestration includes single-pane windows. The attached garage is on the north elevation of the house.

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

This dwelling does not appear on the 1934 Fairchild Aerial Survey Map of Guilford, but it does appear on the 1954 USGS Topographic Map of Guilford. The Tax Assessor lists the building date of this house as 1953, this seems accurate based on the map research and architectural design. In 1953 the owners of the property were Irving H. and Leila R. Beck. Irving Harold Beck was born in Massachusetts in 1921 to Maurice Jacob Beckanstin and Ruth B. Newman. He married Leila Ruth Jacques in 1943. According to the Norwich City Directories, Irving and Leila Beck lived in Norwich during the 1950s. This suggests the house at 5 Laurel Road was a secondary home. (See continuation sheet)

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=433> on November 21, 2015. Fairchild Aerial Survey Co., "Connecticut 1934 photograph 04472," accessed November 21, 2015 <http://www.cslib.org/aerials/>. USGS 1954 Topographic Map of Guilford, accessed November 21, 2015 <http://historicalmaps.arcgis.com/usgs/>. (See continuation sheet)

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 11/9/2015
View West view of the house, camera facing east. Negative on File _____
Name Kristen Nietering Date 11/21/2015
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance
Address PO Box 199 Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.33713, -72.680535

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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Historical or Architectural importance

Irving H. Beck was a City Manager for Norwich. He died in 2004 and Leila died in 2005. They are both buried in West Side Cemetery in Madison, Connecticut. In 2003 the Becks sold the property to Rajesh Sugunadass.

Sources

Ancestry.com, "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007," accessed 11/21/2015.
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