

Town No.:

Site No. 232

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QUAD:

DISTRICT

IF NR SPECIFY

 S NR Actual Potential

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

IDENTIFICATION

1. **ADDRESS** Leete's Island/Shell Beach Areas
2. **NAME** Part of Leete's Island
(*historic*)
NAME
(*common*)
3. **USE** Residential - Seasonal
(*historic*)
USE Residential - Seasonal
(*present*) and year round
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**

**BUILDER
STYLE**

DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** 1900 - to present
7. **ALTERATIONS**

8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**

A collection of very small cottages clustered closely together on the rocky coastline.

9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**

Shell Beach is part of Leete's Island, land granted to Governor William Leete 1667-8 by the Town. The area "probably remained a horse pasture" until Deacon Pelatiah Leete I, his grandson, settled here about 1706. Leete's descendants still hold land in the area as does the Town. The summer colony, which developed with the railroad and then automobile, has become "year-round" in many houses of this sort.

SIGNIFICANCE

10. **SOURCES**

Steiner, p. 204.

SOURCES

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:

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:

LOT SIZE:

15. CONDITION: Exterior

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Bad

16. CONDITION: Structure

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- 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
- Garden
- Terracing
- Plaza
- Court
- Stone Wall(s)
- Pickett Fence
- Iron Fence
- Post & Rail
- 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

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22. Name *D. PENAR*

Date *WINTER 1982*

Photographer *D. PENAR*

Date *WINTER 1982* Negative *23:16A*

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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