

# 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) 444 Leete's Island Road  
 Building Name (Historic) William H. Bishop House  
 Street Address or Location 444 Leete's Island Road  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Thomas Betts  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 1872 (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 1/2 Approximate Dimensions 30' x 35'

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

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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 1.54 acres of land on the south side of Leete's Island Road. A driveway extends to the south off the road and terminates in a parking area to the southwest of the house. To the north and west of the property are marshlands and Long Island Sound. Train tracks are directly to the north of the house. Two miles to the northeast is the Guilford Green. Surrounding the property are nineteenth and twentieth century single-family houses.

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

This is a two-story dwelling with an attic and a cross-gable roof. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles, and the eaves overhang slightly. The house is vernacular in style and sheathed in clapboard siding. The façade faces west and the main entry is on this side. It is reached by way of a porch with a shed-roof that is supported by slender posts. (See continuation sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

**• Historical or Architectural importance:**

This dwelling was originally owned by William H. Bishop and it was built in 1872. Bishop was born in North Branford in 1819 to Ezra Stone Bishop and Abigail Norton. During his childhood, his family moved to Guilford where he grew up. Bishop became a blacksmith after learning the trade from Leverett Griswold. He married Sarah Griffin in Pennsylvania in 1850. He and his wife remained in Pennsylvania for 25 years before moving back to Guilford and buying a farm on Leete's Island Road. William Bishop died in 1904 and is buried in Riverside Cemetery. Later owners of the property were Sarah Bishop, G. L. Field (1910), and Joseph S. Dolan (1921).

**• Sources:**

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=2999> on October 20, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Shore Line Times. "Obituaries." October 13, 1904, pg. 4.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 4/26/2015  
View North view of the house, camera facing south. Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Kristen Nietering Date 10/20/2015  
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance  
Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

**• Subsequent field evaluations:**

Latitude & Longitude: 41.265637, -72.710142

**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**

Fenestration consists of one-over-one and two-over-two double hung sash windows with shutters. In the gable attic of the house is a six pane window with shutters. A brick chimney runs up the south elevation of the house. An addition was added to the east elevation of the house.

