

Town No.:

Site No. 233

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DISTRICT

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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** 559 Leete's Island Road
 (map 19, lot 12)
2. **NAME**
(historic) Pelatiah Leete III
NAME
(common)
3. **USE**
(historic)
USE
(present) Private house
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** 1767 1797 (see below) **BUILDER**
STYLE Colonial
7. **ALTERATIONS**
 Brick chimney; 2/2 sash (first floor); enclosed porch in back; sidelights; railing on front steps.
8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**
 Very slight overhanging eaves with a moulding below; 8/12 sash (second floor); 4/4 sash in the garret; stone foundation.

SIGNIFICANCE

9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL** The earlier date of 1767 assigned to this house appears to have been an error resulting from confusion between Pelatiah Leete III (1744-1806) and his son Pelatiah Leete IV (1773-1835). From records it appears that Pelatiah IV, a carpenter, started this house in anticipation of his marriage in the spring of 1797. He then moved to the town center and later settled in New York. The house was completed by his father Pelatiah III who lived here until his death in 1806.
- The house is a good example of the one-and-a-half-story plus garret house which is one of Guilford's important architectural forms of the late 18th century. It is still held by a Leete descendant.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES**
 Dorothy Whitfield Society; Connecticut Historical Commission; Helander, Leete's Island Legacy; Dana p. 68 #96; Guilford Tax Lists; The Decendants of William Leete. Photograph: Guilford Library.

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.

DESCRIPTION

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: 1 1/2 plus GARRET APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: LOT SIZE: 3/4 ACRE

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
- Stone Wall(s)
- Garden
- Pickett Fence
- Terracing
- Iron Fence
- Plaza
- Post & Rail
- Court
- 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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23. THREATS TO BUILDING

- None Known
- Renewal
- Highways
- Private Owner
- Vandalism
- Deterioration
- Developers
- Other:
- Zoning

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS