

Town No.:

Site No. 237

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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** 715 Leete's Island Road
(map 18, lot 17)
2. **NAME**
(historic) Daniel and Charity Leete
NAME
(common)
3. **USE**
(historic)
USE
(present) Private house
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** 1784 **BUILDER STYLE** Colonial
7. **ALTERATIONS**
 Shingle siding on the sides; 2/2 windows; chimney (rebuilt); roof line altered.
8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**
 Plain window and door frames; stone foundation.

SIGNIFICANCE

9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**
 The first house of Daniel and Charity Leete was burned by the British in June of 1781 when they landed nearby. This house was built to replace it. Accordingly, the date 1766, originally assigned to the house has been ruled out in favor of "circa 1784". Plain window and door frames add to the pleasant simplicity of this well-proportioned house, a valuable piece of the town's heritage of the Revolutionary period.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES**
 Dorothy Whitfield Society; Tercentenary; The Decendants of William Leete; Helander, Leete's Island Legacy.

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: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: LOT SIZE: 2.62 ACRES

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.): 3 SMALL - 1 RM STRUCTURES

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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22. Name **D. PENAR** Date **7/8/81**
 Photographer **D. PENAR** Date **7/9/81** Negative **ROLL 8'6A**
 Organization: **Guilford Preservation Alliance**
P.O. Box 199, Guilford, Conn. 06437

GLFD NEG 8'8

23. THREATS TO BUILDING

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

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

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