

State of Connecticut
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 South Prospect Street, Hartford 06106

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Town No.:	Site No.: 240
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:
 Buildings & Structures

SURVEY OF GUILFORD, NEW HAVEN COUNTY, 06437
 June-December 1981



IDENTIFICATION

1. **ADDRESS** 988 Leete's Island Road
2. **NAME** (map 18, lot 1)
(historic) Henry W. Norton
NAME *(common)*
3. **USE** *(historic)*
USE *(present)* Private house
4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**

DESCRIPTION

5. **ARCHITECT**
6. **DATE** 1851 **BUILDER STYLE** Greek Revival
7. **ALTERATIONS**
 Side entrance porch trim.

SIGNIFICANCE

8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**
 Boxed cornice (pedimented); frieze; rectangular gable window; 6/6 sash; wide wood lintels; entrance portico with fluted columns and an entablature. Interior - Wooster Square mantel in parlor.
9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**
 This house is unusual in having a portico with columns instead of the pilaster and entablature entry commonly found in the town's Greek Revival buildings. An entrance porch at the side has elaborate scroll work of the later 19th century.
 Henry Norton, the house's first owner, married Amelia C. Leete on September 18, 1850. He built this house while the New Haven and New London Railway Company was laying the track nearby in 1851.

SOURCES

10. **SOURCES**
 Dorothy Whitfield Society; Helander interview with Florence Norton Benton, grand-daughter of original owner, 4 April 1978.

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: 3.9 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.):

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
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23. THREATS TO BUILDING

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

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

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