

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) 27 Little Meadow Road
 Building Name (Historic) Russell Benton House
 Street Address or Location 27 Little Meadow Road
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Paul Meoli and Sandra & Karen Walgren 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 c. 1845 (Helander)

Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

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|--|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input 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 checked="" 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 Approximate Dimensions 40' x 40'

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

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 0.75 acres of land on the northeast side of Little Meadow Road. A driveway extends to the east off Little Meadow Road, curves in front (to the south) of the house and exits onto Nut Plains Road. The property sits right on the intersection of Little Meadow Road and Nut Plains Road. A garage is to the south of the house, and a pool sits at the rear (north) of the property. Surrounding the property are nineteenth and twentieth century houses.

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

This is a two-story dwelling with an attic and a side-gable roof. The roof is covered in wooden shingles, and the eaves overhang slightly. A large brick roof protrudes from the center of the ridge-line of the roof. The house is vernacular in style and sheathed with horizontal aluminum siding. The façade faces south and the main entry is centered on this side. Surrounding the door is an overhanging gable roof supported by twin posts. (See continuation sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

This dwelling was originally owned by Russell Benton and was built c. 1845. Russell Benton (1801-1869) was born to Ambrose Benton (1769-1847) and Mary Evarts (1771-1829). He married Laura Bates Kirkham (1802-1834) in 1822. They had two children, Edward Russell Benton (1824-1881) and Amos Nelson Benton (1826-unknown). After his first wife's death, he married Polly Dudley (1813-1886) in 1835. The 1850 and 1860 United States Federal Census records for Guilford, Connecticut show Benton as a farmer living with his wife, Polly and children Amos N., Charles L., Laura B., George W., and Mary C. Later owners of the property were Henry Benton, E. H. Benton, John E. Benton, and Andrew J. Benton.

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=6013> on October 20, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Ancestry.com. 1850 and 1860 United States Federal Census of Guilford, Connecticut. Ancestry.com. "Barnes Brown Drips Flora Newman Simpson Webster and Associated Families Tree." 10/20/2015.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 4/19/2015
View South view of house, camera facing northwest. Negative on File _____
Name Kristen Nietering Date 10/20/2015
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.301742, -72.681651

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

Two skylights are visible on the west angle of the roof. Additions are on the north and south elevations of the house.

