

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) 942 Little Meadow Road
 Building Name (Historic) Samuel Davis House
 Street Address or Location 942 Little Meadow Road
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Karen Brown 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 Greek Revival Date of Construction 1842 (Helander)

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

Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding
 Fieldstone Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone Aluminum Siding
 Concrete (Type _____) Cut Stone (Type _____) Other vinyl siding

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 25' x 85'

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: Addition and garage added to rear of house (west elevation)

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 0.92 acres of land on the west side of Little Meadow Road. A driveway extends to the west off the street and leads to the attached garage on the rear of the house. This property sits to the north at the intersection of Little Meadow Road and Meadow Ridge Lane. Less than a mile to the northeast is Guilford Lakes Elementary School. Surrounding the property are nineteenth and twentieth century single-family dwellings.

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

This is a two-story dwelling with an attic and a front-gable roof. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles, and the eaves overhang slightly and the façade features a prominent pediment. The house is Greek Revival in style and sheathed in vinyl siding. The three-bay façade faces east and the main entry is on this side. It is reached by a doorway in the southern-most bay, with sidelights and a cornice molding above. (See continuation sheet)

Architect _____ Builder William E. Weld (Helander)

- Historical or Architectural importance:

This dwelling was originally owned by Samuel Davis and was built in 1842 by William E. Weld. Samuel Davis (1807-1879) was born to James Davis (1765-1852) and Ruth Griswold (1770-1860), and married Mary Hall (1808-1836) in 1833. After her death in 1836, Samuel Davis married Harriet Benton (1813-1863) in 1838. They had five children: Mary Hall Davis, Samuel Richard Davis, Abigail Linsley Davis, Frederic Robert Davis, and Harriet Benton Davis. After Harriet Benton's death in 1863, Davis married Julia Fowler. Samuel Richard Davis was born in 1841 and enlisted in the Army in August 1862. In October of that year he became sick and was discharged from the Army in February of 1863. He died of Tuberculosis in July 1863 and was buried in West Side Cemetery. (See continuation sheet)

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=9553> on October 22, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Tomaselli, Tracy, "Civil War Soldiers, Guilford, Connecticut," 2014. Ancestry.com.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/31/2015

View Northeast view of the house, camera facing southwest. Negative on File _____

Name Kristen Nietering Date 10/22/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.32326, -72.693652

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 six-over-six double hung sash windows. In the gable attic of the house is a decorative rectangular window. The Greek Revival features include overhanging eaves, a wide fascia board, front-gable orientation of the house, and the symmetrical façade. A brick chimney protrudes from the ridgeline near the façade. A large addition was added to the west elevation of the house, with an attached garage added to the rear.

Historical or Architectural importance

Later owners of the property were William C. Bishop, Widow Abbie Davis Bishop, and Harriet B. Lee.

William E. Weld (1815-1902) was the town's foremost house carpenter, contractor, joiner, and self-taught architect. He constructed more than 35 houses between 1838 and 1875.

