

# 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) 406 Long Hill Road  
 Building Name (Historic) William F. Cordts House  
 Street Address or Location 406 Long Hill Road  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) David Summerlin  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 1905 (Helander)

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

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|--|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" 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 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 1/2 Approximate Dimensions 25' 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: Addition added to north and west elevations

**FOR OFFICE USE:** Town # \_\_\_\_\_ Site # \_\_\_\_\_ UTM \_\_\_\_\_

District:  S  NR  If NR, Specify:  Actual  Potential

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**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 1.36 acres of land on the east side of Long Hill Road. A driveway extends to the east off the road and terminates at a parking area to the north of the house. A shed is located to the northwest of the house. Across the street and to the northeast is the intersection of Long Hill Road and Apple Tree Lane. Just to the north of the property is the intersection of Long Hill Road and Russett Drive. (See continuation sheet)

- 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. The house is Greek Revival in style and sheathed in wooden clapboard siding. The façade faces east. A doorway is located in the southern half of the first-story façade topped by a pediment, but it is not accessed by any stairs. (See continuation sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

This dwelling was originally owned by William F. Cordts and was built in 1905. William F. Cordts was born in Germany in 1848 to Mathis Cordts and Anna Hess. He married Johanna Buttcher in 1889. They had three children: Clara J. Cordts, William Harry Cordts, and Margret Cordts. The 1920 United States Federal Census of Guilford listed Cordts as a farmer. Many of the German immigrants who settled in the western parts of Connecticut were farmers. By 1910 the number of German immigrants in Guilford exceeded all other groups except Italians (Baxter 1985, 75). An earlier house on this site, the Billie Chittenden House, burned shortly after the Cordts family moved in. William Cordts built this house to replace it. William F. Cordts died in 1925 at the age of 78. A later owner of the property was Cyril P. Ulman.

- Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=7519> on October 22, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Ancestry.com. 1920 United States Federal Census of Guilford, Connecticut. Baxter, Linda Trowbridge. "A Study of Immigrants to Guilford, Connecticut 1850-1830." Dexter, MI: Thomson-Shore Inc., 1985.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/21/2015  
View East view of the house, camera facing west. 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: 41.29913, -72.69768

**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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**Interrelationship of buildings and surroundings**

Surrounding the property are nineteenth and twentieth century single-family dwellings.

**Other notable features of building or site**

The main entry has been relocated to another front facing door in a small addition to the north elevation, accessed by a raised porch. A large 32-pane window is located on the first story façade to the north of the unused front door. Second story fenestration consists of three symmetrically-spaced double-hung windows, all two-over-two. A single two-over-two double-hung window is centered in the façade attic gable. A narrow brick chimney extends up from the roof ridgeline. A series of additions extend off the north and west elevations of the main structure.

