

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) 749 Long Hill Road
 Building Name (Historic) Nathan Benton House
 Street Address or Location 749 Long Hill Road
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Pribo Properties, LLC 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 Colonial Date of Construction c. 1794 (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 30' 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 on east 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: second dwelling

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 0.94 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 just in front of (to the west of) the second dwelling. The second dwelling is just to the northeast of the house. Just to the south of the property is the intersection of Long Hill Road and Flag Marsh Road, and to the north is the intersection of Long Hill Road and Flat Meadow Road. (See continuation sheet)

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

This is a two-story Colonial dwelling with an attic and a side-gable roof. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles, and the house is sheathed in aluminum siding. The five bay façade faces west, and the main entry is centered on this side. Fenestration consists of six-over-six double-hung windows. A large masonry chimney is centered on the ridgeline. (See continuation sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

• Historical or Architectural importance:

This dwelling was originally owned by Nathan Benton House and was built c. 1794. Benton was born in 1741 to Daniel Benton and Elizabeth Norton. He married Rachel Chittenden in 1794 and they had no children. In 1789, Benton acquired this property from his sister and brother-in-law, Philip and Ann Mann. This section of Guilford, at the time, was known as "Birchin." Nathan Benton died at the age of 79 in 1820 and was buried in West Side Cemetery. The 1852 Irvine map of Guilford shows the name Henry Fowler for this property. Another later owner of the property was Lawrence Mainetti.

• Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property records accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=4447> on October 26, 2015. Helander, Joel Eliot. "A Treasury of Guilford Places." Guilford, Connecticut: Joel Helander, 2008. Helander, Joel. "House Dating Dossier." 1991. Ancestry.com. "Chittenden + Wilton Family Tree." accessed 10/26/2015.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/21/2015
View West view of the house, camera facing east Negative on File _____
Name Kristen Nietering Date 10/26/2015
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance
Address 199 PO Box Guilford, CT 06437

• Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.30788, -72.702009

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 building and surroundings

Less than a mile to the northeast is the Guilford High School. Surrounding the property are nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first century single-family dwellings.

Other notable features of building or site

Colonial features include the steeply-pitched roof, low eaves, and symmetrical façade design. Additions and a garage extend off the east (rear) elevation.

