

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) The Tile Shop
 Building Name (Historic) Town Mill Complex
 Street Address or Location 51 Mill Road (formerly 109 Cherry Street)
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Mark Deangelis Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Commercial: retail business
 Historic Use: Industrial: mill building

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No

Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain _____

Style of building Vernacular Date of Construction 1854 (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: 1 Approximate Dimensions 45' x 35'

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: Parking lot

Surrounding Environment:

- Open land Woodland Residential Commercial Industrial Rural
 High building density Scattered buildings visible from site

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

This property sits on 0.74 acres of land on the east side of Mill Road. A parking lot is situated right off the road on the south side of the building. The property is right at the intersection of Mill Road and Cherry Street. Surrounding the property are mid-late twentieth century houses. Just to the northeast of the building is Town Mill Pond. Less than half a mile to the south is Boston Post Road, and the Guilford Green is less than a mile to the southeast.

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

This is a two story vernacular style building with a side-gable roof. It is sheathed in clapboard siding, the roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and the foundation is of field stone. The façade faces south, and the main entry is near the west corner. It is reached by stone stairs with an iron railing. A one-over-one window is found near the east corner. Between the door and window is a sign that reads "The Tile Shop." (See continuation sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

• Historical or Architectural importance:

Originally, this was the Town Mill and was built in 1854. The first miller in the mill building still standing was Eleazer Woodruff. Following him was Asa (Ashael) B. Morse, Frederick C. Morse, and then Emory R. Morse. The Morses lived at 100 Cherry Street while running this mill. In 1900, the Morse family purchased the mill and ran it as a private business under F. C. Morse & Son which became one of the most successful milling and feed businesses in the area. Throughout the business's life, F. C. Morse & Son Mill produced 25 different mixtures of mash and grain for livestock and poultry. When water power became unreliable, this mill operation was suspended and moved across the road to 110 Cherry Street in 1931 to a large commercial mill building that was electrified. (See continuation sheet)

• Sources:

Guilford Tax Assessor property cards accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=5724> on October 3, 2015. Helander, Joel; "A Treasury of Guilford Places"; Guilford, Connecticut; 2008. Helander, Joel, Email Correspondence, November 16, 2015.

Photographer Kristen Nietering Date 1/17/2015
View Southeast view, camera facing northwest Negative on File _____
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• Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude & Longitude: 41.289976, -72.690378

Threats to the building or site:

- None known Highways Vandalism Developers Renewal Private
 Deterioration Zoning Other _____ Explanation _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET

The Tile Shop/51 Mill Rd

Other notable features of building or site

On the east elevation is a door and windows. Another sign reading “The Tile Shop” is also on this side.

Historical or Architectural importance

The survey form for 110 Cherry Street is included in the 1981 Survey. Today, this building is used as a commercial business, “The Tile Shop.”

