

# 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) 83 Moose Hill Road  
 Building Name (Historic) John Lenholt House  
 Street Address or Location 83 Moose Hill Road  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Bradford W. Leete Sr. & Lydia Raffa-Leete  Public  Private

## PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residence: Single Family Dwelling  
 Historic Use: Residence: Single Family Dwelling

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

Interior accessible?  Yes  No If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Style of building Queen Anne Date of Construction c. 1901 (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 Approximate Dimensions 53' x 22'

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

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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:**

Located on a .3 acre parcel, this west facing building is on the east side of Moose Hill Road, a quarter of a mile north of the intersection with Leetes Island Road (Route 146). It is across from the southern intersection with Dromara Road. The railroad tracks are located just south of the property which is a wooded area with scattered residences visible. A driveway extends past the north side of the house and ends at parking area in back north of a shed.

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

Built c. 1901, this two story Queen Anne style house sits atop a stone foundation sheathed in yellow clapboard siding with white trim. The front gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles with two chimneys, one on the north eave side and one centered on the ridgeline. A fixed, two vertical pane window is located at the roof peak under a wide rake. Two two over two hung sash windows are located on the second floor. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

**• Historical or Architectural importance:**

John Lenholt (1863-1943) was the first owner of this property around 1901. He immigrated in 1888 from Sweden with his wife Mary and they had four children, Helen, Gustave, Florence, and Thomas. He worked as a blacksmith at Beattie's Quarry. Thought to be the second hardest granite in the country, Beattie's quarry was a successful business venture, even supplying the granite base for the Statue of Liberty in 1884. World War I ended the operation of the quarry as costs drastically increased. A later owner was their son, Gustave A. (1894-1965) and his wife Edna Lenholt. Gustave was a blacksmith, like his father, at Malleable Iron Fittings Company in Branford, Connecticut.

**• Sources:**

Ancestry.com, U.S. World War II Draft Cards, 1942; U.S Federal Census Records, 1910-1940; Helander, Joel Eliot , "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; Property card obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=4099> on November 7, 2015.

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View West, camera facing east Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_  
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**• Subsequent field evaluations:**

Latitude: 41.266814  
Longitude: -72.718150

**Threats to the building or site:**

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

83 Moose Hill Road

**Notable Features Continued**

Two more of the same windows are on the first floor with a door entry on the south side of the façade. A hip roof porch wraps around to the south side elevation. It has a kneeboard with the same yellow clapboards and a wooden stoop with seven steps. The porch extends down below the foundation, adding a small half story to the bottom. A four pane fixed window is located next to the stoop.

