

State of Connecticut  
**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford 06106

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:**  
Buildings & Structures

**SURVEY OF GUILFORD, NEW HAVEN COUNTY, 06437**  
June-December 1981

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Town No.:	Site No. 280
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS Narrows Island  
(map 6, lot 6)
2. NAME Peter Beattie  
(historic)  
NAME  
(common)
3. USE  
(historic)  
USE  
(present) Private house
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
6. DATE 1899
- BUILDER  
STYLE Shingle
7. ALTERATIONS  
Rear addition.

SIGNIFICANCE

8. NOTABLE FEATURES  
Decorative bargeboards; turret with flaired eaves and beveled glass in the windows; eyebrow window; small square post porch.
9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL A variety of roof shapes encompass this small two-story house; conical roof over the squat tower, gambrel over the main portion of the house, and the broad sweep of the flaring porch roof becomes a gable roof where it extends beyond the house. An eyebrow window appears in the upper part of the gambrel roof and a flaring gable roof dormer window is below it. A large Palladian-like window is placed in the second floor of the tower. The bargeboards are decorated with a circular motif and wooden shingles cover the roof and tower. The house sits alone on a small island connected to the mainland by a substantial granite causeway. The house was located near the quarry.

SOURCES

10. SOURCES The house was built in 1899 by Peter Beattie, son of John Beattie who opened up the Leete's Island Quarries in 1870. Following his father's death in 1899 Peter ran the business. It folded during WWI. Helander, Guilford Long Ago, Vol I (information based on interview of Robert Beattie, son of original owner).

In all categories below, check more than one box if applicable.

If you have not actually made certain of the answer to a given question, either leave it blank or write "inferred" after the checked box; or, if drawn from a previous investigator, give source.

11. **MATERIALS**

- ☒ Clapboard  
☒ Wood Shingle  
☐ Board & Batten

- ☐ Brick  
☐ Fieldstone  
☐ Cut Stone

- ☐ Stucco  
☐ Concrete  
☐ Cobblestone

- ☐ Asbestos Shingle  
☐ Asphalt Siding  
☐ Aluminum/Vinyl

☐ Other:

12. **STRUCTURE**

- ☐ Wood Frame:  
☐ Post & Beam  
☐ Balloon

☐ Masonry

☐ Iron or Steel

☐ Concrete

☐ Other:

13. **ROOF**

- a. ☐ Pitched  
☐ Saltbox  
☒ Gambrel

- ☐ Gable-front  
☐ Cross-gable  
☐ Mansard

- ☐ Hip  
☐ Flat Hip  
☐ Flat

- ☐ Shed  
☐ False Dormer  
☐ Sawtooth

☐ Other:

- b. ☐ Tower(s)

☐ Monitor

☐ Cupola

☐ Dormered Gable

☐ Dome

- c. ☒ Wood Shingle

☐ Asphalt Shingle

☐ Slate

☐ Metal

☐ Other:

14. **NUMBER OF STORIES:** 2

**APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:**

**LOT SIZE:**

4.5 ACRES

15. **CONDITION: Exterior**

☒ Excellent

☐ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Poor

☐ Bad

16. **CONDITION: Structure**

☐ Excellent

☐ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Poor

☐ Bad

17. **OUTBUILDINGS** (visible from public road)

☐ Barn(s)

☐ Carriage House

☒ Garage

☐ Shed(s)

☐ Shop(s)

Other (well, stand, greenhouse, gazebo, privy, etc.):

18. **LANDSCAPING** (visible from public road)

☒ Planted Grounds

☐ Garden

☐ Terracing

☐ Plaza

☐ Court

☐ Stone Wall(s)

☐ Pickett Fence

☐ Iron Fence

☐ Post & Rail

☐ Other:

19. **SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT**

- a. ☐ Town Street  
☐ Rural  
☐ Semi-rural  
☒ Clustered Growth  
☐ Development

- b. ☐ Commercial  
☐ Industrial  
☐ Agricultural  
☒ Residential  
☐ Vacation, now or originally

- c. ☒ Open  
☐ Wooded  
☐ Lakefront  
☒ Coastal  
☐ Salt marsh

- d. ☒ Of outstanding scenic/architectural value  
☐ Of scenic/architectural value  
☐ Of supportive value to contiguous scenic/architectural area  
☐ Neutral  
☐ Other:

20. **ROLE OF BUILDING IN ENHANCING QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT**

☐ Vital

☒ Important

☐ Supportive

☐ Neutral

☐ Other:

21. **OWNERSHIP**

☐ Public

☒ Private

☐ Interior accessible

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22. **Name** D. PENAR

Date FALL 1981

**Photographer** D. PENAR

Date FALL 1981

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**Organization:** Guilford Preservation Alliance  
P.O. Box 199, Guilford, Conn. 06437

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23. **THREATS TO BUILDING**

- ☐ None Known  
☐ Renewal

- ☐ Highways  
☐ Private Owner

- ☐ Vandalism  
☐ Deterioration

- ☐ Developers  
☐ Other:

☐ Zoning

24. **SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS**

DESCRIPTION

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