

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) 251 Nortontown Road
 Building Name (Historic) Dickinson Murray House
 Street Address or Location 251 Nortontown Road
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Ian M. Quinn 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 Georgian Date of Construction 1831 (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 type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Vinyl</u> | | |

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 Architectural Shingles

Number of Stories: 2 Approximate Dimensions 25' x 28'

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: _____

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 1.91 acre parcel, this southwest facing building is on the east side of Nortontown Road, just south of the intersection with Adirondack Lane. The road runs north to south and is near the border of neighboring town Madison, just one and half miles north of Interstate 95. The area is mostly woodland with scattered residences visible. A driveway entrance is just north of the house and ends at the north side of the property with a parking area and shed.

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

Built in 1831, this Georgian style house sits atop a stone brick foundation and is sheathed in white vinyl siding. The side gable roof is covered in architectural shingles with a slightly off center chimney on the ridgeline. Three large twelve over twelve hung sash windows are located on the second story level. Four six over six hung sash windows are located on the first floor, two on each side of an enclosed, gable roof porch entry with a pediment. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

The first owner of this house in 1831 was Dickinson Murray, a Scottish immigrant and oysterman. Him and his wife Sally were the parents of William Henry Harrison Murray. William Murray was a clergyman and author that popularized the Adirondack Mountain region in New York. Publication of his book "Adventures in the Wilderness" in 1869 made him known as the "father of the Outdoor Movement." William attended the Guilford Institute and later Yale, paying for his own education by doing farmwork in the Nortontown area of town. He married Isadora Hull and completed his studies in theology, later preaching in New York City and Boston. Later, Murray's eldest daughter Maude Murray Young owned the house. See Helander's "A Treasury of Guilford Places" for more information on the Murray family.

- Sources:

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=4382> on October 26, 2015.

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View Southwest, camera facing northeast Negative on File _____
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.306968
Longitude: -72.638200

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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Notable Features Continued

The green paneled door is flanked with three pane sidelights on either side. A one step stoop leads up to the front door.



Guilford Keeping Society Archives, c. 1959