

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) 815 Nut Plains Road
 Building Name (Historic) Russell B. Griswold House
 Street Address or Location 815 Nut Plains Road
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Pamela and Peter Charland 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 Greek Revival Date of Construction 1843 (Helander)

Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding
 Fieldstone Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone Aluminum Siding
 Concrete (Type _____) Cut Stone (Type _____) 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 Architectural Shingles

Number of Stories: 2 Approximate Dimensions 36' x 48'

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: Added rear carport in 1960

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: carport

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 .94 acre parcel, this southwest facing building is located on the north side of upper Nut Plains Road, just north of the intersection with Valley Shore Drive. The area is all residential, with scattered buildings visible and a lot of woodland across the street (south side of the road). A driveway extends past the southeast side of the house and ends at the carport which is located at the rear, or northeast elevation.

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

Built in 1843, this two story Greek Revival style building sits atop a stone brick foundation and is sheathed in tan clapboard siding with white trim. The front gable roof is covered with architectural shingles and has one chimney centered on the ridgeline. A recessed, horizontally oriented rectangular fixed window with a patterned pane sits near the roof peak. Three six over six hung sash windows are located on the second floor level. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

• Historical or Architectural importance:

The original owner of this house was Russell B. Griswold with his wife Polly in 1843. They had three children named Mary, Myrta, and Charles. They owned 20 acres of farmland, 50 acres of woodland, horses, cows, and pigs. In 1889, Joseph Clifford and his wife Jane (Hotchkiss) were the owners of this property. Joseph was a farmer, as were many on Nut Plains Road, originally laid out for its popularity due to the fertile soil in the East River valley. Joseph and his wife died within two weeks of each other in 1916.

• Sources:

Ancestry.com. Selected U.S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1870; Ancestry.com, U.S. Federal Census Records, 1850-1900; 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=2446> on October 23, 2015.

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View South, camera facing north Negative on File _____
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• Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.320437
Longitude: -72.684775

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

815 Nut Plains Road

Notable Features Continued

Two more of the same windows are located below with a front door entry on the south side of the façade. The four paneled door is red with four transom lights. The door surround has two pilasters and a full entablature. A one step stone stoop leads up to the door entry.

