

# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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\* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 939 Nut Plains Road  
 Building Name (Historic) North District Schoolhouse, Nut Plains  
 Street Address or Location Corner of Stepstone Hill Rd and Nut Plains Rd (Parcel 09201503 & ID S1400002)  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Sunset Creek Development  Public  Private

## PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: None  
 Historic Use: Schoolhouse

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

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

Style of building Vernacular Date of Construction 1833 (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 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Stories: 1 Approximate Dimensions Unknown

Structural Condition:  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

Exterior Condition:  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

Location Integrity:  On original site  Moved When? 1875

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 2.96 acre parcel, this northwest facing building is in the south east corner of the intersection of Nut Plains Road (at the north end), Stepstone Hill Road, Coventry Way and North Madison Road. A driveway extends off of Stepstone Hill Road at the northwest corner of the house. The area is residential with scattered buildings visible from the property with some woodland to the south. The address is listed in the town GIS database as "Little Meadow Road."

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

Built in 1833, this Vernacular style building sits atop a stone foundation and is sheathed in white vinyl siding. The cross gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles with a eave wall chimney on the northeast side elevation. This elevation, visible from Nut Plains Road, has four six over six hung sash windows with dark green shutters. A very faint "939" is visible on the northeast elevation as well. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

**• Historical or Architectural importance:**

Built in 1833, the North District/Nut Plains Schoolhouse was moved into this third location in 1875. It's original location was on a ledge at 831 Nut Plains Road. In 1851, two districts were formed, north and south, for the Nut Plains section of Guilford because the population grew too large for just one. It was moved to this same intersection, just on the north side of the street. It was moved to its present location due to dampness in the cellar causing structural damage. By 1931, dwindling attendance closed the one room schoolhouse, a common occurrence at the time.

**• Sources:**

Guilford Preservation Alliance, Phase 2 Supplemental Survey, 2005; Helander, Joel Eliot, "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; Property card (for land only) obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=S1400002> on November 14, 2015.

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 11/7/2015  
View Northeast, camera facing southwest Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Jordan Sorensen Date 11/14/2015  
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance  
Address PO Box 199 Guilford, CT 06437

**• Subsequent field evaluations:**

Latitude: 41.323364  
Longitude: -72.687355

**Threats to the building or site:**

- None known       Highways       Vandalism       Developers       Renewal       Private  
 Deterioration       Zoning       Other \_\_\_\_\_       Explanation See Cont. Sh.

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**CONTINUATION SHEET**

**939 Nut Plains Road**

**Notable Features Continued**

The northwest elevation, facing the intersection, has three more of the same windows and shutters.

**Threats Continued**

The unspecified address, no acknowledgement of a building on the site in the assessor records, and a dumpster on the property (November 7, 2015) may be indication of the future development of this property, meaning possible demolition.

