

# 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) 36 Old Quarry Road  
 Building Name (Historic) Captain John Larkins House  
 Street Address or Location 36 Old Quarry Road  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Norman and Maureen Wilkinson  Public  Private

## PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residential: Dwelling  
 Historic Use: Residential: 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 1893 (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 21' x 55'

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: 2001- Open porch added at rear

**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:

This house is located on a .47 acre parcel located at the start of Old Quarry Road, on the east side, where it forks at the one way entrance and exit roads from Leetes Island Road (Route 146). It is a quarter of a mile away from the intersection with Andrews Road, also on the east side of Old Quarry Road. On the west side of the road is a salt marsh and Hoadley Creek. A driveway extends off the street on the north side of the house and forms an "L" to make a parking area.

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

This west facing two-story, Queen Anne style house, although devoid of decorative detail, was built in 1893 and has a stone brick foundation. It is sheathed with cream colored vinyl siding with white trim and has a front gable roof with a small cross gabled wing at the rear, or east elevation and a third gable roofed section attached to that. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

Captain John Larkins acquired this property as a vacant lot from John Beattie in 1892. Larkins, an Irish immigrant, worked at Beattie's Granite Quarry as a ship captain, located on Hoadley's Neck, at the end of Old Quarry Road. Beattie purchased the real estate of the whole area, totaling 78 acres extending past the Branford line, in 1870. By his death in 1899, he owned 350 acres in the area. 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. The John Larkins house is situated in a row of houses owned by the superintendents and schooner captains of the quarry. World War I ended the operation of the quarry as costs drastically increased. (See Continuation Sheet)

- Sources:

Ancestry.com. 1900, 1930 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004; Helander, Joel, "Treasury of Guilford Places" Self Published: Guilford, CT, 2008; Property card obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=4917> on July 8, 2015.

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

Latitude: 41.264345  
Longitude: -72.725388

**Threats to the building or site:**

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

36 Old Quarry Road

### Buildings and Surroundings

A white fence encloses a large portion of the front yard and connects to the side porch.

### Notable Features

The roof is covered with architectural shingles and there are three chimneys, one on the ridgeline of the main part of the house and two on the north and south side of the ridgeline of the center wing. The north side of house has an enclosed porch wing with a one over one hung sash window on the front façade. In 2001, an open porch was added to the north side of the rear near the parking area. The façade has an arched one over one single hung sash window near the roof peak. Three two over two hung sash windows are equally spaced apart on the second floor level. The first floor has a door on the north side with two windows next to it, both two over two hung sash, and all three lined up with the windows above. A stone stoop with white railings leads up to the front door.

### Historical Significance

Larkins, his wife Hester, and two daughters lived in this home and Larkins and his wife stayed into the mid twentieth century.

