

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) 44 Old Quarry Road
 Building Name (Historic) Jeremiah Toomey House
 Street Address or Location 44 Old Quarry Road
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Elizabeth and Noel Petra 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 1890

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____

Number of Stories: 2.5 Approximate Dimensions 25' x 41'

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: 1930- Added porch 1980- Added wood deck

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:

This house is located on a .28 acre parcel located at the start of Old Quarry Road, on the east side, right past where it forks at the one way entrance and exit roads from Leetes Island Road (Route 146). It is almost at 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 leads to a two car garage.

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

This northwest facing two and a half story Queen Anne style building, built in 1890, has a stone-brick foundation. It is sheathed with white aluminum siding and has a front gable roof covered in asphalt shingles. Two shed dormers are located on both sides of the ridgeline, extending almost the length of the roof, with one chimney in the middle on the ridgeline. In 1930 a porch was added, which wraps around the east and south elevations. (See Cont. Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

Jeremiah Toomey presumably worked at Beattie's Granite Quarry as a ship captain or superintendent, located on Hoadley's Neck, where Old Quarry Road extends out to. This house is situated in a row of houses owned by the superintendents and schooner captains of the quarry. 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. World War I ended the operation of the quarry as costs drastically increased. Before that, Toomey had died in 1892. The next known owner of the house was T.J. Toole in 1907.

- Sources:

Helander, Joel, "Treasury of Guilford Places" Self Published: Guilford, CT, 2008; Property card obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=7561> on July 8, 2015

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View Northwest, camera facing southeast Negative on File _____
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.264279
Longitude: -72.725461

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

44 Old Quarry Road

Notable Features

In 1980, a wood deck was added to the rear, or west elevation. The front façade has three two over two hung sash windows spaced equally apart on the second floor level. The first floor has the same two windows and then a door on the south side of the façade, lined up with the above windows. White steps lead up to the full facade porch in front of the door with spindle work post supports, decorative brackets connecting to a plain frieze, and square patterned balusters, all common to the Queen Anne style.

