

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) 45 Old Quarry Road
 Building Name (Historic) Sarah O. Walker House
 Street Address or Location 45 Old Quarry Road
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Alan W. Organschi & Elizabeth P. Gray 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 Queen Anne Date of Construction 1887 (Helander)

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

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| <input checked="" 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 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 40' 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: Front open porch added in 2006

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: Studio

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 4.25 acre parcel, this southeast facing building is located on the northwest side of Old Quarry Road south of the forking one way entrance and exit roads intersecting with Leetes Island Road (Route 146). It is just north of the intersection with Andrews Road on the east side of Old Quarry Road. West of the property is a salt marsh and Hoadley Creek. A driveway extends off the street past the north side of the house and leads to a large shed and studio building.

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

Built in 1887, this two and a half story Queen Anne style building sits atop a stone brick foundation and is sheathed in yellow clapboard siding. The front gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles and has two chimneys, one just north of the ridgeline and one at the rear eave wall. A pair of one over one hung sash windows are located near the roof peak. On the second floor level are two two over two hung sash windows. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

The first owner of this house was Sarah O. Walker in 1887 after the lot was acquired from John Beattie in the same year. Sarah's husband James J. Walker (both Welsh immigrants) worked in the Beattie's Granite Quarry located on Hoadley's Neck, at the end of Old Quarry Road, and died in 1871. 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. This house is situated in a row of houses owned by the superintendents and schooner captains of the quarry. (See Continuation Sheet)

- Sources:

Ancestry.com, United States Federal Census Records, 1870-1910; 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=1381> on October 21, 2015.

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View Southeast, camera facing northwest Negative on File _____
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.264278
Longitude: -72.725510

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

45 Old Quarry Road

Notable Features Continued

At least four more of the same windows and a square bay window are on the first floor level with two front door entries. One door is at the south side of the façade (a cross gabled wing) and one is next to the bay window on the north side of the façade. Covering these windows and doors is a full façade open porch, only one step up from ground level. White, turned spindle supports hold up a flat roof. The north end of the porch was extended from the original part (inset in the ell of the cross gable and main section) around 2006.

Historical/Architectural Significance Continued

World War I ended the operation of the quarry as costs drastically increased. Sons John and David Walker were later owners as of 1909.

