

# 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) 279 Old Whitfield Street  
 Building Name (Historic) Peter M. O'Sullivan House  
 Street Address or Location 279 Old Whitfield Street  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Nancy V. Elderbaum Family Trust  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 1875 (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 Architectural Shingles

Number of Stories: 2 Approximate Dimensions 40' x 37'

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 .15 acre parcel, this northeast facing house is located on the south side of Old Whitfield Street, the northwest half before the railroad station. It is located at the corner of Old Whitfield and the end of Summer Street. It is a half mile southeast of the Guilford Green and a half mile northwest of the Guilford Marina. The property has a white fence lining the northeast perimeter in front of the house. (See Continuation Sheet)

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

Built in 1875, this two story Greek Revival style house sits atop a stone brick foundation and is sheathed in gray clapboard siding with white trim. The cross gable roof is covered in architectural shingles with a chimney on the southeast gable. On the front gable section of the building there is an elliptical fan light in the pediment. There are three six over six hung sash windows on the second floor. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Alfred G. Hull (Helander)

**• Historical or Architectural importance:**

Peter M. and Mary O'Sullivan were the first owners of this house in 1875, under Mary's name. They were both born in Ireland and Peter worked as a foundry hand. He died in 1879 but left the house and property to Mary in his will. Alfred G. Hull, the builder, is also written into his will along with Mary, who was executrix. At that point, the house was sold to the next owner, Marshall Stevens (b. 1847) in 1879 with his wife Julia. Marshall worked as a house carpenter and they lived in this house until at least 1920. A later owner was Antonio Santa Maria.

**• Sources:**

Ancestry.com, U.S. Federal Census Records, 1870-1920; Ancestry.com, Connecticut Wills and Probate Records, 1874-1879; 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=2097> on November 17, 2015.

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View East, camera facing west Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_  
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**• Subsequent field evaluations:**

Latitude: 41.276844  
Longitude: -72.675623

**Threats to the building or site:**

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

279 Old Whitfield Street

**Buildings and Surroundings Continued**

A driveway and parking lot is located at the rear of the house, on the southwest side off of Summer Street.

**Notable Features**

Two more of the same windows are on the first floor with a door on the north end of the facade. All of the windows have a decorative lintel over the top and shutters with two panels on each. The door has a simple white surround with a small stoop and wood railings leading up to it. Two story pilasters are located on either corner of the front gable façade. On the cross gable are four more of the same windows and decorative features.

