

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) 311 Old Whitfield Street
 Building Name (Historic) Julius E. Norton House
 Street Address or Location 311 Old Whitfield Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Philip C. & Eunice M. Demond Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residence: Multi 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 Vernacular Date of Construction 1868 (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 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 Approximate Dimensions 41' x 32'

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: Conversion to two family dwelling

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:

Located on a .42 acre parcel, this northeast facing building is located on the east side of Old Whitfield Street, just northwest of the break in the road with the railroad station. The railroad tracks border this property on the south side. It is located just over a half mile southeast of the Guilford Green and a half mile northwest of the Guilford Marina. The area is residential, besides the railroad station, with many houses in the vicinity. (See Continuation Sheet)

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

Built in 1868, this two story Vernacular style building sits atop a stone foundation and is sheathed in white aluminum siding. The cross gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles with a chimney on the northwest front gable section. On the front gable façade is a vent near the roof peak of the pediment with three one over one hung sash windows on the second floor level. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

The first owner of this house was Julius E. Norton (b.1841) in 1868. He lived there with his wife Maria and their five children, Robert, Leila, Anna, Clarence, and Henry. Julius worked as a butcher and farmer while Maria was a florist. He owned the building at 11-17 Water Street in 1897 which his family operated as a market and it was dubbed "Norton Brick Block" (See HRI Form for 11-17 Water Street). Julius Norton died in 1925, but they had lived in the house at least until then. A later owner was Charles Thibault.

- Sources:

Ancestry.com, U.S. Federal Census Records, 1880-1930; 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=1763> on November 18, 2015.

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

Latitude: 41.275878
Longitude: -72.674522

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

311 Old Whitfield Street

Buildings and Surroundings Continued

A driveway extends past the northwest side of the house and ends at a white two car garage with a white shed located behind that.

Notable Features Continued

Two more of the same windows are on the first floor with a screen door entry on the southern side of the façade. A small wooden deck leads up to the front door. The side gable section off the south side of the front gable section has two of the same windows on the second floor and one on the first. A small shed roofed porch entry is inset in the ell of the cross gable with a stone stoop with railings leading up to another door underneath.

