

State of Connecticut
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford 06106

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:
Buildings & Structures

SURVEY OF GUILFORD, NEW HAVEN COUNTY, 06437
June-December 1981

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 438
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential



IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 316 (Old) Whitfield Street
(map 33, lot 22)
2. NAME
(historic) Railroad Water Tower and
NAME Repair Building
(common)
3. USE
(historic) Railroad Water Tower and
USE Repair Building
(present)
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:

DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
6. DATE c1875
7. ALTERATIONS
Side addition to the repair building.

BUILDER
STYLE

SIGNIFICANCE

8. NOTABLE FEATURES
Repair building - overhanging eaves; round windows in the gable; plain brick pilasters separating the arched windows. Water tower - octagon shape; brick pilasters; segmental arched windows (1st level) and circular windows on the second level; corbeling below the over-
9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL hanging eaves and the frieze.

Arched openings in the east end of this solid brick-pier building c1875 let locomotives in and out of this repair facility; large windows illuminated the work. Nearby an octagonal brick water-tower of approximately the same date is highlighted by the brick frieze and corner pilasters. The wooden framework which supported the water tank remains intact inside the tower. Water in the tower could be heated to prevent freezing and provide preheated water for the locomotive boilers. These buildings are rare survivals of the many small service facilities of the steam-powered railroad.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford RR built these repair buildings about 1875. A turntable foundation has been found about 25 yards east of the engine house.

10. SOURCES

Connecticut Historical Commission; Matthew Roth *gv.* p. 187.

SOURCES

In all categories below, check more than one box

If you have not actually made certain of the answer to a given question, either leave it blank or write "inferred" after the checked box; or, if drawn from a previous investigator, give source.

11. MATERIALS

- | | | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum/Vinyl | |

12. STRUCTURE

- | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Frame: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Masonry | <input type="checkbox"/> Iron or Steel | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post & Beam | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon | | | | |

13. ROOF

- | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|---------------------------------|
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pitched - REPAIR BLDG. | <input type="checkbox"/> Gable-front | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hip - tower | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saltbox | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-gable | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Hip | <input type="checkbox"/> False Dormer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel | <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat | <input type="checkbox"/> Sawtooth | |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Tower(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor | <input type="checkbox"/> Cupola | <input type="checkbox"/> Dormered Gable | <input type="checkbox"/> Dome |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Slate | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

14. NUMBER OF STORIES:

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:

LOT SIZE:

15. CONDITION: Exterior

- | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bad |
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16. CONDITION: Structure

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Bad |
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17. OUTBUILDINGS (visible from public road)

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|---|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barn(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage House | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shop(s) |
| Other (well, stand, greenhouse, gazebo, privy, etc.): | | | | |

18. LANDSCAPING (visible from public road)

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|--|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planted Grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Terracing | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza | <input type="checkbox"/> Court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stone Wall(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickett Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Post & Rail | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

19. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

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|---|--|---|
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town Street | b. <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Semi-rural | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Lakefront |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clustered Growth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation, now or originally | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt marsh |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> Of outstanding scenic/architectural value | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Of scenic/architectural value | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Of supportive value to contiguous scenic/architectural area | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | |

20. ROLE OF BUILDING IN ENHANCING QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT

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|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vital | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Important | <input type="checkbox"/> Supportive | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|

21. OWNERSHIP

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public | <input type="checkbox"/> Private | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior accessible |
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22. Name

Phyllis Odiseos

Date

7/23/81

Roll

Photographer

P. Odiseos

Date

7/23/81

Negative

21:7A

Organization:

Guilford Preservation Alliance
P.O. Box 199, Guilford, Conn. 06437

17:13A (REPAIR BL)

Guilford's Neg. Roll 21:9 Water Tower

23. THREATS TO BUILDING

- | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None Known | <input type="checkbox"/> Highways | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Developers | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

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CONTINUATION SHEET
GUILFORD SURVEY

ADDRESS 316 (Old) Whitfield
NAME(S) Railroad Water Tower
and Repair Building

