

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

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Town No.:					Site No.: 321				
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 67 Park Street  
(map 40, lot 2)
2. NAME  
(historic)  
NAME  
(common) Guilford Free Library
3. USE  
(historic) Library  
USE  
(present) Library
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT <sup>Archer</sup> G. Arthur Quick
6. DATE 1933
- BUILDER  
STYLE Colonial Revival
7. ALTERATIONS  
Addition to rear; front entry changed to window, steps removed.

SIGNIFICANCE

8. NOTABLE FEATURES  
Dentils below the eaves; frieze; central "portico" with fluted columns and pilasters; stone belt course above the basement windows; stone quoins, keystones and springstones (on arched windows); cupola with a square base and an octagonal top with arched windows.
9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL  
The gable and columns of the central portico, arched windows, and cupola give the Library the stately but accessible presence of the Federal Revival of the 1930s. Stone, wood and brick work well together to produce a building whose scale and ornament enhance those of its neighbors around the Green.  
The Guilford Free Library was built in 1933 on land donated by Frederick C. Spencer, who had bought the property and cleared the lot in 1915. Miss Clara I. Sage had left a bequest designated for this purpose. A New Haven architect, G. <sup>Archer</sup> Arthur Quick, who also designed the Adams School, drew up the plans which were accepted in May of 1933.  
As the Town's population grew in the 1960-70s, (cont'd next sheet)

SOURCES

10. SOURCES  
Griswold Scrapbook p. 23-26; David Dudley notes. Photograph:  
Guilford Keeping Society p. 33 p. 63; Guilford Library File 29 A & B.

In all categories below, check more than one box if applicable.

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

13. ROOF

- |  |  |                                   |   |                                 |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pitched | <input type="checkbox"/> Gable-front     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hip      | <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: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: LOT SIZE: .75 ACRE

15. CONDITION: Exterior

- |   |                               |                               |                               |                              |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Bad |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|

16. CONDITION: Structure

- |   |                               |                               |                               |                              |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Bad |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|

17. OUTBUILDINGS (visible from public road)

- |   |   |                                 |                                  |                                  |
|---|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <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)

- |   |  |                                     |                                      |  |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: PARKING LOT IN REAR |

19. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town Street                                   | b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial    | c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural   | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-rural  | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural                | <input type="checkbox"/> Lakefront          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clustered Growth  | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Of outstanding scenic/architectural value     |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Of scenic/architectural value                               |  |   |
| <input 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

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

21. OWNERSHIP

- |  |                                  |   |
|--|----------------------------------|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public | <input type="checkbox"/> Private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interior accessible |
|--|----------------------------------|---|

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22. Name D. PENAR

Date FALL 1981

Photographer D. PENAR

Date FALL 1981 Negative 23:8A

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

GLFD's NEG. 23:9

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 67 Park Street  
NAME(S) Guilford Free Library

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9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL cont'd.

the need for additional space became acute. The new wing, behind the original building, was designed by Gilbert Switzer and Associates. It was dedicated 30 September 1979.

Addenda 1983

67 Park Street

Architects:      Correction:-

G. Archer Quick was the architect of the original 1933 structure. The addition to the rear was designed by Gilbert Switzer & Associates in 1979.