

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) 42 Pearl Street
 Building Name (Historic) William T. Dowd House
 Street Address or Location 42 Pearl Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Catherine Offredi Stewart Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residence: Single Family Residence
 Historic Use: Residence: Single Family Residence

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 1877 (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 type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Vinyl</u> | | |

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 30' x 22'

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

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 .34 acre parcel, this east facing house is on the west side of Pearl Street, about halfway between the ends of Pearl Street that intersect with Union Street at the north and Boston Street at the south. It is a residential area with many houses and about a half mile east of the Guilford Green. A driveway extends past the north side of the house and ends at the northwest corner of the property at a garage.

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

Built in 1877 by William T. Dowd, this two and a half story Greek Revival style house sits atop a poured concrete foundation and is sheathed in white vinyl siding. The front gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles and has one center chimney. A small one over one single hung sash window is located in the pediment near the roof peak. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder William T. Dowd (Helander)

- Historical or Architectural importance:

William T. Dowd built this house for himself in 1877, at a time when many houses were constructed on Pearl Street. There is even a granite column at the head of the street with the inscription "1876" to commemorate it as one of Guilford's first subdivisions. The street name came from thinking "of stones more precious than common Guilford granite" as observed by historian H.P. Robinson. Other notable Guilford builders John L. Seward and George P. Rolf built eleven houses on this street (1876-1887) and lived here as well. This house's property was subdivided from number 38 next door to the south. A later owner was Thomas J. Barrett, an iron molder, in 1890.

- Sources:

Ancestry.com, United States Federal Census Records, 1900; Helander, Joel Eliot, "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; Property card obtained <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=5267> on October 12, 2015.

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View East, camera facing west Negative on File _____
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.284505
Longitude: -72.676731

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

42 Pearl Street

Notable Features Continued

Three one over one hung sash windows are at the second floor level under cornice returns with two more underneath and a door entry. Six square porch supports connected to an architrave and cornice hold up a flat roofed full façade porch but there is no railing or balustrade. A board and beam covering wrap around the bottom of the porch.

