

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 51 Pearl Street
 Building Name (Historic) Elizabeth A. Rossiter House
 Street Address or Location 51 Pearl Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Valerie E. Pattis 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 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 Approximate Dimensions 45' x 24'

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 apartments

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 .54 acre parcel, this west facing house is on the east 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 in a residential area with many houses and located about a half mile east of the Guilford Green. Two driveways and parking areas are located to the north and south of the house. A large yard surrounds the building to the north and east.

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

Built in 1877, this two story Greek Revival style building sits atop a brick with concrete exterior foundation and is sheathed in white vinyl siding. The front gable roof with a hip roof cross gable on the north side elevation are covered in asphalt shingles. A six over six hung sash window is located at the pediment of the front gable. Three one over one hung sash windows are at the second floor level, equally spaced apart, under the cornice returns. (See Cont. Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder William T. Dowd (Helander)

- Historical or Architectural importance:

William T. Dowd, a notable Guilford carpenter, built this house for Elizabeth A. Rossiter in 1877. Later, Henry O. Blatchley, a foreman carpenter for the railroad, owned the house in 1888 with his wife Emma. Frank B. Bishop and his wife Lillian owned the house in 1924. This house was built at a time when many houses were constructed on Pearl Street. There actually is a granite column at the head of the street with the inscription "1876" to commemorate the street as one of Guilford's first subdivisions. The name came from thinking "of stones more precious than common Guilford granite" as observed by historian H.P. Robinson. Other notable builders John L. Seward and George P. Rolf built eleven houses on this street (1876-1887) and lived here as well.

- 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 at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=621> on October 10, 2015.

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View West, camera facing east Negative on File _____
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.284853
Longitude: -72.676643

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

51 Pearl Street

Notable Features Continued

Directly below are two more of the same windows and a front door entry on the south side of the front façade. The door has a heavy crowned surround with a recessed red door. The door has four panels and an elliptical window at the top. A concrete stoop with two railings leads up to the door. One two over one hung sash window is visible at the second floor level of the hipped roof cross gable. A one over one window is directly below it. A wooden deck, side door entry, and enclosed staircase are attached to the north side hipped cross gable.

