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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

222 Race Hill Road 1. ADDRESS (map 109, lot 35A) 2. NAME George Bartlett II

(historic) NAME

(common)

Bartlett Tavern

3. USE (historic) Residential/Tavern

LISE (present)

Private house

4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE: from Durham Turnpike to Race Hill Road in 1951



Federal- Detailing (c1815)

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Site No. 324

Potential

IF NR SPECIFY

Actual

Town No .:

DISTRICT

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BUILDER

STYLE Colonial-Form

UTM QUAD:

5. ARCHITECT

6. DATE

1763

7. ALTERATIONS

Federal style details; chimney rebuilt.

8. NOTABLE FEATURES Return cornice with Federal trim (mutules, gouge work, and mock dentils); window with 12/12 sash; Federal trim on front and side doorways; Palladian windows; cut stone block foundation.

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL Exceptionally fine Federal detailing graces this large tavern, turning this 18th century house into an accomodation for travelers. In addition to fancy trim along the eaves, Palladian windows with fluted pilasters punctuate the gables, and a simpler version of the Palladian window spreads over the front door. The side doors, at either corner of the end, are embellished with fluted pilasters and an ornamented pediment. Old small-paned sash windows are an important part of the appearance of this building. Second-floor windows in the ends are finished with a crown molding, those on the front and back with a frieze extending to the eave trim. This is a large building -- five bays wide and five bays long--dimensions appropriate for an inn. Its large size, wealth of detail, and history make this an important and ususual building. (cont'd on next sheet)

10. SOURCES

Marian Dickinson Terry, Old Inns of Connecticut, p. 142; Shore Line Times 4 May 1962.

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CONTINUATION SHEET
GUILFORD SURVEY

ADDRESS NAME(S) 222 Race Hill Road George Bartlett II Bartlett Tavern

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL cont'd.

The house was remodelled for use as a country inn when the Guilford-Durham "Turnpike" (route 77) was built in 1824-25. The inn was in operation a relatively short time. It was, apparently, not successful.