

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) 186 River Street
 Building Name (Historic) Salmon Shelley House
 Street Address or Location 186 River Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Wendy Davis Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residence: Single Family Dwelling
 Historic Use: Carpenter Shop/Residence: Single Family Dwelling

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No

Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain _____

Style of building Vernacular Date of Construction c. 1800 (Helander)

Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

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| <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

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 Arch. Shingles

Number of Stories: 1.5 Approximate Dimensions 38' x 30

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: Converted from a carpenter shop

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 .11 acre parcel, this east facing building is on the west side of River Street. It is a quarter of a mile south of the intersection with Boston Post Road (Route 1) and just north of the intersection with Broad Street. It is also a quarter of a mile northwest of the Guilford Green. Located in a residential area, the house has some farmland to the east and the West River and marshland bordering to the west. A small parking area is on the north side of the house.

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

Built c. 1800, this one and a half story Vernacular style building sits atop a stone foundation and is sheathed in natural wood clapboard siding, painted blue on the north side elevation. The side gable roof is covered in architectural shingles with a chimney in the ridgeline and three skylights. Only a door on the south end of the facade is visible between the bushes lining the east side of the house. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

This house was originally a carpenter shop built c. 1800 that belonged to Absalom Leete. It was moved and converted to a dwelling in 1813 when Salmon Shelley (1774- 1849) became the first owner. He was married to Chloe Alcock and they had three sons, Seymour, Irwin and George. Later owners were Sally Stone followed by Alexander Wilson.

- Sources:

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=7832> on October 4, 2015; Rootsweb, Salmon Shelley, <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=michelotti&id=I313385> (10/4/2015).

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View East, camera facing west Negative on File _____
Name Jordan Sorensen Date 10/04/2015
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.285310
Longitude: -72.687596

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

186 River Street

Notable Features

The white four panel door has a decorative surround with pilasters and a pedimented crown. Inside the pediment is a round fanlight design. The door is deteriorated and has no stoop leading up to it, but it used to be the front entry. Two wings are visible on the north and south ends that seem to connect around the west side of the house, according to aerial maps.

