

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) 243 River Street
 Building Name (Historic) Joel Collins House
 Street Address or Location 243 River Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) James M. Sullivan Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residence: Single Family Dwelling/Commercial Warehouse
 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 Georgian Date of Construction c. 1804

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 Siding</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 47' x 35'

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: Pool

Surrounding Environment:

- Open land Woodland Residential Commercial Industrial Rural
 High building density Scattered buildings visible from site

- Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

Located on .46 acre parcel, this west facing house is on the east side of River Street, 400 feet south of the intersection with Boston Post Road (Route 1). The area to the north is mainly commercial although to the south there are many houses. A warehouse, built c.1965, is at the rear of the house, on the east side of the property, behind a garage. (See Continuation Sheet)

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

Built c. 1804, this two story Georgian style house sits atop a stone brick foundation and is sheathed in white vinyl siding. The side gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles with a center chimney. Five six over six hung sash windows are located on the second floor level, two pairs on each side and a single window in the middle. Directly underneath on the first floor are the same four windows on either side and a front door in the middle. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

Joel Collins (1778-1857) was the original owner of this house c. 1804. His name appears in a study about the carpenters of Guilford, but it is unclear whether he is the builder of this house. He was married to Deborah Bishop and they had four children, Jason, David, Lurinda, and Joel Jr. Captain William Tyler, a sea captain, owned the house later in 1868 and lived there with his wife Henrietta Coan Tyler. Later, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Sullivan owned this house during the 1930s.

- Sources:

Ancestry.com, International Genealogical Index, 2003 & U.S. Federal Census Records, 1870; Helander, Joel Eliot, "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008 from research by the Old House Sub-Committee of the Guilford Tercentenary Committee (1939); Property card obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=9119> on October 4, 2015.

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

Latitude: 41.286363
Longitude: -72.687925

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

243 River Street

Buildings and Surroundings

A pool is located at the center of the north side of the property and a parking lot is directly south of it, in between the house and the warehouse. A small yard is on the south side of the house.

Notable Features

All the windows have black shutters. The door surround is vertical wood with a decorative crown above and a four pane transom light above the door. The black door is slightly recessed and has four panels with four transom lights at the top. One step leads up to the door. A small wing is also located off the north side elevation.



March 18, 1957, Guilford Keeping Society records