

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) 258 River Street
 Building Name (Historic) Samuel H. Cruttenden House
 Street Address or Location 258 River Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) 258-260 River Street LLC Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Commercial/Residence: Single 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 Public allowed in commercial part, not residence
 Style of building Italianate/Commercial Date of Construction c. 1863

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 checked="" 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: 2 Approximate Dimensions 47' 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: commercial section added later

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 2.19 acre parcel, this northeast facing building is on the west side of River Street, just south of the intersection with Boston Post Road (Route 1). It is in a commercial area, although the neighborhood is residential to the south. To the west the property is bordered by the West River and marshland. A driveway and parking lot is located to the southeast of the buildings and circles around the west side to an entrance north of the house. (See Cont. Sheet)

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

Built c. 1863, this two story Italianate style house with attached one story commercial building (built c.1900) sits atop a stone brick foundation and is sheathed in white aluminum siding. The hip roof of the house with wide overhanging eaves is covered in architectural shingles while the flat roof on the commercial section has asphalt shingles. The house has a belvedere cupola with two windows on each elevation. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown (Samuel Cruttenden possible)

• Historical or Architectural importance:

Samuel H. Cruttenden and his wife Helen (Holcomb) were married in 1861 and were the first owners of this house around 1863. They had two children Mary and Hattie. By 1900, both the couple and Hattie lived in New Haven but Samuel died in 1902. He was killed in a railroad accident in Madison, CT. Mary lived in New Haven by 1910. Both Samuel and Helen are buried in Guilford's Westside Cemetery (See HRI form).

Samuel Cruttenden ran a livery businesses called the Hyperion Stables in New Haven and he made several trips to Europe exporting fine horses in his life. His death was caused during the transport of a horse to Boston. Mary Munson was a later owner (1900).

• Sources:

Ancestry.com, United States Federal Census Records, 1870 and city directories, 1904-1910(New Haven); Helander, Joel Eliot, "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008 (information based on Dorothy Whitfield Historic Society 1975 survey); Property card obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=800> on October 4, 2015; Shoreline Times, November 20, 1902:1 & December 6, 1906:4.

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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: 41.287049
Longitude: -72.688478

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

258 River Street

Buildings and Surroundings

A garage attached to a barn is located at the northwest corner of the property, at the rear of the main buildings.

Notable Features

There are three six over six hung sash windows on the second floor level. Two more of the same windows are on the first floor level next to a front door and entry porch, located on the south side of the façade. All the windows have black shutters. The porch has a hip roof and iron decorative supports. A red door with paneled windows can be seen behind a screen door. A cement stoop leads up to the porch and door. To the south, on the commercial section, is a door entry to the business. Three wide fixed windows are also located on this section of the building.

