

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) 1 Seaside Avenue
 Building Name (Historic) Edwin A. Thrall House
 Street Address or Location 1 Seaside Avenue
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Listed as "Current Owner" Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residence: Multiple 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 Colonial Revival Date of Construction 1896 (Helander)

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

Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding
 Fieldstone Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone Aluminum Siding
 Concrete (Type _____) Cut Stone (Type _____) Other Vinyl

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: 2.5 Approximate Dimensions none listed- Total area: 2974

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: _____

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 .6 acre parcel, this east facing building is on the west side of Seaside Avenue, at the corner of the intersection with Whitfield Street. It is in a residential area, with many houses, located one mile southeast of the Guilford Green via Whitfield Street and one tenth of a mile northwest of the Guilford Marina. The property has a large yard and a driveway that extends past the south side of the property and ends at a two car garage.

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

Built in 1896, this Colonial Revival style house sits atop a stone foundation and is sheathed in light blue vinyl siding. The hip roof and gable roofed dormers are covered in architectural shingles with two chimneys. The front facade has a pedimented dormer with an one over one hung sash window with white shutters. There are three one over one hung sash windows on the second floor level: two wide on either side with a narrow window in the middle. (See Cont. Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

The first owner of this house was Edwin A. Thrall in 1896. It was built as a summer home, replacing the earlier house of his parents, Lewis and Nancy Thrall who ran a farm on the property. The Thralls moved to Guilford when Edwin was young from Cheshire to run the farm. Edwin enlisted in the 20th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry and served in General Sherman's army during the infamous "March to the Sea" in 1864. He later became a business man in jewelery sales in New York City but retired in 1894 back to Guilford to build this house. He was also a Mason of the 33rd degree. Later he would move to Torrington which is where he died in 1908 of pneumonia.

- Sources:

Helander, Joel Eliot , "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; Property card obtained at http://www.guilfordgis.com/temp_pdf/30-propcard.pdf on September 5, 2015; Shoreline Times archives, obituary, January 23, 1908.

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View East, camera facing west Negative on File _____
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.273175
Longitude: -72.668785

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

1 Seaside Avenue

Notable Features

The same wide windows are located on the first floor with a door and pedimented entry porch. All windows have white shutters. The porch has turned spindle porch supports with decorative brackets under the pediment. A low balustrade railing is on either side with one railing on the stoop steps. On the south side elevation, but seen from the façade as well, is a two story porch with stairs and another entry as this is a multiple family dwelling.

