

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) 21 Shell Beach Road

Building Name (Historic) Roger C. Leete House

Street Address or Location 21 Shell Beach Road

Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven

Owner(s) Oceanview Property LLC Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: 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 _____

Style of building Queen Anne Date of Construction 1873 (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 _____

Number of Stories: 2 Approximate Dimensions 55' x 48'

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: 1955- porch added; 2014- wood deck and patio added

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 1.57 acre parcel, this northwest facing building is located at the corner of Shell Beach Road to the east and Island Bay Circle to the north. The corner lot is just south of where Shell Beach Road starts, at the intersection with Route 146 or Leete's Island Road, and directly across from the intersection of Route 146 and Moose Hill Road to the north. (See Continuation Sheet)

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

Built in 1873, this two story Queen Anne style house sits atop a poured concrete foundation and is sheathed in pale yellow clapboards. The front gable and cross gable roofs are covered in wood shingles and have two chimneys. A fixed, horizontal, three vertical pane window with an arched top is located in the pediment area of the front gable. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

Roger Leete was the first owner of this house in 1873, which is on the property where the earlier house of Joshua Leete once stood, built c. 1709. Joshua was the grandson of the governor of Connecticut in 1676, William Leete. Henry W. Norton's diary records say that the frame of the house was "raised on September 11, 1873". Roger Leete lived here with his wife Helen and two children, Irvine and Roger W. Leete was a farmer on this property. By 1900, his wife had died and his niece, Helen Culver, lived with him until he was elderly and died.

- Sources:

Ancestry.com, United States Federal Census Records, 1880-1920; Helander, Joel, "House Dating Dossiers," 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=2335> on September 29, 2015.

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View North, camera facing south Negative on File _____
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.263798
Longitude: -72.717000

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

21 Shell Beach Road

Buildings and Surroundings

The area is mostly residential but also has open marsh land to the east and Long Island Sound adjacent to the south end of the property. The driveway extends south off of Island Bay Circle and ends at the northeast side of the house, which is set back from the road.

Notable Features

Three two over two hung sash windows are on the second floor level while directly underneath are two more of the same windows and a front door. All the window and door trim is dark green. The paneled front door is light brown with two windows at the top. On the east side elevation, inset with the ell of the cross gable, is a hip roof open porch with another light brown door entry. A full façade front porch that wrapped around to the west side of the house was removed at some point according to historic photos.



Guilford Keeping Society Archives, n.d.