

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) 293 South Union Street
 Building Name (Historic) Cleveland Griswold House
 Street Address or Location 293 South Union Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Douglas Stumpe & Kimberly Albee-Stumpe 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 1905 (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 _____

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 42' x 22'

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 .98 acre parcel, this northeast facing building is on the south side of South Union Street, just northwest of the intersection with Vista Road. While much of the area around the house is forest, there are scattered homes visible from the property. Furthermore, there is a school property across the street. A garage and parking lot are at the northwest corner of the property across a large yard.

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

Built in 1905, this two story Queen Anne style building sits atop a stone brick foundation and is sheathed in mustard yellow clapboards with cream colored trim. The front gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles with a centrally located chimney on the ridgeline. A six over one hung sash window is located near the roof peak with three of the same windows at the second floor level. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Eckford T. Stevens (Helander)

• Historical or Architectural importance:

In 1887, this property was subdivided from 311 South Union Street. William H. White owned a house on the land but it burned in 1901. Cleveland Griswold (1852-1928), an oysterman and clam digger, was the first owner of the current house built in 1905 by Eckford T. Stevens. By 1910, Griswold divorced and moved to Meadow Street. He spent most of his life in Guilford but died in Norwich. Stevens, the builder, was a carpenter and cabinet maker who lived on High Street with his wife Almira and family for several decades. In his younger years, he was a foreman at a boatyard on Water Street on the West River. (See Water Street HRI forms)

• Sources:

Ancestry.com, United States Federal Census Records, 1870-1920 & City Directory, 1886; 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=7837> on September 25, 2015.

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View Northeast, camera facing southwest Negative on File _____
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• Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.282198
Longitude: -72.668925

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

293 South Union Street

Notable Features

Two more of the same windows are on the first floor level next to a front door entry at the north side of the façade. Cream colored, with red accented balustrades and decorative porch supports with ornate brackets hold up the shed roof of a full façade porch. A small wooden stoop leads up to the porch and door entry which is red with a twelve pane window and horizontal yellow panel at the bottom. The south side of the porch also has a stoop.

