

State of Connecticut  
**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
 59 South Prospect Street, Hartford 06106

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Town No.:	Site No. <b>353</b>
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**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:**  
 Buildings & Structures

**SURVEY OF GUILFORD, NEW HAVEN COUNTY, 06437**  
 June-December 1981

IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 133 State Street  
(map 46, lot 124)
2. NAME Jonathan Starr  
*(historic)*  
NAME  
*(common)*
3. USE Private house  
*(historic)*  
USE  
*(present)* Two-family house
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
6. DATE c1732
- BUILDER STYLE Colonial
7. ALTERATIONS  
Back porch; 12/12 sash (restored in the early 1970s).

8. NOTABLE FEATURES  
Hipped roof; large stone foundation; Palladian-like window; Federal doorway with fanlight.

SIGNIFICANCE

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL Built around 1732 by Jonathan Starr, son of Comfort Starr who lived across the street, this square hipped roof house is unique in Guilford. The house has Federal details that were added at an early date, a pedimented doorway with fanlight, modillions, and a simple Palladian-style window. The dominant feature of this house, the hipped roof, is believed to be original as the large, solid timber in the attic area give no indication of a change in the roof line.

The house is located at a critical intersection, where the commercial zone of the Post Road crosses a fine residential street with notable historic houses to the north and the south. If these two neighborhoods are to be safeguarded, protection is needed at the corner. So far the solid form of the Starr house, with its large shady lot and white fence, is doing an important job of holding the line.

SOURCES

10. Sources  
Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; Connecticut Historical Commission '72; Tercentenary Committee; Mary Hoadley Griswold; Dana Collection.

In all categories below, check more than one box if applicable.

If you have not actually made certain of the answer to a given question, either leave it blank or write "inferred" after the checked box; or, if drawn from a previous investigator, give source.

DESCRIPTION

11. MATERIALS

- Clapboard
- Wood Shingle
- Board & Batten
- Brick
- Fieldstone
- Cut Stone
- Stucco
- Concrete
- Cobblestone
- Asbestos Shingle
- Asphalt Siding
- Aluminum/Vinyl
- Other:

12. STRUCTURE

- Wood Frame:
- Post & Beam
- Balloon
- Masonry
- Iron or Steel
- Concrete
- Other:

13. ROOF

- a.  Pitched
- Saltbox
- Gambrel
- Gable-front
- Cross-gable
- Mansard
- Hip
- Flat Hip
- Flat
- Shed
- False Dormer
- Sawtooth
- Other:
- b.  Tower(s)
- Monitor
- Cupola
- Dormered Gable
- Dome
- c.  Wood Shingle
- Asphalt Shingle
- Slate
- Metal
- Other:

14. NUMBER OF STORIES: **2** APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: LOT SIZE: **85' X 145'**  
(APPROX)

15. CONDITION: Exterior

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Bad

16. CONDITION: Structure

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Bad

17. OUTBUILDINGS (visible from public road)

- Barn(s)
- Carriage House
- Garage
- Shed(s)
- Shop(s)
- Other (well, stand, greenhouse, gazebo, privy, etc.):

18. LANDSCAPING (visible from public road)

- Planted Grounds
- Garden
- Terracing
- Plaza
- Court
- Stone Wall(s)
- Pickett Fence
- Iron Fence
- Post & Rail
- Other:

19. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

- a.  Town Street
- Rural
- Semi-rural
- Clustered Growth
- Development
- b.  Commercial
- Industrial
- Agricultural
- Residential
- Vacation, now or originally
- c.  Open
- Wooded
- Lakefront
- Coastal
- Salt marsh
- d.  Of outstanding scenic/architectural value
- Of scenic/architectural value
- Of supportive value to contiguous scenic/architectural area
- Neutral
- Other:

20. ROLE OF BUILDING IN ENHANCING QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT

- Vital
- Important
- Supportive
- Neutral
- Other:

21. OWNERSHIP

- Public
- Private
- Interior accessible

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COMPILED BY

22. Name **Podiseos** Date **7/21/81**

Photographer **Podiseos** Date **7/21/81**

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Organization: Guilford Preservation Alliance  
P.O. Box 199, Guilford, Conn. 06437

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23. THREATS TO BUILDING

- None Known
- Renewal
- Highways
- Private Owner
- Vandalism
- Deterioration
- Developers
- Other:
- Zoning

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS



Addenda 1983

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133 State Street

Sources: Nathanael Greene, owner, notes dated July 1982.