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SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

State of Connecticut

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford 06106

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:

**Buildings & Structures** 

SURVEY OF GUILFORD, NEW HAVEN COUNTY, 06437

June-December 1981

1. ADDRESS 35 State Street

(map 40, lot 97)

2. NAME (historic) NAME

Chloe Munger (also called Franklin Phelps house)

(common)

Public Health Nurse Association

3. USE

(historic)
USE
(present)

Offices

4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

IF NR SPECIEY

Potential

Actual

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QUAD:

DISTRICT

5. ARCHITECT

6. DATE

1828

BUILDER

STYLE Federal

7. ALTERATIONS

Rear and side additions; concrete steps and modern railing; aluminum/vinyl siding.

8. NOTABLE FEATURES

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL

Some of Guilford's new buildings of the 1870s (e.g., 49 South Fair Street and 164 Tanner Marsh Road) have doorways with a slightly curving arch like this one, indicating that the house was remodeled about fifty years after its construction. Its diminuitive size and Federal form make a distinctive contribution to the neighborhood.

## 10. SOURCES

Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; Mary Hoadley Griswold, p. 150; David D. Dudley Notes. Photographs: Guilford Keeping Society.

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

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This house was built in 1828 for Chloe Munger, a spinster from Madison, to whom the property was deeded by her brother Miles, owner of a house on the adjacent triangle of land (bounded by Market Place, State and Union Streets). Chloe Munger lived here until her death in 1842 when the property was deeded back to Miles.

The original home lot was enlarged in 1837 when the Borough of Guilford granted the Mungers additional land in front of their properties. Miles Munger's ownership was derived from the inheritance of his wife, Rachel Grumbley, whose mother Elizabeth Griffing Grumbley had received the land in 1801 from her brothers, Joel and Nathaniel Griffing. Their mother, Mindwell Stone, had inherited the land from her father Sgt. Joseph Stone.

Miles Munger's daughter, Emmeline, married in 1825 Franklin Phelps. It is believed they occupied this house following Chloe's death in 1842. Phelps was Guilford's postmaster 1856-61 and 1865-69. When he died in 1873, his wife's niece, Henrietta and her husband Sylvester Bennett inherited the house. Thus, the property was passed through the female line for four generations, an unusual record in Guilford.

In May 1925 the Guilford Public Health Nurse Association purchased the property from Byron H. Benton.

Sources: Mary Hoadley Griswold, Yester-Years of Guilford, pgs. 149-151; Guilford Nursing and Homemaker Services, Inc.