

# 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) 40 State Street  
 Building Name (Historic) 40 State Street  
 Street Address or Location 40 State Street  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) William J. and Gloria K. Earls  Public  Private

## PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residential: Dwelling  
 Historic Use: Residential: Dwelling

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road?  Yes  No

Interior accessible?  Yes  No If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Style of building Vernacular Cottage Date of Construction c. 1948

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

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|--|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard             | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding        | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding  |
| <input checked="" 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: 1.5 Approximate Dimensions 29' x 30'

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: 2014- Shed dormer added on front facade

**FOR OFFICE USE:** Town # \_\_\_\_\_ Site # \_\_\_\_\_ UTM \_\_\_\_\_

District:  S  NR  If NR, Specify:  Actual  Potential

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**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:

This east facing house is located on a .19 acre parcel on State Street, just north of the Market Place intersection. About a quarter of a mile from the Town Green and one half of a mile from the Boston Post Road, the building is in a primarily residential area, yet walkable to both the local businesses on the Green and the commercial buildings on Boston Post Road. A driveway extends past the south side of the house to a stone two car garage and a shed behind that.

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

This house, built c. 1948, has a fieldstone exterior and cross gable roof. Although it's built in a vernacular cottage style, the architecture has some elements of Tudor style with the steep side gable end on the front facade. On the first bay, a thin, vertical fixed window is near the pediment while a triple single hung sash window, with a transom window on top is on the first floor level. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Testori Family Member (GPA)

- Historical or Architectural importance:

This house was supposedly built by relatives of Isodoro and Joseph Testori, some of the first Italian stone mason immigrants in Guilford. Italian immigrants made up 30% of Guilford's foreign born population by 1910. Stonemasons, Joseph and Isodoro, came to Guilford from Olda, Italy. Joseph came first and built his own stone house on Boston Street plus two additional houses stone on Boston Street. Isodoro came later and first lived with Joseph until he married and started a family. He bought a house on Little Meadow Road and reinforced it with stone. (See Continuation Sheet)

- Sources:

Baxter "The Newcomers"; Guilford Preservation Alliance, "Significant Structures Fifty Years Old or More, Guilford, Connecticut" accessed at <http://guilfordpreservation.org/WordPress/illustrated-survey> on March 25, 2015; Property card found at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=7203> on March 29, 2015

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 1/31/2015  
View East view, camera facing west Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Jordan Sorensen Date 3/29/32015  
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.285532  
Longitude: -72.681302

**Threats to the building or site:**

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

40 State Street

**Notable Features Continued**

A sidewalk leads up to four stone steps and a blue door on the next bay. On the third bay there is a pair of single hung sash windows with a transom on top. In 2014, a shed dormer with two windows was added onto the front gable.

**Historical/Architectural Significance Continued**

The brothers' stonework is recognizable by use of whole round stones and diamond shaped inserts. In addition to houses, they built several porches and chimneys around town.

