

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Please send completed form to: Stacey Vairo, National Register and State Register Coordinator,
State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Economic and Community Development, One Constitution Plaza,
2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06103

* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 71 State Street
 Building Name (Historic) John E. Benton House
 Street Address or Location 71 State Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Timothy and Kelly Proctor Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residence: Multifamily 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 Italianate Date of Construction c. 1875 (Helander)

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

- | | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <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 Arch. Shingles

Number of Stories: 2 Approximate Dimensions 46' x 42'

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: Wooden deck and open porch added in 1980 and 2000

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 .66 acre parcel, this west facing building is on the east side of State Street, to the north of the intersection with Market Street and south of the intersection with Boston Post Road. It's in a dense residential neighborhood about a quarter mile north east of the Guilford Green. A small driveway extends past the north side and ends at the rear of the house where there is a garage.

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

Built c. 1875, this two story Italianate style building sits atop a stone brick foundation and is sheathed in dark blue clapboards with white and yellow trim. The hip roof is covered with architectural shingles, has two chimneys, and a wide overhang. Three one over one hung sash windows are on the second floor level. Directly below are two more windows and a front door entry underneath a wrap around porch on the south side elevation. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

John Benton's father, Henry, a farmer, owned several plots of land on State Street in the nineteenth century. John Benton built this house around 1875 and then inherited the land in 1883 when his father died. He then bought the adjacent lot where the State Street School was located as well, just to the north. The school was moved in 1907 to a location on Seaside Avenue (See 86 Seaside Avenue). A house built in 1962, 85 State Street, is currently where the school was. Benton worked as a store clerk and farmer throughout his life.

- Sources:

Ancestry.com, United States Federal Census Records, 1870-1900; Helander, Joel Eliot, "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; Helander, Joel, House Dating Dossier for 93 State Street, 1996; Property card obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=5849> on September 17, 2015.

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 01/31/2015
View West, camera facing east Negative on File _____
Name Jordan Sorensen Date 09/17/2015
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance
Address PO Box 199 Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.286613
Longitude: -72.681530

Threats to the building or site:

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

HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY – BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

CONTINUATION SHEET

71 State Street

Notable Features

The hip roof porch has yellow trim and porch supports that are connected to a kneewall sheathed in the same clapboards as the rest of the house. The porch skirting is white latticework that ends at a wooden stoop in front of the front door.

