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

**IDENTIFICATION**

1. **ADDRESS** — 94 State Street (map 46, lot 5)

2. **NAME** (historic) — Ambrose Benton

   **NAME** (common)

3. **USE** (historic)

   **USE** (present) — Private house

4. **IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:**



**DESCRIPTION**

5. **ARCHITECT**　　　　**BUILDER**

6. **DATE** 1798　　　　**STYLE** Colonial

7. **ALTERATIONS**
   Red-painted shingles; 2/2 sash; side porch and rear shed.
   For major changes see below.

8. **NOTABLE FEATURES**

9. **ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL**
   Like 15 State Street, this was a late 18th century one-story house before the 20th century's demand for more space urged owners to add a second floor. The roof slope belongs to the 20th century but the second-floor overhang and central chimney give an 18th century aspect to this house. The interior still has some important original work.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

10. **SOURCES**
    Dorothy Whitfield Society '76; Connecticut Historical Commission '67 and '72; Tercentenary Committee. Photographs: Guilford Library, Charles Hubbard Collection; Chapman.

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 1/2  **APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:**  **LOT SIZE:** 1/2 ACRE (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
- ☐ Stone Wall(s)
- ☐ Garden
- ☐ Pickett Fence
- ☐ Terracing
- ☐ Iron Fence
- ☐ Plaza
- ☐ Post & Rail
- ☐ Court
- ☐ Other:

**19. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT**

a.
- ☒ Town Street
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ Semi-rural
- ☐ Clustered Growth
- ☐ Development

b.
- ☒ Commercial  _office across st. inahouse–_
- ☐ Industrial  _but does not detract_
- ☐ Agricultural  _from residential feeling of_
- ☒ Residential  _st._
- ☐ 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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**22. Name** P.Odiseos   **Date** 7/17/81

**Photographer** P.Odiseos   **Date** 7/17/81   Negative Roll 11:2

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**23. THREATS TO BUILDING**
- ☐ None Known
- ☐ Renewal
- ☐ Highways
- ☐ Private Owner
- ☐ Vandalism
- ☐ Deterioration
- ☐ Developers
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Zoning

**24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS**

Alterations:

    The shingles were removed and the clapboards
were restored in the fall of 1982.  The
original 12/12 sash was also reinstalled.

Source:    Jeanne Walker, owner, note dated 13th January, 1983

    The roof was raised to a second storey in 1909.

Source:    Shore Line Times, 15th April, 1909

Historical:

    Ambrose Benton, son of Jabez and May Bartholomew Benton
of Farmington, was born in 1769.  He married
Mary Evarts in 1781.  He died in March 1847.

Sources:    Talcott Genealogy; Mary Hoadley Griswold, Yester-Years
of Guilford, p. 54.