

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

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| Town No.: | | Site No. 375 | |
| UTM | : | : | : |
| QUAD: | | | |
| DISTRICT | | IF NR SPECIFY | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S | <input type="checkbox"/> NR | <input type="checkbox"/> Actual | <input type="checkbox"/> Potential |

IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 30 Uncas Circle
(map 3, lot 10)
2. NAME
(historic) Edward Seward
NAME
(common)
3. USE
(historic)
USE
(present) Private house
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
6. DATE 1913-14
- BUILDER
STYLE Arts and Crafts
7. ALTERATIONS

SIGNIFICANCE

8. NOTABLE FEATURES
Overhanging eaves and rafters; large stone chimney; stone arched openings; some elongated hexagon shape panes in the dormer windows; (facade not seen - not visible from a public road)
9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL
Looming up from a bed of granite surrounded by water, this enormous house rises from a stone first floor to a second floor surrounded by glassed-in porches to a third floor of shingled dormers, gables, and roofs. A splendid example of seaside architecture of the grand scale of the early years of this century along the east coast. There are elements of several styles in this house: colonial revival, shingle style, and bungalow. There is a small pergola located beside the tennis court with columns and a roof angle similar to that of the main house. It has not been possible to tie the name of any architect to this large house.
The house was built by Edward Seward, one of the founders of the Sachems Head Yacht Club. He lived in this house for two years, his widow sold the property in 1919.

SOURCES

10. SOURCES
Joel E. Helander; W. Saxton Seward interview '82.

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.

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 *inferred* ☐ Asphalt Shingle

☐ Slate

☐ Metal

☐ Other:

14. NUMBER OF STORIES:

2 1/2

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:

LOT SIZE:

2.3 ACRES

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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22. Name D. PENAR

Date FALL 1981

Photographer D. PENAR

Date FALL 1981

Negative 21:27A

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

DESCRIPTION

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Addenda 1983

30 Uncas Circle

Add to Sources: Joel E. Helander, Oxpasture to Summer Colony.