

## 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) 218 Water Street  
 Building Name (Historic) William Willard House  
 Street Address or Location 218 Water Street  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Donald Ifkovic Jr.  Public  Private

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residence: Single Family 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 Georgian Date of Construction 1817 (Helander)

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

Clapboard     Asbestos Siding     Brick     Wood Shingle     Asphalt Siding  
 Fieldstone     Board & Batten     Stucco     Cobblestone     Aluminum Siding  
 Concrete (Type \_\_\_\_\_)     Cut Stone (Type \_\_\_\_\_)     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: 2 Approximate Dimensions 32' x 24'

Structural Condition:  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

Exterior Condition:  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

Location Integrity: On original site \_\_\_\_\_ Moved \_\_\_\_\_ When? 2012/2013

Alterations?  Yes  No  If yes, explain: Remodeled in 2011

**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:

Located on a 1.38 acre parcel, this northwest facing building is located on the east side of Water Street (Rt. 146) north of the intersection with Jacob's Lane and just past the Jones Bridge, heading south east. It is located about a half of a mile south of the Guilford Green. The area is residential and there are several homes that can be seen from the property. A driveway extends past the southwest side of the house and ends at a shed on the southwest side of the property.

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

Built in 1817, this two story Georgian style house sits on a stone brick foundation and is sheathed in pale blue aluminum siding. The side gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has a center chimney. Five two over two hung sash windows are located on the second story level while four of the same windows are on the first floor level on either side of the front door entry. The white front door has a large white door surround with pilasters and entablature. (See C.S.)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

William Willard owned this house in 1817. Orrin D. Blatchley acquired it in 1827 when he also bought the former Bradley Shipyard near Jones bridge on Water Street, now Guilford Boat Yards. This began the shipbuilding dynasty the Blatchleys are known for in town. Him and his three sons, one being Orrin R. Blatchley (See 257 Water St) ruled the business for fifty years. After 1900, Blatchley's great grandsons, Edwin Brown and his brothers George, and Frank (See 258 Water St) took over the business until WWII. The Blatchley family had several homes along Water Street, including a boarding house at 207/209 Water Street (1853) for the shipyard laborers, run by the Blatchley wives. Later owners were Lemuel Scranton (1873), Daniel O'Connell (1875), and Velmard W. Ross (1913).

- Sources:

Helander, Joel Eliot , "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; Property card obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=6537> on August 10, 2015

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 01/17/2015  
View Northwest, camera facing southeast Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Jordan Sorensen Date 08/09/2015  
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.278456  
Longitude: -72.690015

**Threats to the building or site:**

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

218 Water Street

**Notable Features**

A stone stoop leads up to the front door. This house was moved to this location from about 100 feet across the driveway in 2012/2013 after the Guilford Preservation Alliance stepped in when the owner wanted to demolish. Thus, the original frame of this house is still intact. In 2009, this building was scheduled for demolition when the Guilford Preservation Alliance got involved. The owner, Donald Ifkovic, Jr., had the building moved closer to the West River by about 50–75 feet and rehabilitated it around the original timber frame.

