

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) Guilford Boat Yards
 Building Name (Historic) Chester A. Brown
 Street Address or Location 230 Water Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Guilford Boat Yards Inc. Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residence: Single Family Dwelling/Business
 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 Queen Anne Date of Construction 1879 (Helander)

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Vinyl</u> | | |

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 46' x 18x

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: _____

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: Retail Store

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 5.77 acre parcel, this northwest facing building is located on the east side of Water Street (Rt. 146) just north of the intersection with Jacob's Lane, across from Cunningham Drive, and is located 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 northeast side of the house and ends at the large boatyard. (See Continuation Sheet)

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

Built in 1879, this Queen Anne style building sits atop a stone brick foundation and is sheathed in white vinyl siding, wood shingles, and scalloped shingles. A front gable and two rear cross gables are covered in asphalt shingles and have one chimney. A pair of arched windows are located at the roof peak amongst regular wood shingles and scalloped. On the second story level are three windows, all two over one hung sash. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

• Historical or Architectural importance:

Chester A. Brown was the first owner of the house in 1879. His son George H. Brown took over the house in 1918. The area is called Jones Bridge for the bridge that crosses the West River just north of the property. William Jones and his son Caleb, the namesakes, lived on or near this property around 1721. The boat yard was first run by the Blatchley brothers (See 257 Water St) and then the Browns, Edwin, George and Frank (See 258 Water St). When Frank Brown sold the boatyard and moved to Chaffinch Road, it was taken over by a new set of brothers, the Duhaimes, who still own it today. Robert L. Ashman, a boatyard worker, then owned the house in 1944.

• Sources:

Ancestry.com, United States Federal Census Records, 1900, 1940; Helander, Joel Eliot, "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; Property card accessed at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=2888> on August 9, 2015

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View Northwest, camera facing southeast Negative on File _____

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Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

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• Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.278022
Longitude: -72.690131

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

230 Water Street

Building and Surroundings

A white fence lines the southwest side of the house and goes around the back yard in the rear. Down in the boatyard, there is a garage, couple of sheds, and a building for retail operations, at the northeast portion of the property near the West River.

Notable Features

Directly below are two one over one hung sash windows and a recessed, red, horizontally paneled door with one window on the north end of the façade. One stone step leads up to the door.

