

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 258 Water Street
 Building Name (Historic) Captain Charles M. Bowen
 Street Address or Location 258 Water Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Judith House Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residence: Dwelling
 Historic Use: Residence: 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 1904 (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 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 31' x 28'

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: _____

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 .64 acre parcel, this west facing building is located on the east side of Water Street (Route 146) across from the intersection with Jacob's Lane. It is located a half of a mile south of the Guilford Green and about 200 feet south of the Guilford Boat Yards. The area is residential and there are a few other homes visible through the wooded area. A driveway extends past the north side of the house and ends at a small garage.

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

This house, built in the Queen Anne style in 1904 sits atop a poured concrete foundation and is sheathed in cream colored vinyl siding with white trim. It has a front gable roof with a cross gable in the rear, covered in asphalt shingles. The front gable section has a fixed window at the roof peak and two windows on the second story level, both two over two hung sash, and all have green muntins. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

Captain Charles M. Bowen, a seaman since he was a teenager, was the first owner of this home in 1904. In his older age, after building this home, he began farming. Owen and Catherine Dailey, Irish immigrants, occupied the house by 1911. As of 1900, Owen was a hired worker at one of the adjacent properties on Water Street. He later served as the church sexton, or site manager, for St. George's Church on Whitfield Street (See 161 Whitfield). Frank Brown owned the house as of 1939. He was a shipbuilder at his own boatyard called Brown's Frank Boat Yard on Chaffinch Island Rd, a mile and a half south of this house. Frank Brown started the boatyard after leaving one on Water Street in the mid 1940s. He wanted a location closer to Long Island Sound and south of the railroad bridge crossing West River. (See C.S.)

- Sources:

Ancestry.com, United States Federal Census Records, 1860, 1900, 1910, 1940; Brown's Boatyard, "About", accessed at <http://brownsboatyard-ct.com/about/> on August 6, 2015; 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=825> on August 5, 2015

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View West, camera facing east Negative on File _____
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.277495
Longitude: -72.690495

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

258 Water Street

Notable Features

Below that is a wraparound porch, the front part enclosed and the part inset in the “L” open. The cross gable that can be seen from the front, at the north end, has one two over two window like the front façade windows.

Historical/Architectural Importance

Brown built the boatyard shop out of timbers once used in a church on the Green. Frank owned the yard until the late 1970s but it is still a thriving boatyard today.

