

# 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) 684 West Street  
 Building Name (Historic) George A. Gordon House  
 Street Address or Location 684 West Street  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Julia Dunham  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 Colonial Revival Date of Construction 1878 (Helander)

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

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|--|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 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 29' x 38'

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: South side window on facade covered over after 1981

**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 1.5 acre parcel, this east facing house is on the west side of West Street, a tenth of a mile south of the intersection with Wilburs Lane and one mile north of the intersection with County Road in the northern part of Guilford. It is a primarily wooded area with some other residences and fields. A driveway extends past the south side of the house and ends at the rear.

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

Built in 1878, this two story Colonial Revival house sits atop a poured concrete foundation (probably covering a stone foundation) and is sheathed in white clapboards. The side gabled roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has two chimneys, one at the rear and one on the north gable elevation. The six over six hung sash windows on the facade are located on the northern side. The front entry is on the southern side. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

The first owner of this house was George A. Gordon in 1878. As of 1879, John S. Dolph (1855-1929), a farmer on the property, was the owner. He was married to Elizabeth Dolph. In 1929, presumably after John Dolph's death, George B. Terry became the owner. He lived there with his wife, Mable and children Doris, Olive, Clarice, and June. George worked as a laborer at a lumber mill and as a farmer. The 1934 aerial photographs show this house and the property consists of most of the surrounding land with a barn at the rear. There are no nearby houses. The 1951 aerials also show the same thing showing the house stayed as a complete parcel for several decades, probably farmed the whole time.

- Sources:

Ancestry.com, U.S. Census Records, 1900-1940; Helander, Joel Eliot, "A Treasury of Guilford Places, September 2015 Insert Inventory" Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; Property card obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=2071> on August 12, 2015; UConn Magic Maps, 1934 & 1951-52 Aerial Photographs obtained at [http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/connecticut\\_data.html#apindex1951](http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/connecticut_data.html#apindex1951) on November 5, 2015.

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 04/26/2015

View East, camera facing west Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_

Name Jordan Sorensen Date 08/12/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 42.333253

Longitude: -72.523535

**Threats to the building or site:**

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

684 West Street

**Notable Features**

A window used to be above it, making it more symmetrical, but the window was covered over with siding after 1981. A blue door sits inside a recessed entry with a large door surround with a thick, simple entablature. An open deck, with white balustrades, lays in front of the first and second bay of the house but then wraps around the south elevation where it becomes a covered porch. A stoop leads up to it and white latticework decorates the bottom perimeter of the deck. The east portion of the house predates the west, or rear, addition.



1981 (Phase 1 Guilford Preservation Alliance Survey, Elizabeth Brown)