

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) 139 White Birch Drive
 Building Name (Historic) 139 White Birch Drive
 Street Address or Location 139 White Birch Drive
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Nicole Dubois & Jon Modica 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 Ranch Date of Construction c. 1934

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 Architectural Shingles

Number of Stories: 1 Approximate Dimensions 40' x 32'

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 .29 acre parcel, this southeast facing house is on the west side of White Birch Drive, about one third of a mile south of the intersection with North Madison Road and one mile north of the intersection with Nut Plains Road. It is in a residential area with one of the Guilford Lakes at the rear, or west side, and woodland across the street to the east. A small driveway is located at the east corner of the house in front of a one car garage.

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

Built c. 1934, this one story Ranch style house sits atop a stone brick foundation and is sheathed in white clapboard siding. The cross gable roof is covered with architectural shingles with a chimney in the center. The south side of the facade has a front gable section with one six over one hung sash window. Moving north across the facade, there is one more of the same hung sash window, a front door, and then a pair of six pane casement windows. (See Cont. Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

Guilford not only provided summer colonies on ocean front property, but also on three man-made lakes in the upper Nut Plains area of town called the "Guilford Lakes" along the East River. Named Guilford Lakes Estates, White Birch Drive was one of these communities, with construction starting in 1929. The land, 1,200 acres total, was purchased from Arthur D. Munger and developed by New Haven's Land & Lake Development Company into 30-50 foot block parcels. This house appears in 1934 aerial photos yet the earliest known owners are William and Dorothy Breslin in 1950. After William died in 1962, Dorothy married Thomas Regan in 1969 and continued living in the house until 1989 when Dorothy died. Mark and Elizabeth Smith became the owners the same year.

- Sources:

Ancestry.com, 1963 City Directory & Connecticut Marriage Index, 1959-2012; Developer Map, Guilford Lakes Estates by Land & Lake Development Co.; 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=6004> on November 9, 2015; (See Continuation Sheet)

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 10/18/2015

View Southeast, camera facing northwest Negative on File _____

Name Jordan Sorensen Date 11/08/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

Address PO Box 199 Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.328817

Longitude: -72.682697

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Notable Features Continued

The door and pair of windows is on the façade's north side front gable section of the house which also has a small decorative four pane awning window near the roof peak. The front door entry is a decorative white screen door underneath a gable porch roof, attached to the house with white brackets.

Sources Continued

Shoreline Times, May 2, 1929, May 9, 1929, August 8, 1929; UConn Magic Maps, 1934 Aerial Photographs, http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/mash_up/1934_aerial_index.

