

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) 145 White Birch Drive
 Building Name (Historic) 145 White Birch Drive
 Street Address or Location 145 White Birch Drive
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Maryjane Potter 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 c. 1945

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: 2 Approximate Dimensions 34' 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 .25 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 south corner of the house in front of a one car garage.

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

Built c. 1945, this two story Colonial Revival style house sits atop a poured concrete foundation and is sheathed in gray wood shingles with white trim. The side gable roof is covered in architectural shingles with one center chimney. Three six over one hung sash windows are located on the second floor level, with a large space in between the first and second window. (See Continuation 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. The earliest known owners if this house were George and Maybelle Freeman in 1960. They also lived in Bridgeport. By 1965, Donald and Valerie Johnson owned the house and stayed until 1989.

• Sources:

Ancestry.com, 1963 City Directory; 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=3547> on November 9, 2015; Shoreline Times, May 2, 1929, May 9, 1929, August 8, 1929.

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View Southeast, camera facing northwest Negative on File _____
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• Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.328269
Longitude: -72.683350

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

145 White Birch Drive

Notable Features Continued

Directly underneath are two more of the same windows and a door entry on the north side of the facade. The red front door has a bottom panel with twelve window panes on top. An entry porch with a gable roof and broken arched pediment is held up by two Doric columns. The south side of the façade has an attached one car garage.

