

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) 150 White Birch Drive
 Building Name (Historic) 150 White Birch Drive
 Street Address or Location 150 White Birch Drive
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Joseph and Nicole Shepter 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. 1935

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 checked="" 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 Architectural Shingles

Number of Stories: 1 Approximate Dimensions 44' 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: _____

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 .33 acre parcel, this northwest facing house is on the east 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 across the street, or west side, and woodland at the rear, or east side. A small driveway is located in front of the house, or the northwest side. (See Continuation Sheet)

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

Built c. 1935, this one story Ranch style house sits atop a stone brick foundation and is sheathed in yellow aluminum siding with white trim. The side gable roof is covered in architectural shingles with an eave side chimney on the north side elevation. Four six over six hung sash windows are equally spaced across the facade with a front door entry in the middle. Each window has a green plant box underneath it. (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 owner of this house was Edmund L. and Ann Stoddard in 1947. Edmund played a vital role in establishing the Guilford Lakes Improvement Association which sought to acquire ownership of the dams and lake basins in order to maintain them more effectively than out of state, non-residents could. (See Continuation Sheet)

- Sources:

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=6988> on November 9, 2015; Shoreline Times, May 2, 1929, May 9, 1929, August 8, 1929, August 26, 1971.

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 10/18/2015

View Northwest, camera facing southeast Negative on File _____

Name Jordan Sorensen Date 11/12/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

Address PO Box 199 Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.328103

Longitude: -72.683478

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

150 White Birch Drive

Surroundings Continued

A two car garage is located off the south corner of the house and also has a small driveway in front of it. The house is on a small hill above the driveway with a stoop that leads up to the door.

Notable Features Continued

A dark green paneled door is located behind a white screen door. A concrete stoop with six steps and an iron railing leads up to the front door.

Historical/Architectural Significance

Later, the group got the legislature to pass a bill which gave the Association municipal authority over the community where they could levy and collect taxes among other things for the use of the safety and well-being of the residents. The Stoddards owned the house until 1984 when it was owned by Peter and Kimberly Ann Anderson.

