

# 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) 155 White Birch Drive  
 Building Name (Historic) 155 White Birch Drive  
 Street Address or Location 155 White Birch Drive  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Roberta N. & Jerome A. Silbert  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 Vernacular Cottage Date of Construction c. 1938

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 checked="" 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Stories: 1 Approximate Dimensions 52' 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

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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 .21 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 is across the street to the east. A small driveway is located at the east side of the house in front of a one car garage. (See Continuation Sheet)

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

Built c. 1938, this Vernacular Cottage style house sits atop a stone brick foundation and is sheathed in red wood shingle siding. The cross gable roof, the main mass being side gable, with one front gable section, are covered in asphalt shingles with a central chimney. From south to north on the facade is one one over one hung sash 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 owner was Levina Schoedel in 1954. By 1966, Sidney and Nancy Clow owned the house followed by Connie and Terrance McDermott in 1973 and Jerome and Roberta Silbert in 1978

**• 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=6674> on November 9, 2015; Shoreline Times, May 2, 1929, May 9, 1929, August 8, 1929.

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 10/18/2015

View Southeast, camera facing northwest Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_

Name Jordan Sorensen Date 11/12/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

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**• Subsequent field evaluations:**

Latitude: 41.328052  
Longitude: -72.683709

**Threats to the building or site:**

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

155 White Birch Drive

**Buildings and Surroundings Continued**

A large fieldstone stoop leads up a small hill to the main mass of the house and front door entry.

**Notable Features Continued**

Then a middle section with a pediment on the roof has a louvered vent near the roof peak with a six over one hung sash window underneath. A small enclosed porch with a shed roof is next to it in the ell in between the main mass of the house and the following cross gable. The porch has a door entry on the south side with three windows on the façade side. The cross gable section has a front gable with a small rectangular window with three panes near the roof peak and a six over one hung sash window under it. Underneath that is a small half level as a walk out basement which is also a garage with two large double doors.

