

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) 68 White Birch Drive
 Building Name (Historic) 68 White Birch Drive
 Street Address or Location 68 White Birch Drive
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Frederic Lawler Jr. & Cynthia Preble 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. 1950

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: 1 Approximate Dimensions 34' x 20'

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 wing added 2013-2015

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 .14 acre parcel, this south facing house is on the east side of White Birch Drive, one tenth of a mile south of the intersection with North Madison Road. The area is residential with many homes. To the west is one of the Guilford Lakes, across from the house, and woodland is on east side to the rear of the house. A driveway is located at the southwest corner of the house.

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

Built c. 1950, this one story Ranch sits atop a poured concrete foundation and is sheathed in red clapboard siding with white trim. The front gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles with one chimney in the center of the building. Three eight over eight hung sash windows are located along the facade, on west side elevation. The south side small wing is a recent addition and has a door entry, covered by a white, small, gable roof awning.

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

Guilford not only provided summer colonies on ocean front property, but also on three manmade 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 and continued into the 1970s. 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 in 1959 was Paul and Mary Louise Roman. By 1983, Paul Roman had died and his widow, then remarried, Mary Louise Goolsby owned the house, but had moved to Florida in 1980. Later that year, Frederic Lawler and Cynthia Preble (current owners) owned the house and have ever since.

- 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=6149> on November 9, 2015; Shoreline Times, May 2, 1929, May 9, 1929, August 8, 1929; December 12, 1990.

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 10/18/2015

View West, camera facing east Negative on File _____

Name Jordan Sorensen Date 11/7/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

Address PO Box 199 Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.330045

Longitude: -72.683183

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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