

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) 93 White Birch Drive
 Building Name (Historic) 93 White Birch Drive
 Street Address or Location 93 White Birch Drive
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Walter Weissborn II 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. 1929

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 type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Novelty</u> | | |

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: 1.5 Approximate Dimensions 25' x 23'

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 .15 acre parcel, this east facing house is on the west side of White Birch Drive, a quarter of a mile south of the intersection with North Madison Road and one mile north of the intersection with Nut Plains Road. The area is residential with many homes. To the west is Guilford Lake, which the house overlooks from the rear and woodland is on the east side, across the street. A driveway is on the north side of the house in front of a one car garage.

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

Built c. 1929, this one and half story Vernacular Cottage style house sits atop a stone brick foundation and is sheathed in red novelty siding. This cross gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles with two chimneys on the north side eaves. A front gable wing is located on the north side of the front facade. A one over one hung sash window is located there on the first floor level. (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. In 1958, the earliest known owner was Ruth Sclank (later Cohen). Later, Russell and Margaret Shay owned the house in 1964, followed by Gertrude Pert in 1966 and Christopher P. Henry in 1991.

- 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=5621> on November 9, 2015; Shoreline Times, May 2, 1929, May 9, 1929, August 8, 1929.

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View East, camera facing west Negative on File _____
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.329705
Longitude: -72.682961

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

93 White Birch Drive

Notable Feature Continued

A small two over two hung sash window is located on the side gable section that makes up the rest of the façade. On the south side of the façade is a pair of two over two hung sash windows.

