

## HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Please send completed form to: Stacey Vairo, National Register and State Register Coordinator,  
State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Economic and Community Development, One Constitution Plaza,  
2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06103

\* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 116 Whitfield Street  
 Building Name (Historic) Orlando Knowles House  
 Street Address or Location 116 Whitfield Street  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Arthur Carter  Public  Private

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Retail  
 Historic Use: Retail

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road?  Yes  No  
 Interior accessible?  Yes  No If yes, explain Retail business open to the public  
 Style of building Vernacular Date of Construction 1857 (Helander)

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 Vinyl Siding

#### 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: 2 Approximate Dimensions 47' x 19'

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: concrete patio on north side (1950)

**Surrounding Environment:**

- Open land       Woodland       Residential       Commercial       Industrial       Rural  
 High building density       Scattered buildings visible from site

- Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

This building is located on a .12 acre parcel on the east side of Whitfield Street, just south of the Town Green. It is the last of commercial buildings before Whitfield Street becomes mainly residential as it goes south. It is adjacent to a large parking lot for the commercial buildings on Boston Street.

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

Although devoid of all ornamentation, this white, Vernacular style building has vinyl siding and a brick foundation measuring forty seven feet long and nineteen feet wide. The 1857 building faces southeast and has a front gable roof covered in asphalt shingles. On the front gable there are two bay windows on either side of the front entry door with 12 over 30, 16 over 40, and 4 over 10 fixed sash windows on each bay. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

Built in 1857 as a meat market, Orlando L. Knowles was the first owner of this building. Based on census records, it can be determined that the Knowles family lived on the second floor, above the meat market. Frank Knowles, Orlando's son, grew up in the house and later became the founder of the Knowles-Lombard Company in the 1920s. The successful company primarily canned pumpkins and tomatoes and made "grit" for poultry farmers, along with selling its subdivided real estate on Tuttle's Point beginning in 1925. Later in the nineteenth century, Knowles lost the house due to indebtedness and the Roman Catholic church acquired the building, used as the first chapel before the building on the corner of High and Whitfield Streets was built (See 161 Whitfield St). (See Continuation Sheet)

- Sources:

Ancestry.com. 1870 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Helander, Joel, "Treasury of Guilford Places" Self Published: Guilford, CT, 2008; Images reproduced by FamilySearch; Guilford Preservation Alliance, "Significant Structures Fifty Years Old or More, Guilford, Connecticut" accessed at <http://guilfordpreservation.org/WordPress/illustrated-survey> on March 27, 2015 (See Continuation Sheet)

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

Name Jordan Sorensen Date 3/29/2015

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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.280663

Longitude: -72.680852

**Threats to the building or site:**

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

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**CONTINUATION SHEET**

**116 Whitfield Street**

**Notable Features Continued**

Directly above is a second story section extended past the main portion of the building with a paired double hung sash window on the front and one on both side elevations.

**Historical/Architectural Significance**

This building was sold to its present owner, lawyer Arthur Carter, in 1979. Currently, the business Lis a lis salon is located on the first floor.

**Sources Continued**

Property card found at

<http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=1056> on March 27, 2015



Guilford Keeping Society Archives, n.d.