

State of Connecticut
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford 06106

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY:
Buildings & Structures

SURVEY OF GUILFORD, NEW HAVEN COUNTY, 06437
June-December 1981

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No. 423
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	IF NR SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 120 Whitfield Street
(map 33, lot 1)
2. NAME Firehouse House -
(historic) Eagle Hose Co. 2
NAME
(common) Firehouse House -
Eagle Hose Co. 2
3. USE
(historic) Fire house
USE
(present) Fire house
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT
6. DATE 1907 BUILDER
STYLE
7. ALTERATIONS
First floor facade entirely remodeled for new engine doors and a small door at the side; resurfaced and painted white.
8. NOTABLE FEATURES
Stepped parapet; cornice with corbel work below; arched window opening in the front.

SIGNIFICANCE

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL
A rare example for Guilford of early 20th century concrete block construction, this firehouse facade is highlighted by handsome arched windows on the second floor. Entrance door modifications have covered part of the surface of the building that elsewhere shows the interesting surface of concrete blocks cast to look like stone.
In the 1850s, two fire companies were enlisted by Leverett C. Stone and Charles W. Miller (see 158 Whitfield Street) for the Fire Engine No. 1 and Washington Fire Engine No. 2. The Eagle Hose Company No. 2 was organized in 1888 following a disastrous fire on Water Street. Its first active membership numbered 14. Reorganized in 1897, it had 30 members by 1900.

SOURCES

10. SOURCES
Steiner; Shore Line Times, Bicentennial Pages; Photographs: Guilford Keeping Society; Guilford Library, Griswold Scrapbooks.

In all categories below, check more than one box if applicable.

If you have not actually made certain of the answer to a given question, either leave it blank or write "inferred" after the checked box; or, if drawn from a previous investigator, give source.

11. **MATERIALS**

- ☐ Clapboard
☐ Wood Shingle
☐ Board & Batten

- ☐ Brick
☐ Fieldstone
☐ Cut Stone

- ☐ Stucco
☒ Concrete *block*
☐ Cobblestone

- ☐ Asbestos Shingle
☐ Asphalt Siding
☐ Aluminum/Vinyl

☐ Other:

12. **STRUCTURE**

- ☐ Wood Frame:
☐ Post & Beam
☐ Balloon

☐ Masonry

☐ Iron or Steel

☐ Concrete

☐ Other:

13. **ROOF**

- a. ☐ Pitched
☐ Saltbox
☐ Gambrel

- ☐ Gable-front
☐ Cross-gable
☐ Mansard

- ☐ Hip
☐ Flat Hip
☐ Flat

- ☐ Shed
☐ False Dormer
☐ Sawtooth

☐ Other:

- b. ☐ Tower(s)

☐ Monitor

☐ Cupola

☐ Dormered Gable

☐ Dome

- c. ☐ Wood Shingle

☐ Asphalt Shingle

☐ Slate

☐ Metal

☐ Other:

14. **NUMBER OF STORIES:**

2

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:

LOT SIZE: *approx. 1/8 acres*

15. **CONDITION: Exterior**

☐ Excellent

☒ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Poor

☐ Bad

16. **CONDITION: Structure**

☐ Excellent

☐ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Poor

☐ Bad

17. **OUTBUILDINGS** (visible from public road)

☐ Barn(s)

☐ Carriage House

☐ Garage

☐ Shed(s)

☐ Shop(s)

Other (well, stand, greenhouse, gazebo, privy, etc.):

18. **LANDSCAPING** (visible from public road)

☐ Planted Grounds

☐ Garden

☐ Terracing

☐ Plaza

☐ Court

☐ Stone Wall(s)

☐ Pickett Fence

☐ Iron Fence

☐ Post & Rail

☐ Other:

19. **SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT**

- a. ☒ Town Street

☐ Rural

☐ Semi-rural

☐ Clustered Growth

☐ Development

- b. ☒ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☐ Agricultural

☒ Residential

☐ Vacation, now or originally

- c. ☒ Open

☐ Wooded

☐ Lakefront

☐ Coastal

☐ Salt marsh

- d. ☐ Of outstanding scenic/architectural value

☐ Of scenic/architectural value

☒ Of supportive value to contiguous scenic/architectural area

☐ Neutral

☐ Other:

20. **ROLE OF BUILDING IN ENHANCING QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT**

☐ Vital

☐ Important

☒ Supportive

☐ Neutral

☐ Other:

21. **OWNERSHIP**

☐ Public

☐ Private

☐ Interior accessible

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22. **Name**

P. Odiseos

Date

7/22/71

Photographer

P. Odiseos

Date

7/22/71

Negative Roll 15: 22

Organization:

*Guilford Preservation Alliance
P.O. Box 199, Guilford, Conn. 06437*

Glfd's Neg. Roll 15: 22

23. **THREATS TO BUILDING**

☐ None Known

☐ Highways

☐ Vandalism

☐ Developers

☐ Zoning

☐ Renewal

☐ Private Owner

☐ Deterioration

☐ Other:

24. **SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS**

DESCRIPTION

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