

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) 138 Whitfield Street
 Building Name (Historic) Sarah Weld Matteson House
 Street Address or Location 138 Whitfield Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Malachy & Mary Ellen S. Noone Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residential: Single Family Dwelling
 Historic Use: Residential: Single Family Dwelling

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No

Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain _____

Style of building Greek Revival Date of Construction 1867 (Helander)

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>Vinyl Siding</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 Architectural Shingles

Number of Stories: 2 Approximate Dimensions 64' x 24'

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:

This southeast facing building is located on a .72 acre parcel on the east side of Whitfield Street, a quarter of a mile south of the Town Green. It is just north of the intersection with Whitfield Street and High Street. The area is mostly residential with a high density of houses. A driveway extends past the south east side of the building, under a carport, and leads to a parking area and two car garage.

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

Built in 1867, this two story Greek Revival style building sits atop a stone brick foundation and is sheathed in light blue vinyl siding with white trim. It also has a one story car port on the south east side. The front gable roof is covered with architectural shingles. Under the wide eaves and roof peak, there is a decorative white louvered vent. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder William Weld (Helander)

• Historical or Architectural importance:

The original house on this property belonged to Richard Weld and his wife Sarah who lived their with their two children, Sarah and Maria. He was a sailing master, a naval officer trained in navigating a sailing vessel. After Richard died at sea in 1852, at age 52, his daughter Sarah got married to Morman Matteson and this present house was built for them by William Weld, a prolific builder in Guilford known for his Villa and Greek Revival styled houses. His building ledger notes the construction of this house. It was later bought by William E. Bishop, a furniture maker.

• Sources:

Ancestry.com, Hale Cemetery Inscriptions and Newspaper Notices, 1629-1934; Ancestry.com, United States Federal Census, 1850-1900; Helander, Joel, "Treasury of Guilford Places" Self Published: Guilford, CT, 2008; Property card found at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=1193> on March 29, 2015.

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 1/11/2015

View Southeast view, camera facing northwest Negative on File _____

Name Jordan Sorensen Date 3/29/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

Address PO Box 199 Guilford, CT 06437

• Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.280312
Longitude: -72.680184

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

138 Whitfield Street

Notable Features

Three, tall and narrow two over two hung sash windows are on the second floor level under the cornice returns, and two of the same on the first floor on either side of the entryway. The simple flat roofed entry, with two one-story columns, stands over a yellow door flanked with sidelights and a six step stone stoop with railings. A white belt course expands beyond the line of the entry roof across the midsection of the facade.

