

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) 173 Whitfield Street
 Building Name (Historic) Captain Eli Kimberly House
 Street Address or Location 173 Whitfield Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Szydlo and Francis E. Platt Estate c/o Joseph and Natalie Estof Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residential: Two Family Dwelling
 Historic Use: Residential: 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 1850 (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</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: 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: Converted into a two family house

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 building is located on a .45 acre parcel on the west side of Whitfield Street, just south of the intersection with High Street and a quarter of a mile south of the Town Green and the intersection of Whitfield Street and Boston Street. It is in a mainly residential area with many houses. A driveway extends past the north side of the building and leads to a garage that was added c. 1900. A path leads to the front entry from the sidewalk in the front of the building.

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

This two-story Greek Revival style house was built in 1850. It has creamy white vinyl siding with white trim, a front gable roof covered in asphalt shingles and a stone and brick foundation. Two chimneys sit on the ridgeline of the roof, one at the front and one at the back of the house. Another gable extends off the south elevation of the house, adding two one over one double hung sash windows to the front façade view (one on each level). (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder William E. Weld (Helander)

• Historical or Architectural importance:

Captain Eli Kimberly purchased vacant land on the west side of what was then Harbor Street from John Bartlett in 1849. The house was built in 1850 for Captain Kimberly by William E. Weld after he had served on Faulkner's Island as the lightkeeper for 33 years, from 1818 to 1851, making this his retirement home. Captain Kimberly and his wife raised twelve children on the island during his tenure. Many Faulkner Island lightkeepers called Whitfield Street home after their term ended on the lighthouse. The rectangle window near the roof peak is a trademark of builder, William Weld, as shown by other houses he built, notably at 276 Boston Street.

• Sources:

Helander, Joel Eliot, "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; Helander, Joel Eliot, "House Dating Dossier" notes, 1991; Property card found at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=7139> (accessed on June 5, 2015)

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 1/11/2015

View Northeast, camera facing southwest Negative on File _____

Name Jordan Sorensen Date 6/5/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

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• Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.279239
Longitude: -72.678930

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

173 Whitfield Street

Notable Features Continued

A fixed rectangular window is located near the wide trim at the peak of the roof while three one over one hung sash windows are on the second level under the cornice return, and two on the first next to the front entry. The front entry is located on the south side of the front elevation. It is located underneath a gable roof attached with decorative brackets with a small white railing on either side.

