

# 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) 174 Whitfield Street  
 Building Name (Historic) James Monroe House  
 Street Address or Location 174 Whitfield Street  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Clarence Demond  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 1863 (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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |  |  |

### 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 Asbestos

Number of Stories: 2 Approximate Dimensions 42' x 31'

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: 1963- Added garage, back deck; 1983- Added porch

**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: Rear wooden deck, south elevation porch added

**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 .46 acre parcel, this building is a quarter mile south of the Guilford Green and in between High Street and Norton Avenue on the east side of Whitfield Street. It is a residential area with many historic homes. A driveway extends past the north side of the house to an attached garage at the rear as well as deck added in 1963. A porch on the south elevation was added in 1983.

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

This building is a two story, Greek Revival style building sided with gray wood shingles and a front gable roof covered in asbestos shingles, built in 1863. It has a chimney located in the center, on the northeast side of the ridgeline and a stone and brick foundation. There is an eight over eight hung sash window near the peak of the roof with two seemingly random brackets evenly spaced on either side. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

**• Historical or Architectural importance:**

This building was built on the site of an earlier house belonging to E. Chapman Bishop. The first owner was James Monroe, a hardware store owner (Jasper Monroe & Sons built in 1858, now Page's Hardware) who registered for the Civil War draft the same year the house was built. In 1866, he moved to a house on Fair Street and died five years later. A later owner, around 1880, was Julius E. Norton, owner of 11-17 Water Street as of 1897. His family then ran the market there for three generations, thus the building was dubbed "Norton Brick Block." He lived at this location on Whitfield Street until at least 1920 with his wife Maria.

**• Sources:**

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Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 1/11/2015

View Southwest, camera facing northeast Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_

Name Jordan Sorensen Date 6/6/2015

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**• Subsequent field evaluations:**

Latitude: 41.279644  
Longitude: -72.679430

**Threats to the building or site:**

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

174 Whitfield Street

**Notable Features Continued**

There are three six over six hung sash windows on the second floor level and two on the bottom floor, on the southern side of the elevation, all having white shutters. The front entry is on the northern side of the façade with a gable roof over it attached by decorative brackets. A stone stoop with four stairs and metal railings leads up to the front entry door.

**Sources Continued**

Page's Hardware History at <http://www.pagehardware.com/history.html> (accessed June 6, 2015); Property card obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=1760> (accessed on June 6, 2015)

