

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. 429
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. ADDRESS 186-188 Whitfield
(map 33, lot 10)
2. NAME William Faulkner
(historic)
NAME
(common)
3. USE
(historic)
USE
(present) Double House
4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



DESCRIPTION

5. ARCHITECT See below
6. DATE c1850
- BUILDER
STYLE Villa Style
7. ALTERATIONS
Basement windows added under porch. Small north window replaced one of regular size when the house was bought and renovated 1975-76.

SIGNIFICANCE

8. NOTABLE FEATURES
Broad eave with entablature below; floor-length windows on the first floor front; eared window surrounds; porch extending across the whole front, with paired steps and distinctive rail. Square channeled columns with flat moldings.
9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL
Strongly suggestive of Henry Austin's style, this may be his work but more probably is one of the instances where a local builder worked from an Austin design, as we know, for example that William Weld sometimes did. An unexpected detail is the porch rail, which is a copy in wood of the iron fence around the New Haven Green, built at roughly the same time as the house. Double houses, though rare in Guilford, were built in fair numbers in New Haven. Those of the first half of the 19th century are divided horizontally rather than vertically as they would be in the two-deckers of the end of the century. In this way two small houses could be made to look like one substantial one. In the present case the porch ties the two parts together and adds to the imposing effect.
10. SOURCES
Restored in 1975; original clapboards found under asphalt shingles and present paint color matched to original paint.

SOURCES

Dorothy Whitfield Society '76.

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 *Top story* ☐ Brick ☐ Stucco ☐ Asbestos Shingle ☐ Other:
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Fieldstone ☐ Concrete ☐ Asphalt Siding *horizontal siding lower story*
☐ Board & Batten ☐ Cut Stone ☐ Cobblestone ☐ Aluminum/Vinyl

12. STRUCTURE

- ☐ Wood Frame: ☐ Masonry ☐ Iron or Steel ☐ Concrete ☐ Other:
☐ Post & Beam
☐ Balloon

13. ROOF

- a. ☐ Pitched ☐ Gable-front ☐ Hip ☐ Shed ☐ Other:
☐ Saltbox ☐ Cross-gable ☐ Flat Hip ☐ False Dormer
☐ Gambrel ☐ Mansard ☐ Flat ☐ Sawtooth
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. .75 acre

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 ☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Open
☐ Semi-rural ☐ Agricultural ☐ Residential ☐ Wooded
☐ Clustered Growth ☐ Vacation, now or originally ☐ Lakefront
☐ Development ☐ 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 2/23/01

Photographer

P. Odiseos

Date 2/28/01

Negs Roll 17: 1

Organization:

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23. THREATS TO BUILDING

- ☐ None Known ☐ Highways ☐ Vandalism ☐ Developers ☐ Zoning
☐ Renewal ☐ Private Owner ☐ Deterioration ☐ Other:

24. SUBSEQUENT EVALUATIONS

DESCRIPTION

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William Faulkner resided at 196 Whitfield Street (see file).

The restoration of this house was recognized by the Alliance in its 1982 Award.

Sources: Elizabeth Mills Brown MS notes including interviews with the owners, 1982; Irvine Map 1852.