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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY: Buildings & Structures

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

1. ADDRESS

196 Whitfield Street

2. NAME

(map 33, lot 11)

(historic)

H.A. Chittenden

NAME (common)

The Happy Child Nursery School

3. USE

(historic)

(present)

Private house and nursery.

school

4. IF MOVED, WHEN AND FROM WHERE:



5. ARCHITECT

6. DATE

1844

BUILDER

Federal

7. ALTERATIONS

Side addition .

8 NOTABLE FEATURES Central hall plan with twin chimney in brick; boxed cornice (pedimented); frieze; 6/6 sash; wide wooden lintels; rectangular gable windows; entry with an entablature roof (with a row of dentils); tapered fluted columns, pilasters with leaf like capitals and sidelights.

9. ARCHITECTURAL-HISTORICAL

A roof ridge parallel to the street and a central hall plan declare a taste for forms of an earlier age in this house built with Greek Revival details. An 1852 lithograph shows porch wings with scalloped trim on either end; one of them survives to the present. This house is an interesting example of owners and builders adapting features of different styles to fulfill the particular needs of the inhabitants.

The lithograph, which is on the 1852 map of Guilford, labels the house as the residence of William Faulkner.

10. SOURCES

Dorothy Whitfield Society '76. 1852 Map

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Faulkner also owned the property at 186-188 Whitfield Street, (see file).