

# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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\* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 413 Whitfield Street  
 Building Name (Historic) Eliza Jane Fowler House  
 Street Address or Location 413 Whitfield Street  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Valerie A. Warner  Public  Private

## PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residence: Multi Family Dwelling  
 Historic Use: Residence: 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 1866 (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 checked="" 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Stories: 2 Approximate Dimensions 34' x 29'

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: Conversion to multifamily dwelling

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 .21 acre parcel, this north facing house is located on the north side of Whitfield Street in the point of the intersection with Old Whitfield Street at it's east end. The house faces Old Whitfield Street. The area is residential with many homes. It is located one mile southeast of the Guilford Green and a quarter of a mile west of the Guilford Marina. The driveway extends off of Whitfield Street and ends at a parking lot at the rear or south side of the house.

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

Built in 1866, this two story Greek Revival style house sits atop a poured concrete foundation and is sheathed in tan aluminum siding with dark brown trim. The gable and hip roof is covered in asphalt shingles with a chimney centered on the ridgeline. A small recessed rectangular window is located near the roof peak with decorative panes, typical of the builder's work. Three six over one hung sash windows are on the second floor level. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder William E. Weld

**• Historical or Architectural importance:**

Eliza Jane Fowler was the first owner of this house in 1866 and the wife of Captain Horace Fowler, a fisherman. They had two kids, Mary and Willie. Later, Mary (Fowler) Lee and William Fowler were owners followed by George Rellay.

The rectangle window near the roof peak is a trademark of builder, William Weld (1815-1902), as shown by other houses he built, notably at 276 Boston Street and 173 Whitfield Street. Weld was a well known and prolific builder in Guilford. He built more than 35 homes between 1838-1874. Although his profession was "joiner," he became a proficient architect as well, producing a dwelling every six to nine months.

**• Sources:**

Ancestry.com, U.S. Federal Census Records, 1870-1890; Helander, Joel Eliot , "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; Property card obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=7626> on November 9, 2015.

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 11/08/2015

View Northwest, camera facing southeast Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_

Name Jordan Sorensen Date 11/09/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

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**• Subsequent field evaluations:**

Latitude: 41.273383

Longitude: -72.672138

**Threats to the building or site:**

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

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**CONTINUATION SHEET**

**413 Whitfield Street**

Four more of the same windows are on the first floor façade, two on a one story east wing and two on the main mass of the building. In between is a front door entry, with a pediment roof and two porch supports. The west side elevation has a two story cross gable wing with a hip roof. On the first floor of the wing is a bay window with three six over six hung sash windows.

