

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) 469 Whitfield Street
Building Name (Historic) Joseph and Nancy Arnold House
Street Address or Location 469 Whitfield Street
Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
Owner(s) Nancy R. Arnold ☐ Public ☒ Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residence: Single 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 Colonial Revival Date of Construction c. 1935

Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

☐ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☐ Brick ☒ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding
☐ Fieldstone ☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone ☐ Aluminum Siding
☐ Concrete (Type _____) ☐ Cut Stone (Type _____) ☐ 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: 1.5 Approximate Dimensions 44' x 26'

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: _____

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:

Located on a .46 acre parcel, this house is located on the south side of Whitfield Street, just east of the intersection with Seaside Avenue and west of the intersection with Seaview Terrace. It is roughly 500 feet west of the Guilford Marina and a roughly one tenth of a mile east of the fork of Old Whitfield and Whitfield Street. It is mostly a residential area with many homes. (See Continuation Sheet)

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

Built c. 1935, this one and a half story Colonial Revival style house sits atop a stone brick foundation and is sheathed in gray wood shingle siding. The side gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles with one chimney. Two pairs of one over one hung sash windows are located on the almost full facade shed dormer. Two more pairs of the same windows are on the first floor level. All of the pairs of windows have dark gray shutters. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

Built c. 1935, this building was first owned by Harry Durant, who lived next door at 485 Whitfield Street. Oral history suggests it was built for Julie Potasz, a Polish hair dresser who had a business in the town center. The census lists her as being a "foster daughter" to the Durant's. 1934 aerial photographs do not show the building but it appears in a 1951 aerial photograph. The later owners of the property were Joseph J. and Nancy R. Arnold. They have owned the house since about 1960. Joseph Arnold (1918-2010) was in the Civilian Conservation Corps, the National Guard, and the Army by World War II. He earned an undergraduate degree from Southern Connecticut State University and his graduate degree from Yale University. Him and Nancy moved to Guilford in the 1950s. (See Continuation Sheet)

- Sources:

Guidance from Joel Helander; Property card obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=220> on November 19, 2015; UConn Magic Maps, 1934 & 1954 aerial photographs obtained at http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/connecticut_data.html#apindex1951 on November 19, 2015; The Day, Obituary for Joseph Arnold obtained at <http://www.theday.com/article/20100401/NWS11/304019993> on November 19, 2015.

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View North, camera facing south Negative on File _____

Name Jordan Sorensen Date 11/19/2015

Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance

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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.272870

Longitude: -72.667425

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

469 Whitfield Street

Buildings and Surroundings Continued

A driveway extends past the west side of the house and ends at a small parking area and attached garage. A wood fence lines the north perimeter of the property.

Notable Features Continued

A front door is located in between the two pairs of windows on the first floor. The white door has four panels and a fanlight window on the top. An attached garage is located off the west side elevation.

Historical/Architectural Significance Continued

Besides being a professor at the University of New Haven, he was very involved in town activities and organizations including the Board of Education, Human Relations Council, Guilford Preservation Alliance and Whitfield South Neighborhood Association among many others. He was also one of the founders of the Faulkner's Light Brigade and began the A Better Chance (ABC) program. It is said that he was a mentor to former president Bill Clinton when he was attending Yale Law School, both spending time at this house eating seafood on the porch. Nancy and Joseph had three sons, Stephen, John, and Patrick.

