

# 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) Village Chocolatier/The Marketplace at Guilford Food Center  
 Building Name (Historic) Mousch Barber Shop/First National Store/Guilford Food Center  
 Street Address or Location 77 Whitfield Street (Sometimes referred to as 77-79)  
 Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
 Owner(s) The Marketplace Emporium LLC  Public  Private

## PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Retail: Store/Restaurant  
 Historic Use: Retail: Store

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road?  Yes  No  
 Interior accessible?  Yes  No If yes, explain Retail store open to public  
 Style of building Vernacular Commercial Date of Construction c.1932/1931

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

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|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard             | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick              | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone            | <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stucco             | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone  | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Vinyl</u> |                                       |  |

### 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 Approximate Dimensions 28' x 16'/73' x 42'

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

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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 .25 acre parcel, these two northeast facing building are on the west side of Whitfield Street. They are directly across from the south west end of the Guilford Town Green, just north of the intersection with Boston Street and Water Street, located along a strip of buildings that have both residential and commercial uses. Street parking is located directly in front the buildings and a parking lot is directly behind them.

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

Built c. 1932, Building #1 is a small vernacular style commercial building with gray stucco siding and dark purple trim. It has a front gable roof covered in asphalt shingles. The facade has two large display windows and a recessed center door entry. Building #2, built in 1931 (Shoreline Times article), is a vernacular commercial building with a brick facade and vinyl siding on the sides. The front gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles with a louvered cupola in front. (See C.S.)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown/Walter Beckwith & Henry Putney

- Historical or Architectural importance:

Building #1 was built c. 1932 and used for Elmer Mousch's barber shop business. Building #2 was built in 1931 on the site of what was known as the "Landon House," originally the home of Nathan Ruggles Landon. The owner at this time was Luther L. Rowland. The building was 32 x 72 feet with a stucco front and tiled windows and built by carpenter Walter M. Beckwith and mason, Henry B. Putney to house a First National Store, an early grocery store chain. It was considered a model of the latest types of this store "containing every device for lighting, refrigeration, and ventilation," as described by the Shoreline Times. In this same article, they talk about features that are still in the building's interior such as the white tile on the south side with blue lettering where the butcher was located. (See Continuation Sheet)

- Sources:

Guidance from Joel Helander; Property card obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=6168> on November 6, 2015; Shoreline Times, 8/20/1931, 11/19/1931, 1/1/1953; Stoller, Kristen, "Guilford Food Center, 2nd Building for Sale for \$1.17 Million," New Haven Register, 2015, <http://www.nhregister.com/business/20140925/guilford-food-center-2nd-building-for-sale-for-117-million>.

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View East, camera facing west Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_

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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.281527

Longitude: -72.682147

**Threats to the building or site:**

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

77 Whitfield Street

**Notable Features Continued**

Two castellation towers are located on either side of the façade with an elevated pediment in the middle. A full façade awning covers two large bay windows with a pair of doors in the middle.

**Historical/Architectural Significance Continued**

Both buildings were bought by Marcius Scott in 1953. Building #1 has been used for commercial purposes ever since. Building #2 has been a market since 1969 in the Rosa family and has recently gone through a restoration by the new owners (as of 2015) to what the store décor was like as First National, uncovering the tiled south wall of the interior.



Building #1



Building #2