

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) 1 Whitfield Street
 Building Name (Historic) Lydia Chittenden House
 Street Address or Location 1 Whitfield Street
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Lee Leighton III Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residential: Single Family Dwelling
 Historic Use: Residential: Single Family Dwelling, Business

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No

Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain _____

Style of building Greek Revival/Colonial Revival Date of Construction 1886 (McCulloch)

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 type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Vinyl Siding</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: 2.5 Approximate Dimensions 36' x 48'

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: 1938- Columns added to front porch

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: Slate Patio (1950)

Surrounding Environment:

- Open land Woodland Residential Commercial Industrial Rural
 High building density Scattered buildings visible from site

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

This east facing building sits on a .32 acre parcel at the north end of Whitfield Street, at the intersection with Broad Street. It is directly across from the Guilford Town Green, at the northwest corner, and located along a strip of buildings that have both residential and commercial uses. A driveway extends past the south side of the house and around the back, or west where there is also a slate patio, added in 1950.

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

This Greek Revival/Colonial Revival style building with two and a half stories, white vinyl siding, and a stone and brick foundation was built in 1886. The partial front porch, inset in a slight L, is supported by four rectangular columns capped by a cornice with dentil ornamentation. There are three shed dormers on the side gabled roof, covered in asphalt shingle. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

• Historical or Architectural importance:

Originally, the property was home to the "Tavern House" which was built in 1750 and belonged to Minor Bradley. As were other buildings around the Green, it was also visited by General Lafayette in 1824. The house was bought in 1885 by Lydia Chittenden, torn down, and replaced by the current house. The owner died in 1914 and left the house to the First Congregational Church. The 1938 hurricane damaged the front porch which was replaced by columns reminiscent of the original building. Later, the building was owned by Chas Virginia Kendall and then Dr. Elisabeth Adams who practiced medicine out of the home and was later honored by a school named after her on Church Street.

• Sources:

Guilford Property Cards accessed 2/16/2015 at [http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=44](http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=44;); Helander, Joel Eliot, "A Treasury of Guilford Places" Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; McCulloch, Sarah Brown; "Guilford: A Walking Guide, the Green & Neighboring Streets; 2006, accessed at guilfordpreservation.org on 2/10/2015.

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 1/17/2015
View East view of building, camera facing west Negative on File _____
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• Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.281477
Longitude: -72.681803

Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

1 Whitfield Street

Notable Features

Two chimneys can be seen from the front façade, one on the slope of the north end and one on the ridge line of the south end of the house. The east elevation has seven one over one hung sash windows. Where there are a pair of these windows on the second floor level, directly below is one window next to the front door. Inset in L are two of the same windows, one on each level, facing south. Each window has dark green shutters and the door is also dark green.

