

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) Centro Pizza Italian Restaurant
 Building Name (Historic) Methodist Society
 Street Address or Location 63 Whitfield Street (As listed in assessor records)
 Town/City Guilford Village _____ County New Haven
 Owner(s) Whitfield Street LLC Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Restaurant
 Historic Use: Methodist Church

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No
 Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain Public Restaurant
 Style of building Greek Revival Date of Construction 1839 (McCulloch)

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: 2 Approximate Dimensions 90'x 36'

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: Added first portico and pillars in 1890 (removed after 1921)

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:

The building of focus sits on a .54 acre parcel located at the northwest end of Whitfield Street, with another white building on the same plot, to its north, both facing east. An alley runs between them with a storage shed directly behind the former church. They are directly across from the south west end of the Guilford Town Green.

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

The main building is the former Methodist Society, built in 1839. It is a Greek Revival style building, with a side gable roof covered in asphalt shingles. It has tan clapboard siding and a green enclosed porch. What used to be a portico, added with pillars in 1890, expanded into an enclosed porch after 1921 with an entryway in the between bay windows on either side. This was for a conversion into a retail establishment. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

The former church was built by the Methodist Society in 1839. In 1837, Reverend Charles Chittenden from New York came to Guilford as a missionary and helped to form the Methodist Society. They built the wood frame church on the west side of the Green with timber felled by the members of the church. During building, church services were held in the members' private homes. When the Society disbanded in 1920, membership merged with the First Congregational Church and the building was used by several businesses including the Guilford Traveler (1981) and the present Centro Pizza. The second building was once the sight of the Shoreline Times building and original (See Continuation Sheet)

- Sources:

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 2/28/2015; Property Card obtained at <http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=4125> (March 1, 2015) (See Continuation Sheet)

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 1/17/2015
View East view of building, camera facing west Negative on File _____
Name Jordan Sorensen Date 2/28/2015
Organization Guilford Preservation Alliance
Address Guilford Preservation Alliance PO Box 199 Guilford, CT 06437

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.281978
Longitude: -72.682498

Threats to the building or site:

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

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Notable features continued

There are three 6 over 6 sash windows on the front elevation with a pair of casement windows on either side. There is also a pair of arched windows near the gable peak, added after 1981. The original pediment had wide trim forming the pediment as well as a simple entablature entryway. The trim has been mostly removed, along with the original entryway and steeple, yet original pilasters can be seen above the shed roof as well as evidence of where windows were on the north elevation. The adjacent building is a white, Georgian style, two story building with two bay windows on the first floor and five 12 over 12 sash windows on the second floor. It is a side gabled building with a gable and hip roof built in 1971.

Historical/Architectural Importance

Douden's Drug Store, and apartments until it burned in 1961. The present building was constructed about a decade later.

Sources Continued

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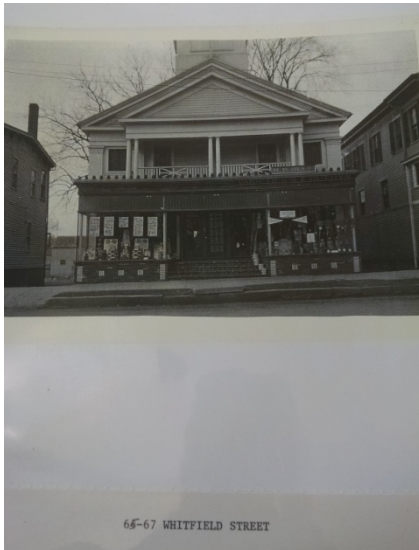
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