

## HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Please send completed form to: Stacey Vairo, National Register and State Register Coordinator,  
State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Economic and Community Development, One Constitution Plaza,  
2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06103

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

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) 174 Wildrose Avenue  
Building Name (Historic) David P. Jacobs  
Street Address or Location 174 Wildrose Avenue  
Town/City Guilford Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven  
Owner(s) Matthew Batters and Lesley Finn ☐ Public ☒ Private

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residential: Dwelling  
Historic Use: Residential: Dwelling

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

Interior accessible? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Style of building Vernacular Date of Construction c. 1860 (Helander)

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 Arch. Shingles

Number of Stories: 2.5 Approximate Dimensions 52' x 25"

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 two open porches in 2000

### 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 .53 acre parcel, this east facing house is at the corner of Three Corners Road and Wildrose Avenue, on the west side of the road, in between the intersection with Three Mile Course. It is a quarter of a mile from Route 146, or Water Street, and about a mile from the Guilford Green. It is in a wooded area with only a couple of other houses in the area. A driveway extends off of Three Corners Road and stops at a parking area in the rear, or the west side, of the house.

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

Built c. 1860, this vernacular style house has two and a half stories sitting on a poured concrete foundation sheathed in light blue clapboard siding. It has a front gable roof covered with architectural shingles and two chimneys. The front facade is a three story house with two wings sitting on top of a stone wall. Two decks, one on the north side with porch and stairs added in 2000, the south side is an open deck with stairs, lead up to each wing. (See Continuation Sheet)

Architect Unknown Builder Unknown

- Historical or Architectural importance:

David P. Jacobs, the original owner, was a fisherman and later a farmer. He lived in the house with his wife Charlotte, sons Lyman, Ellsworth, and Louis and daughter Carrie until his death in 1919. Lyman's son and David's grandson, David K. Jacobs, grew up on Seaside Avenue and worked for the railroad. He lived in the house around 1980 until he died in 1999 when the house was sold to the current owners and rehabbed in 2000. He is buried in Alderbrook Cemetery. Lyman Jacobs owned waterfront property, now known as Jacobs Beach, near Guilford Point. In 1997, David K. Jacobs sold the beach to the town of Guilford for a very low price to keep it public so future generations could continue to enjoy it. An honorary plaque is on the wall of the bathhouse to commemorate David K. Jacobs and his foresight.

- Sources:

Ancestry.com, Census Records 1860, 1880, 1910; Guilford City Directory, 1982; Helander, Joel Eliot, "A Treasury of Guilford Places," Guilford, CT: Joel Helander, 2008; Hartford Courant, "A Long-overdue Thank-you Guilford" November 19, 1997;

Photographer Jordan Sorensen Date 1/11/2015  
View East, camera facing west Negative on File \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude: 41.276303  
Longitude: -72.693594

### Threats to the building or site:

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

174 Wildrose Avenue

### Notable Features

The main bay has seven six over six hung sash windows, two on the third floor level, three on the second floor, and two on the first next to a recessed red door entry. The south wing is one floor and has double doors on its side gable front elevation. The north wing also is a side gable and has an open porch with shed roof and a couple of six over six hung sash windows.

### Sources

Property card obtained at

<http://www.propertyrecordcards.com/PropertyResults.aspx?towncode=060&uniqueid=3458> on July 28, 2015

