

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) Wingood/Barker Boat Shed Record No. 7713
 Building Name (Historic) Wingood/Barker Boat Shed
 Street Address or Location 174 Falcon Road
 Town/City Guilford Village Sachem's Head County New Haven
 Owner(s) Wallner, William E. & Amanda W., 174 Falcon Road, Guilford CT 06437 Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Domestic: secondary structure; Domestic: single dwelling
 Historic Use: Agriculture/Subsistence: agricultural outbuilding; Domestic: single dwelling
 Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No
 Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain _____
 Style of building Wagon shed/boat shed, vernacular Victorian style Date of Construction 1882-1900

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>Vertical wood 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: 1 1/2 Approximate Dimensions 23' x 60'

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: Salt marsh and tidal inlet

Surrounding Environment:

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

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

See continuation sheet.

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

See continuation sheet.

Architect _____ Builder Carriage house: Ernest H. Barker
 Restoration 2010-11: Mike Houde

• Historical or Architectural importance:

See continuation sheet.

• Sources:

See continuation sheet.

Photographer Charlotte Hitchcock Date 4/20/2012
 View Multiple Views Negative on File CTHP
 Name Charlotte Hitchcock Date 4/23/2012
 Organization Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation
 Address 940 Whitney Avenue, Hamden CT 06517

• Subsequent field evaluations:

Latitude, Longitude:
41.246372, -72.703244

Threats to the building or site:

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

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

This boat shed (I) is located on a .57-acre parcel of land on the south side of Falcon Road west of Prospect Avenue in the Sachem's Head section of Guilford. The landscape consists of rocky granite outcrops interspersed with tidal wetlands. The 1882 house with which the barn is associated, sits close to Falcon Road while the boat shed is downhill to the south close to a tidal cove. A gambrel-roofed carriage house/garage (II) is located between the house and boat shed, and slightly to the east, framing a small lawn. An outhouse (III) is located along the west wall of the carriage house. The grade declines south from the road toward a tidal inlet connecting to Long Island Sound, and the shed sits close to the water line. The surrounding landscape is residential, with Long Island Sound to the south. The area is densely built-up with single-family homes on all areas of solid ground, alternating with open expanses of salt marsh in the low areas. Several roughly parallel roads – Old Sachems Head Road, Colonial Road, and Vineyard Point Road – run north-south along the higher elevations, meeting with Route 146 which leads east toward the town center of Guilford. These routes are connected by local streets and lanes like Falcon Road.

The house at 174 Falcon Road has been extensively remodeled in recent years, and has a 3-story extension at the rear (south) with a low-pitch gable roof. The north, or front portion of the house, which appears to reveal the massing of the original 19th-century building, consists of a 2 1/2-story gable-roofed structure with its ridge-line oriented east-west parallel to Falcon Road. A two-bay cross-gabled wing projects north at the center of the façade. A 1-story hip-roofed porch spans the front of the façade and has been fully enclosed, with a recessed alcove remaining at the front door. Windows are one-over-one double-hung with simulated divided lights in some upper sash. Siding is vinyl simulated clapboard and roofing is asphalt shingles. The foundation is mortared random stone.

The side yard to the west of the house is exposed granite bedrock. On the east side a paved drive runs south close to the house wall and steeply downhill to the entrances in the gable-end of the carriage house/garage. A second gravel drive parallels the first along the east property line, passing the east end of the boat shed and turning along its south side. The L-shaped lot extends west below and behind the adjacent house to the west (184 Falcon Road) and has a concrete retaining wall aligning with the north wall of the boat shed. This wall separates the lawn area from the tidal wetland.

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

Architectural description:

Inventory of structures (C – contributing, NC – non-contributing):

House	1882	C
Barn I (Boat shed)	1882-1900	C
Carriage house/garage II	c. 1920	C
Outhouse III	c. 1900	C

Barn I:

This is a 1 1/2-story, gable-roofed shed with six bays. The eave entry façade faces south and the ridge-line is oriented east-west.

Exterior:

The main entrances are in the south eave-side through six pairs of out-swinging hinged oversized doors with chamfered crossbuck detailing over vertical planking, and eight-paned windows above. A low wood ramp extends across the foundation from east to west for vehicle access.

The east gable-end of the shed has a pair of oversized interior sliding doors in the center, which face a gravel drive that continues around to the south side. The west gable-end has a similar pair of oversized interior sliding doors which open toward the marshland. Steel rails can be seen extending from the west wall out across the marsh to meet open water.

The north eave-side of the shed has five windows. A pass-through door is located just west of center, possibly replacing a window opening. The shed has vertical, flush-board siding painted gray.

The roof has an overhang with exposed rafter tails. Roofing is asphalt shingles on the south and wood shingles on the north side. The structure is supported on wood cribbing resting on the tidal mud flats. Deformation in the roof line indicates that the eastern three bays were built separately from the western bays. Repair work is currently in progress to shore up the substructure and improve the area of deformation. In recent years substantial repair work has been performed, replacing floor beams, shoring up the foundation piers, reglazing, roofing, and painting.

Interior:

The interior reveals exposed structure that is transitional between heavy timber and balloon framing. Walls are framed with 4- x 4-inch posts with angle braces. A double plate supports common rafters of sawn dimension lumber. Roof decking of spaced boards supports the roofing. Collar ties at the plate level act as supports for stored lumber materials in the attic level. At the mid-point of the building's length, a steel I-beam has replaced the collar tie and is supported by heavy timber posts in the north and south wall planes. This appears to have been used as a hoisting mechanism for a workshop use. In the northwest corner, a privy remains, with its one-hole bench giving directly onto the marsh below the building floor. The floor is heavy wood planking, much of it replaced during a campaign of repairs over the last several years. The older western bays are of chestnut framing, while the eastern bays are softwood lumber.

A considerable amount of building materials, oars, and other materials remain from the building's use prior to the current owners taking possession in 1976. This includes the hull (without bottom) of a New Haven sharpie boat which was stored above the collar ties, several oars, many lengths of lumber, and a hand-painted sign for "E. H. Barker, Contractor & Painter, SeaWalls, Wels & Cisterns, Blasting And Excavating Of All Kinds, Phone 12-2."

Carriage House/Garage II:

This is a 1 1/2-story gambrel-roofed structure with its ridge-line oriented north-south. The north gable-end has two exterior-mounted sliding doors in its two bays. These are similar to the boat shed's south doors in detailing, with two panels of crossbuck frame over vertical planking in the lower part and except in the upper part of each door two 12-pane fixed sash with panels of vertical planking as infill between. Above the doors is a flared wall surface creating a hood. At the center above the doors is a square hinged hay door, and above in the attic is a 12-pane fixed window. The east and west eave-sides have two pairs of 12-pane stable-type windows. On each side, a shed dormer in the roof has three three-over-three double-hung windows. The south gable-end has two pairs of six-pane stable-type windows.

Walls are wood shingle siding, stained dark, with trim painted white. Roofing is wood shingles. The foundation appears to be concrete or parging.

The interior is a mix of heavy timber and balloon framing. A lateral girder at the center carries the upper level framing and is supported by a recently-added central post. A stair in the southeast corner accesses the upper loft level where there is a workshop space.

• Historical or Architectural importance:

Applicable Connecticut State Register Criterion:

2. Embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction.

This 100-year-old boat shed structure is significant because of its rarity in the area and its intact condition. The setting on the shore of Long Island Sound in a development of late 19th-century homes and summer cottages continues to reflect the flavor of the time of its construction in spite of modernizing alternations to many properties. Still in use for boat storage and repair, the shed retains its physical relationship to the tidal cove. The collection of historical artifacts of E. H. Barker adds significance.

Historical background:

The peninsula of Sachem's Head was first used by the English settlers of Guilford as their "common and undivided land" and known as the Great Oxpasture. The northern neck of the peninsula was fenced and the cattle ranged free over the area. From roughly 1750-1850 the land came to be the farmsteads of permanent residents. The second half of the 19th century saw a period of hotel and resort use, as well as a commercial harbor at Sachem's Head Harbor, just west of the site.

Toward the end of the century families began to purchase summer cottages rather than staying in the hotels and boarding houses; this began the boom in summer home construction that gave rise to the houses on Falcon Road and Prospect Avenue. The Roberts family from Bristol, Connecticut, and the Clarks and Cowleses of Plainville, each purchased waterfront acreage from the farmer owners, the Bentons, and built colonies of cottages to sell to their relatives and friends from home. George B. Wingood was a carpenter who lived in one of two homes which he built between 1878 and 1882 at 174 and 184 Falcon Road, while building homes for the developers nearby (Helander: 2008, p. 132-3). Wingood and his wife Emma Whedon had nine children, several born on Falcon Road.

The Wingoods moved to Guilford center and sold their Falcon Road houses to Eliza J. and Ernest H. Barker (b. 1872) in 1895. Barker was the grandson of Samuel A. Barker.

Samuel A. Barker from North Branford shipped off to sea and once landed at Sachem's Head Harbor, where he met his future wife, Mary Ann Kircum. They were married in 1823 and in 1828 built the farmhouse still standing at 161 Falcon Road. Samuel's second son, John, established Barker's Hotel, the second hotel at Sachem's Head after the first hotel burned (Helander: 2008, p.121).

Samuel A.'s third son Samuel P. Barker was a farmer with a reputation for stinginess. Ernest H. Barker, the sixth and youngest child of Samuel P. and Eliza Coulter, grew up to purchase the houses on Falcon Road. Barker earned a wide reputation as a caretaker to the summer homes of Prospect Avenue (Helander: 1976, pp. 61-3, 269). The boat shed at 174 Falcon Road was his workshop, hence the wealth of artifacts still remaining there. The carriage house/garage must have been added during the Barker ownership.

The present owners have lived in the house since 1976 and use the boat shed primarily boat storage and as workshop space.

Architectural significance:

This 100-year-old boat shed structure is significant because of its rarity in the area and its excellent and intact condition. The setting on the shore of Long Island Sound in a development of late 19th-century homes and summer cottages continues to reflect the flavor of the time of its construction in spite of modernizing alternations to many properties.

Still in use for boat storage and repair, although no longer as a commercial business, the shed retains its physical relationship to the tidal cove. The exposed interior framing and exterior detail, especially the Victorian doors in the six bays of the south side, are preserved and unchanged. The collection of artifacts of the historical ownership by E. H. Barker adds significance. As one of the few year-round homes with a workshop for boat and home maintenance, this property anchored the neighborhood of summer cottages that grew up around it in the last decades of the 1800s. Sachem's Head was making a demographic transition from an area of subsistence farming to a resort economy, and the Barker boat shed and workshop served the old and new residents of the shoreline community.

• Sources (*continuation*):

Photographs and field notes by Nona Bloomer, 5/19/2008; Charlotte Hitchcock, 4/20/2012.

Interview with William Wallner, 4/20/2012, at the site.

Map resources:

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1. Location map of 174 Falcon Road, Guilford CT – from <http://maps.google.com/> accessed 4/22/2012.



2. Southwest view – aerial “bird’s-eye” map of 174 Falcon Road, Guilford CT – <http://www.bing.com/maps> accessed 4/22/2012.



3. Parcel map of 174 Falcon Road, Guilford CT – from Guilford GIS Viewer <http://www.guilfordgis.com/>
The sliver parcel west of the shaded area is also property under the same ownership.



4. Northwest view of house at 174 Falcon Road, camera facing southeast. Boat shed is partially visible at right rear.



5. Northeast view of house at 184 Falcon Road, camera facing southwest; this is the second house built and owned by George B. Wingood.



6. West gable-end of Boat shed I at right, Carriage barn/garage II at center, rear of house at left; camera facing east.



7. Northwest view of Boat shed I (right) and west view of Carriage barn/garage II (left), camera facing east. Outhouse III is at right corner of the Carriage barn.



8. Northeast view of Carriage barn/garage II, Boat shed I at right rear; camera facing southwest.



9. Southeast view of Boat shed I (left) and Carriage barn/garage II (right), camera facing northwest.



10. South view of Boat shed I showing doors; camera facing northeast.



11. South view of corner of Boat shed I, showing crib foundations on mud, camera facing north. 184 Falcon Road is at left rear.



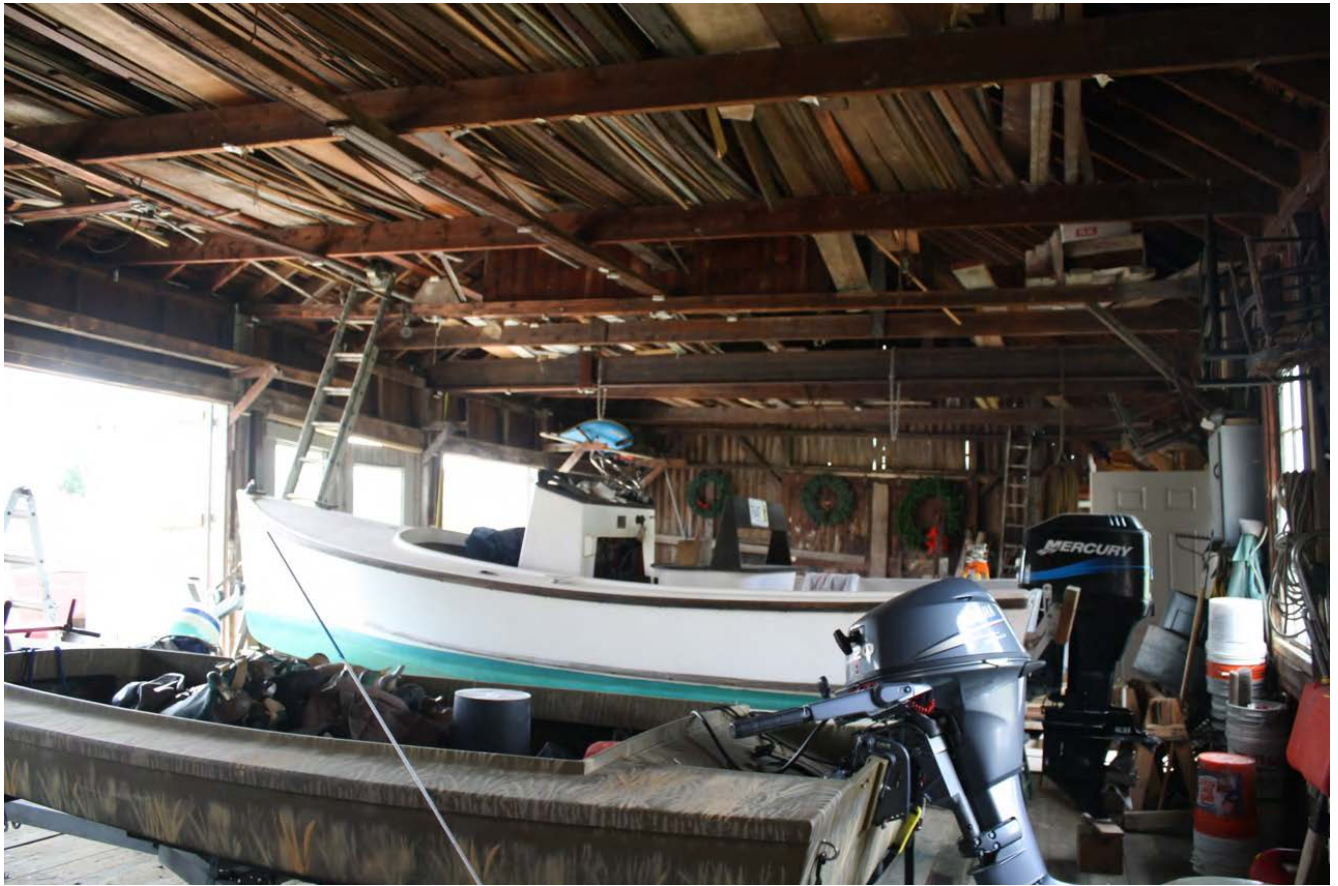
12. Interior view of west gable-end wall showing framing and sliding door at lower left, camera facing west.



13. Interior view – north end of steel hoist beam, camera facing northwest.



14. Interior view of east gable-end wall, with E. H. Barker's sign; camera facing east.



15. Interior view, camera facing southwest.