**HISTORIC RESOURCES**

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.

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<td><strong>Town/City</strong>: Guilford</td>
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<td><strong>Owner(s)</strong>: Chittenden Family LLC, 2 Whitney Ave. Ste. 203, New Haven CT 06510</td>
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| Number of Stories: | **1 1/2, B** | **Approximate Dimensions**: Barn 30' x 40', Milk room 18' x 24' |

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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: Stone walls, fencing

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 Dudley Chittenden; 2005: Geoff Chittenden

- 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 4/27/2012

Organization Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation

Address 940 Whitney Avenue, Hamden CT 06517

- Subsequent field evaluations:

  Latitude, Longitude:
  
  41.384782, -72.702364

Threats to the building or site:

- None known ☐
- Highways ☐
- Vandalism ☐
- Developers ☐
- Renewal ☐
- Private ☐
- Deterioration ✔
- Zoning ☐
- Other ____________________ Explanation ____________________
Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

The Chittenden Farm is located on the west side of Durham Road in North Guilford. The road hugs the west shore of Quonnipaug Lake and runs north-south connecting Durham to the north with Guilford to the south. The farm includes several parcels of land totaling approximately 200 acres, extending from the shore of Quonnipaug Lake up the hill to the west and north. Across the street, on the east side of Durham Road, the farm property includes a sliver parcel of shoreline.

Located approximately six miles north of the center of Guilford, the area is rural, with houses, barns and outbuildings, open fields and areas of woodland. The shoreline of Quonnipaug Lake is more densely developed than the surrounding area, with vacation cottages built in the 1920s mixed with late 20th-century year-round homes. Six miles to the south, centered on the Guilford Town Green, is the Guilford Town Center National Register Historic District, a large district encompassing much of the town between the West River and East Creek; within this area are two Local Historic Districts. Nearer to the site, two miles to the southwest on Long Hill Road, is the Meetinghouse Hill National Register Historic District, focusing on two historic churches located on Ledge Hill Road and forming the historic center of the farming community of North Guilford.

The farm buildings are clustered along the road at the northeast corner of the road frontage. Buildings include the farmhouse, closest to the road and also close to the property line with the adjoining property at 3700 Durham Road, (the Winfred Chittenden house and boat shed). West of the farmhouse is the main barn, an English bank barn (Barn I) with attached Milk room. Grade slopes up toward the hill to the north, allowing the barn to be banked into the hill and accessed on the upper level at the north side. During the period of dairy farming, and until the mid-1970s, there was a wood stave silo on the north side of Barn I and attached on the west end was a barn known as the “back barn” where most of the dairy herd were stabled. A concrete block masonry milk room is attached to the east gable end. A machine shop shed formerly stood north of the milk room, set into the hill against an extant retaining wall. There was also a corn crib in this area. South of the main barn is a smaller Barn II (garage), a replacement constructed on the site of an earlier barn which was demolished following storm damage.

A network of unpaved drives includes two drives entering the site from Durham Road. One drive leaves the road south of the farmhouse and branches west of the house, with roadways leading uphill north of the barn and a second route between the two barns accessing the lower level from the south. The second drive leaves the road south of the buildings, and runs northwest to meet the first drive in a barnyard area south of the main barn, then continues northwest up the hill to meet the first drive. This roadway continues into the fields to the north.

The farmhouse is a 2 ½-story vernacular Italianate style building with its ridge-line oriented roughly east-west, perpendicular to the road. The east gable-end facing the road has a three-bay side-hall plan, with the entry door in the left (south) bay and two double-hung windows in the center and right bays. The second floor has three double-hung windows. The attic has a pair of narrow arch-topped double-hung windows. The roof has deep overhangs with cornice returns. The entry door has a pair of arch-topped glazed panes above panels. The entry door surround consists of square pilasters and a lintel with a projecting cornice. Historic photographs show that at various times there was a 1-story full width porch, and a second level porch at the upper floor.

The north side has a projecting gabled wing, the south side has a 2-story angle bay with a flared metal roof between the first and second levels, and ornamental brackets under the soffits at both levels. At the rear (west) a 2 ½-story addition has its ridge-line oriented north south. The south gable-end is flush with the south eave-side wall of the front block. A porch located to the left (west) of the angle bay has a recessed alcove with an entry door and a projecting flat-roofed porch with corner columns. The north gable-end is flush with the north projecting wing, resulting in a double peak façade at the north side. Another 2-story addition projects westward from the northwest corner; this has the appearance of a barn or woodshed. A wood exterior stair along the south side of this wing provides access to the upper floor. The house is identified by the assessor's record as a two-family building.

Siding is horizontal wood clapboards painted yellow with white trim. The rear addition has vertical board siding, also painted yellow. Roofing is asphalt shingles.
Barn II (garage) is a 1 1/2-story gable-roofed barn or workshop with its ridge-line oriented east-west perpendicular to the road. The west gable-end is the main entry facade and has an oversized sliding door. The south eave-side has four stable type windows, and the east gable-end has one window off-center to the left and one in the attic near the peak. Siding is vertical boards and roofing is metal panels.

This building was built in 1998, replacing its predecessor with a similar structure in size and height, using locally-cut and milled timbers to approximately match the demolished structure.

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

Architectural description:

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

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Barn I and Milk room addition:

This is a 1 1/2-story, gable-roofed, three-bay eave-entry bank barn. The main façade faces north and the ridge-line of the barn is perpendicular to Durham Road, which runs north-south. Attached at the east corner of the barn is a gable-roofed milk room addition.

Exterior:

The main entrance is a pair of double-height sliding exterior doors in the center bay, opening to the grade at the uphill side. The north eave-side of the milk room has two small openings near the eave line and symmetrically placed east and west of center. Attached to the west gable-end of the barn is an open-sided shed-roofed addition. There are two windows in the west gable attic of the barn, one two-pane sash near the peak and a four-pane sash above the dropped girt line.

The south eave-side of the barn has a 3-bay open basement with timber posts supporting the upper barn. The main level has a pair of oversized sliding exterior doors in the center bay. To the east is the south eave-side of the milk room addition, constructed of concrete block masonry. It has a pass-through door in the center, and a small window on each side. The east gable-end of the barn is abutted at the basement and lower part of the main level by the gable-end of the milk room, which has a panel of three double-hung windows set into concrete block masonry at the basement ground level and a six-pane window in the gable attic. There are no openings in the gable-attic of the barn.

The siding on the barn is unpainted vertical flush-board with some concrete block masonry walls at the milk room. The roof is metal panels. The foundation is fieldstone. A one-story high retaining wall of poured concrete, installed during renovations in the 1990s, supports the upper level entry to the north side of the main barn.

Interior:

The interior of the main barn is a square rule post and beam frame. Some of the major timbers are hand hewn, while others are sawn. The four lateral bents each have two intermediate posts and a queen post configuration above the tie girts supports longitudinal purlins. The tie girts are dropped, unusually low, with approximately six feet of wall height between the dropped girts and the plate at the eave line. The upper cross tie members between the queen posts have been removed in the interior bents but remain in the end bents. The rafters were replaced in the 1990s rehabilitation with sawn common rafters and purlins above to support the new metal panel roof.
• Historical or Architectural importance:

Applicable Connecticut State Register Criteria:

1. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
2. Embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction.

This farmstead is significant as an example of a family farm that goes back at least five generations in Chittenden family ownership. The farmhouse, the main English bank barn, and the landscape of open fields remain much as they have been since the mid-19th century. At the peak of the dairy era, the conversion of the lower level to a cow stable barn and construction of the modern milk room, were signs of the evolution of farming in the mid-20th century. Family farms like this one adapted their older buildings as well as possible to the new model of the ground level stable barn. The extended Chittenden and Dudley families have been anchors of the Guilford community for generations.

Historical background:

North Guilford was not settled until long after Guilford. It was first divided in 1705, and, as the Guilford historian Bernard Steiner records, “Soon after this, men were accustomed to go up from the First Society on Monday of each week to clear their lands and to return on Saturday. From the circumstance of their dwelling together through the week, the place began to be called Cohabit, a name which it long retained.” Farms were widely scattered and the population thin, as they have remained to this day. Nevertheless, barely ten years later the “North farmers of Guilford” petitioned for a minister, and in 1717 land was allotted to them for a meeting house (Brown, Section 8).

Settlement accelerated when permission was granted for the Second Church Society. The Dudley family were among the early residents; subsequent marriages with Chittenden family members led to an extended family network.

The Chittenden family has farmed in this area since before the 1870s, with the Beers map of 1868 showing D.D. Chittenden at the site. The farmhouse at 3654 Durham Road is dated to 1878. That house was the home of Dudley Chittenden (1851-1919) who with his wife Mary Elizabeth Page Chittenden (1858-1919) had four sons over a period of 14 years. Dudley Chittenden’s parents were David Dwight Chittenden (1817-1890) and Abbie Ann Dudley (1823-1907). Abbie’s father Erastus Dudley lived at today’s 2351 Durham Road, the Dudley Farm and later purchased and moved to 2814 Long Hill Road (see State Register nomination for both sites). Family history dates the English bank barn to c. 1850, which would be during the ownership of David Dwight Chittenden.

The third of the four sons of Dudley Chittenden was Harold (1885-1962) who continued to live and operate a dairy farm at this site with a herd of Holsteins. The fourth son, Winfred, moved next door to 3700 Durham Road. Harold’s son George Henry built a home nearby on a family-owned parcel, now 32 Quonnipaug Hill Road, still in family ownership. There his children Geoff (1950-2006), Louise, and Janet grew up. Louise’s scrapbook shows the building of the family’s house on Quonnipaug Hill Road within sight of her grandparents’ farm where the children helped drive the cows home for the evening milking. Louise remembers the construction of the milk room, in the 1950s. After dairying was discontinued in the mid-1960s, the children raised a few cows for 4H projects. It appears that some horses have been kept in the basement of the barn until recently, beef cattle have been pastured in the field west of the barns, and hay continues to be harvested from the upper fields. A round of building maintenance was undertaken by Geoff Chittenden in the 1990s when the barn foundation was rebuilt with a concrete retaining wall and a number of the major posts had new bases spliced in. At present, Louise Chittenden lives in the farmhouse while the property is owned by a family LLC.
Architectural significance:

This farmstead is significant as an example of a family farm that goes back at least five generations in family ownership. The farmhouse, the main English bank barn, and the landscape of open fields remain much as they have been since the mid-19th century. The complex of buildings has changed over the generations, with structures built and demolished as needs changed. At the peak of the dairy era, the conversion of the lower level to a cow stable barn and construction of the modern milk room, were signs of the evolution of farming in the mid-20th century. Family farms like this one adapted their older buildings as well as possible to the new model of the ground level stable barn. This farm ceased its dairy business in a wave of contemporary closings in the 1960s (see 177 New Haven Road, Prospect) while others continued into the 1980s. Together with its neighbor at 3700 Durham Road, which served a rising tourist business in the 1920s, this farmstead illustrates how a family adapted to economic forces over a period of 150 years.

Sources:
Interview with Louise Chittenden 4/20/2012, at the site; historic photographs courtesy of Louise Chittenden and Mary Chittenden Williams.

Map resources:
Town of Guilford Assessor's Records and GIS Viewer http://www.guilfordgis.com/
Parcel ID: 114023, 114020, 118020B, 062024
Aerial views from:
Historical aerial photography and maps accessed at UConn MAGIC:
http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/mash_up/1934.html
http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/historical_maps_connecticut_towns.html
Beers, Ellis, & Soule, Map of New Haven County, 1868.
USGS Historical Maps at http://historical.mytopo.com/.
UTM coordinates: http://itouchmap.com/latlong.html

Print and internet resources:
Connecticut State Library online: http://www.cslib.org/iconnsitemap/staff/SiteIndex.aspx#directories.
1. Location map of 3654 Durham Road, Guilford CT – from [http://www.guilfordgis.com/](http://www.guilfordgis.com/) – multiple parcels comprising Chittenden Farm are shown shaded.

3. Parcel map of 3654 Durham Road, Guilford CT – from Town of Guilford GIS Viewer http://www.guilfordgis.com/ with significant structures identified.

5. South view of Barn I and Milk house (far left), Barn II (center), and Farmhouse (right), camera facing north.

6. West view of Barn I (left) and Barn II (right rear), camera facing east toward Durham Road.
7. Southwest view of Barn I, camera facing northeast. The back barn was formerly attached to Barn I at the west side where the shed roof now stands.

8. North view of Barn I, Farmhouse at left rear; camera facing east.
9. Northeast view of Milk room and Barn I, camera facing southwest. A machine shop building formerly stood against the fieldstone retaining wall to the right of the Milk room.

10. Southeast view of Milk room with Barn I beyond, camera facing northwest.
11. South view of Barn I, camera facing northwest.
12. Detail view of west gable-end of Barn I, showing outline of old back barn flashing.

13. Interior view of framing at basement level, camera facing northeast, Milk room at right rear.

15. Interior view of post repair.

16. Interior view west of center bay, camera facing south.

17. Interior view of west end, camera facing west.
18. Photograph c. 1970s showing back barn and silo at far left, Barn I center, Milk room, and Barn II before reconstruction; farmhouse at right. View from Durham Road, camera facing north.

19. View of Quonnipaug Lake looking east. Chittenden Farm is at far right (above the “Q”) – the barn had a cupola at this period, c. 1905.
Page from Louise Chittenden’s scrapbook, documenting the rehabilitation of Barn I in 1997 including the new north foundation wall.