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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC Hyland-Wildman House

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Boston Street

CITY, TOWN Guilford VICINITY OF  
STATE Connecticut COUNTY New Haven  
CODE CODE  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT #3 - Robert N. Giaimo  
NOT FOR PUBLICATION

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Dorothy Whitfield Historical Society, Mr. Donald R. Williams, Pres.

STREET & NUMBER 280 Clapboard Hill Road

CITY, TOWN Guilford VICINITY OF STATE Connecticut

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Town Hall

STREET & NUMBER Park Street

CITY, TOWN Guilford STATE Connecticut

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Connecticut Statewide Inventory of Historic Resources

DATE 1966-1975  
FEDERAL  STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Connecticut Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN Hartford, STATE Connecticut

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hyland-Wildman House is located about 1/8 of a mile east of the town center on Boston Street in Guilford, Connecticut. Built in 1660, the house was originally a two story, two-room plan residence with a central stone chimney. The main facade is divided into five bays with double hung sash windows having diagonal muntins. This plank constructed house is clapboard sided and the "salt box" gable roof is sheathed in wood shingles.

Treatment of the overhang in the main facade includes use of a chamfered girt and evidence of the front and sides of the first floor, but does not continue through the lean-to, suggesting that the lean-to is not contemporaneous with the main house block. The hewn ends of the front posts adds decorative embellishment to the facade of the house. According to Kelly (Early Domestic Architecture of Connecticut, 1924, page 63), the chamfered girts of the Hyland-Wildman House are the single use of this treatment in a 17th century Connecticut house.

The lean-to was added to the house probably around 1720 to separate the living space. It provides enough space for a kitchen, two bedrooms and a pantry.

The Hyland-Wildman house was restored in 1900 by the Dorothy Whitfield Association of Guilford, Connecticut. It is now open as an historic house museum during the summer months.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) clock making
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1660

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George Hyland

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

It is not known exactly from where George Hyland, the builder, emigrated, but by 1660 he was living in a home which he had constructed in Guilford, Connecticut. When he died in 1692, he left the house and his farm to his wife, Hannah and his four daughters. As Hannah herself approached old age, the estate was divided among her four sons-in-law and four years after the death of Hannah Hyland, the house was transferred to Isaac Parmelee and his wife, Elizabeth Hyland. In 1719 the house was purchased by his son, Ebenezer Parmelee, who presumably had come back to Guilford from New York where he had been a clockmaker's apprentice for a number of years. Owner of the house and property is not known after 1777 when Ebenezer Parmelee died. However, by the end of the 19th century, the property was in the possession of J.T. Wildman. It was Mr. Wildman who transferred ownership to the Dorothy Whitfield Society. The Hyland-Wildman House is an important building in the evolution of the 17th century house in Connecticut. Because of its early construction date and the application of decorative chamfered girts (cited by Kelly as the earliest use of decorative exterior treatment other than hewn posts; see Item 7), the Hyland-Wildman House is a landmark building in the history of domestic architecture in Connecticut. The house gains additional significance in the history of preservation, since it is also the subject of an extensive and carefully executed restoration in the early years of the 20th century. The Hyland-Wildman House was one of the first houses in Connecticut to be restored and specifically displayed for architectural significance, as opposed to the more common rationale for preservation means associated with historical events or famous persons.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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C 

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D 

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Christine R. Brockmeyer, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Connecticut Historical Commission

DATE

June 4, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

59 South Prospect Street

TELEPHONE

203-566-3005

CITY OR TOWN

Hartford

STATE

Connecticut

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*John W. Shannahan*

TITLE

John W. Shannahan  
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

7/28/75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Acting*

*Robert B. Kettig*

DATE

3/24/96

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*Robert B. Kettig*  
Acting

DATE

3-21-76

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