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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 Griswold House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Boston Street

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Guilford

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#2 - Robert N. Giaimo

STATE

Connecticut

__ VICINITY OF

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

New Haven

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Guilford Keeping Society

STREET & NUMBER

Boston Street

CITY, TOWN

Guilford

STATE

Connecticut

__ VICINITY OF

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 Historical Inventory of Historic Buildings

DATE

1975

__ FEDERAL __ STATE __ COUNTY __ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Connecticut Historical Inventory Commission

CITY, TOWN

Guilford, Connecticut

STATE

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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The eighteenth century Thomas Griswold House is located, very suitably, on the south side of Boston Road east of the historic Guilford Green. Not far from the seventeenth century Hyland House, it is another fine example of colonial New England architecture.

Set back from the road upon a small rise, the Griswold House is a two and a half story clapboard structure, three bays wide. A central chimney, probably once stone, is now covered with cement and sits on the rear slope of the salt-box roof. The lean-to forming the salt-box was, likely, an addition and extends beyond the east side of the house.

The elegant Georgian style entry is characteristically designed with a multi-panelled door, surrounded by pilasters and topped by a pediment. A small white wood fence projects from the facade serving to frame the entry such that it is made the focal point of the facade.

The whole site is an imposing one, for the house is of a large scale and is set off by a few surrounding trees. Being away from the road and at a somewhat greater height, the Griswold House lends a sense of stature to Boston Road.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Griswold's are an old established Guilford family, the first of whom was Thomas Griswold who moved there from Wethersfield in 1695. He became the village blacksmith and married Sarah Bradley in 1697. In 1708 they had a son, Thomas Griswold II who grew up in Guilford, and it seems likely that it was he that built the Griswold House on Boston Street for his parents lived in an area known as Nut Plains. The house near the Green was past down from generation to generation of Griswold family members until it was sold in 1958 to the Guilford Keeping Society (the town historical society).

The house is a fine example of New Haven colonial architecture and is well-preserved by the members of the Guilford Keeping Society who use it for their headquarters. Since it is close to the Hyland House and to the Guilford Green, it is of critical importance to the colonial fabric and architectural integrity of the town.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Steiner, Bernard C., A History of the Plantation of Menunkatuck, Steiner, Baltimore, 1897.

"A Tour Through Time, Four Centuries of Homes in Guilford, Connecticut," The Guilford Keeping Society, October 8, 1960.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION Christine B. Brockmeyer DATE June 17, 1975.

STREET & NUMBER Connecticut Historical Commission TELEPHONE (203) 566-3005

CITY OR TOWN 59 South Prospect Street STATE

Hartford 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. Shuman

TITLE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER DATE 7/28/75

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<u>AK Meator...</u>	DATE <u>10/10/75</u>
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	
ATTEST: <u>Ronald M. Greenberg</u>	DATE <u>10/10/75</u>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

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