

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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Town No.: _____ Site No.: _____

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QUAD: _____

DISTRICT: S NR Actual Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) _____ (Historic) Capt. Josiah Cowles House

2. TOWN/CITY _____ VILLAGE _____ COUNTY _____
Southington Plantsville, CT 06479 Hartford

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) _____
184 Marion Ave. (map 69, parcel 63-A) 1.058 acres

4. OWNER(S) _____ Public Private
Potter, Mary M. & David L. (vol.324,p.485)

5. USE (Present) _____ (Historic) _____
Residential Residential

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes No EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD Yes No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE Yes No IF YES, EXPLAIN N.A.

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING _____ DATE OF CONSTRUCTION _____
Colonial 1728 A

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Other (Specify) _____

Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding Fieldstone

Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone

Aluminum Siding Concrete Type: _____ Cut stone Type: _____

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

Wood frame Post and beam balloon

Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel

Other (Specify) _____

10. ROOF (Type)

Gable Flat Mansard Monitor sawtooth

Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other (Specify) _____

(Material)

Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate

Asphalt shingle Built up Tile Other (Specify) _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES _____ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS _____
2 31 x 20' + 20 x 20' 1-story ell

12. CONDITION (Structural) _____ (Exterior) _____
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) _____ WHEN ? _____ (Alterations) _____ IF YES, EXPLAIN _____
 On original site Moved Yes No Porches removed

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

Barn Shed Garage Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) pool

Carriage house Shop Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

Open land Wood-land Residential Scattered buildings visible from site

Commercial Industrial Rural High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

The house faces north on a busy street.

(OVER)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

In the 5-bay front elevation, the 12/12 windows have a 2-1-2 rhythm. The double central door has a simple molded surround. Windows have flat caps. There are corner boards, and a central brick chimney. The WPA survey photo shows central pedimented portico and Colonial Revival side porch, on the east, which have been removed. At that time windows were 6/1 and the double front door had 5-panel leaves and bull's eye glazing. The form reports, on the interior, no summer beams and scrolled step ends on the stairway, rising from right to left.

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

The house is significant architecturally as a good example of the Colonial style.

The local association of this house with Capt Josiah Cowles (1716-1793) combined with an appraisal of its stylistic features suggests a slightly later construction date, perhaps around 1750, rather than the 1728 assigned to the building by the assessor's records. Cowles married in 1739, then, when his first wife died in 1746, he married again in 1748. His title of Captain is a military rank; he also served as a justice of the peace.

SOURCES

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Rev. Heman R. Timlow, Ecclesiastical and other Sketches of Southington, Conn. Hartford, 1875 p. lxvi.

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ORGANIZATION

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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