

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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Town No.:	Site No.:
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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)
Dr. J. Porter House

2. TOWN/CITY VILLAGE COUNTY
Southington Southington, CT 06489 Hartford

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)
391
Bellevue Ave. (map 73, parcel 59) 3 acres

4. OWNER(S)
Edgerly, Margaret L., 391 Bellevue Ave. (vol. 346, p. 825) Public Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)
Residential Residential

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: 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, c. 1754 (undated house tour notes)

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: Ashlar foundations

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 36'

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

13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN ? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN
 On original site Moved N.A. Yes No Greek Revival portico added

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
 Barn Shed Garage Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
 Carriage house Shop Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
 Open land Wood-land Residential Scattered buildings visible from site
 Commercial Indus-trial Rural High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

The house faces west on a large lot at a busy intersection.

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

The 5-bay front elevation of this large house has central doorway with side lights. Windows are 6/6. The second floor overhangs the first on the front and sides while the third floor overhangs the second on the ends. The central brick chimney is large. The plain entablature of the portico is supported by Greek Ionic fluted columns. The interior has five fireplaces, original paneling, stairway and cupboard, according to notes for a house tour.

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

The house is architecturally significant as an excellent example of the Colonial style, with few alterations. The Greek Revival portico is an addition of historic significance.

The house is historically significant because it was the home of Dr. Joshua Porter, "one of the largest landholders and slave owners" in the town. Dr. Porter brought his bride to this house, probably already standing, in 1754.

SOURCES

Notes for a house tour to benefit Grace Methodist Church, nd.
Directory of Southington's Old Homes, Southington Historical Society, n.d.
 1988 site visit by Margaret Anderson of the Southington Historical Society

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Northeast

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

1988: This house currently retains some of its paneling, its original staircase, and four of its fireplaces, one of which has a beehive oven. There are also wide board floors in some rooms.

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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