

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

For Buildings and Structures

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
TOWN NO.:		SITE NO.:	
UTM: 18	/	/	/
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: _____ Historic: Gould House
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Norfolk VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Litchfield
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Golf Drive, east side
- 4. OWNER(S): Charles I. & Anne F. Pierce, Golf Drive, Norfolk, CT 06058 PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Residence Historic: Residence
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: _____ DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c, 1915
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 clapboard asbestos siding brick
 wood shingle asphalt siding fieldstone
 board & batten stucco cobblestone
 aluminum siding concrete: type: _____ cut stone: type: _____
 other: Wide boards, rusticated horizontally.
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam balloon
 load bearing masonry structural iron or steel
 other: _____
- 10. ROOF: type:
 gable flat mansard monitor sawtooth
 gambrel shed hip round other _____
material:
 wood shingle roll asphalt tin slate
 asphalt shingle built up tile other: _____
- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 35 x 48'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: Second floor added to north ell in recent years.
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: _____
 carriage house shop garden
- 15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 open land woodland residential scattered buildings visible from site
 commercial industrial rural high building density
- 16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
The house is sited on a hillside, overlooking a pond.

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

The roof of this house incorporates three elements typical of Taylor roofs. First, it is basically a broad gable, with one slope (the north) extending down to the level of the first story. Second, the roof projects beyond the walls, and the overhang is supported by shaped rafters. Third, the central section is truncated, made into a hip, although the original gable peak is behind the hip, giving the effect of gable over hip. This was first seen at Hillside. The rubble stone of the porch corner posts and the posts on either side of the entrance are not unexpected. The shingled second floor bay on the front of the house is unexpected.

SIGNIFICANCE

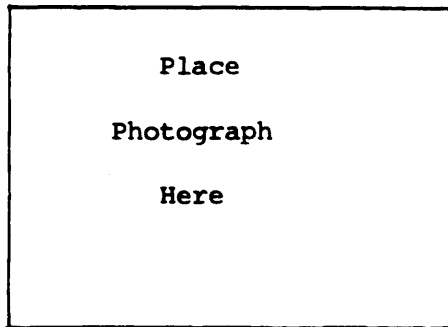
Architect: Taylor & Levi (?) Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The roof is the eye-catcher here, and is in line with customary Taylor practice, as is his ability to exploit a promising site. The siding of wide parallel boards, and the shingled second story bay are the unexpected eccentricities or surprises that almost must be expected from Taylor. His rubble stone posts here, rustic in effect, are suitable for the site but do not seem to relate to anything else in his plan for this house.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: D. Ransom
date: October 1978 view: Southeast
negative on file: Connecticut Historical Commission



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19. SOURCES:

Date is established by sale of land only, recorded in NLR 29/253, September 30, 1915. Attribution is based on local tradition and on stylistic grounds.

20. ~~SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:~~

Verbal boundary description: NLR 48/297
UTM Reference: 18/647810/4649490
Approximately one acre.

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known highways vandalism developers other: _____
 renewal private deterioration zoning explanation: _____