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The Connecticut Freedom Trail Nomination Instructions

The Connecticut Freedom Trail application form is available in Microsoft Word format or PDF. Please type application using either format, print it and MAIL one ORIGINAL COPY plus all required attachments to the Connecticut Freedom Trail Selection Committee (address below).

Please be sure to review the Methods of Listing Properties on the Connecticut Freedom Trail prior to completing and submitting the Application (available [HERE](#).) If you need additional information or have questions, contact:

Connecticut Freedom Trial Selection Committee
c/o Todd Levine
Connecticut Freedom Trail Coordinator
State Historic Preservation Office
Department of Economic & Community Development
1 Constitution Plaza, 2nd floor
Hartford, CT 06103

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The following is a list of CRITERIA that the Selection Committee has developed. Keep these points in mind as you answer the questions in the application.

1. Related to the Amistad incident, the abolitionist movement and/or the Underground Railroad.
2. Documented to have contributed to the struggle for freedom.
3. First, if opened doors for others.
4. Connecticut based
5. At least fifty years old.



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One Sentence Summary: The Ham Primus house illustrates a family progression from slavery to homeownership to prominent status in the African-American community.

Site Information:

Name of site (if applicable): Ham Primus House
Address: 3431 Durham Road
City: Guilford State: CT Zip: 06437

Property owner:

Name: Town of Guilford
Address: 31 Park Street
City: Guilford State: CT Zip: 06437
Phone: (203) 453-8015
E-Mail: hoeym@ci.guilford.ct.us

General information:

Present use of property: currently vacant
Age of property: c. 1816
Open to Public: Yes No * Visible from the Public Road: Yes * No
*currently not open to the public, but should be once renovations are made.

Type of site (check one):

- X Freedom Trail
- Underground Railroad
- Amistad
- Concept of Freedom

Contact information of the individual or organization presenting application:

Name: Tracy Tomaselli, Guilford Preservation Alliance
Address: 82 State Street
City: Guilford State: CT Zip: 06437
Phone: (203) 671-9351
E-Mail: tomasellitracy@sbcglobal.net

Longitude and Latitude of building or site to be included on the Connecticut Freedom Trail for future GPS mapping: Longitude: -72.70623219367035 Latitude: 41.380660435745895



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Documentation for inclusion (include sources):

Attached additional sheets if necessary.

Property history report by Joel Helander, Town Historian, Town of Guilford
Dendrochronology report by Dr. D.W.H. Miles
Guilford Courier article April 20, 2023
Photographs and map

Additional relevant information:



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Photographs:

Color photographs(in the form of a CD) and map are a requirement. The photographs should include: a CONTEXT image (depicting the location of the site, such as, an aerial view, streetscape, neighborhood or city map); front, back, and side views, a ¾ view, pertinent interior views, and any other views or details that are important to explaining the nature of the nomination.

Historic Designations:

Is the project site recognized for its architectural/cultural/historical significance by any of the following designation program? (Check all that apply.)

	Yes	No
National Historic Landmark	[]	[X]
National Register of Historic Places	[]	[X]
Individually listed	[]	[X]
Contributing to a District	[]	[X]
District Name: _____		
State Register of Historic Places	[]	[X]
Individually listed	[]	[X]
Contributing to a District	[]	[X]
District Name: _____		
Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS)		
Historic American Engineering Record (HAER)	[]	[X]
	[]	[X]
Other: (specify) <u>Town of Guilford, Historic Resource Inventory</u>		
<u>of Significant Properties</u>	[X]	[]

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date of Submission: _____