



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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*** Note:** Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) Wozniak Meat Products

Building Name (Historic) Wozniak Meat Products

Street Address or Location 835 Grand Avenue

Town/City New Haven Village Wooster Square County New Haven

Owner(s) Stanley Wozniak Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Commercial - Retail Butcher

Historic Use: Commercial - Retail Butcher

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No

Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain During business hours

Style of building Modernist - New Formalism Date of Construction 1963

Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone | <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type <u>Cast-in-place and Block Masonry</u>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Structural System

- Wood Frame
 Post & Beam
 Balloon
 Load bearing masonry
 Structural iron or steel
 Other _____

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 _____

Number of Stories: 1960 Approximate Dimensions 40' x 60'

Structural Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Exterior Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

Location Integrity: On original site Moved When? _____

Alterations? Yes No If yes, explain: _____

FOR OFFICE USE: Town # _____ Site # _____ UTM _____

District: S NR If NR, Specify: Actual Potential

PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT'D)**Related outbuildings or landscape features:**

- Barn Shed Garage Carriage House Shop Garden
 Other landscape features or buildings: Asphalt paving at north (rear) and east side.

Surrounding Environment:

- Open land Woodland Residential Commercial Industrial Rural
 High building density Scattered buildings visible from site

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

The building sits on the north side of Grand Avenue at the center of the block bounded by Jefferson Street and Olive Street. Buildings nearby are a mix of 1-story mid-20th-century Modernist and older 19th- and early 20th-century 3- and 4-story commercial or mixed-use buildings. The continuous street wall of the 1900s has been interrupted by demolition for parking lots.

• Other notable features of building or site (*Interior and/or Exterior*)

The building at 835 Grand Avenue is rectangular in plan and has, 1-story concrete block walls and a flat roof. There is a shallow recessed 3-bay entry porch spanning the western two-thirds of the facade. This has five concrete piers capped by a simple concrete lintel. Behind the porch is an aluminum and glass storefront wall with solid panels below fixed windows and with glass transoms above reaching to the underside of the roof. A pair of glass double doors is the entry in the center of bay of the porch. The eastern third of the facade is faced with light tan brick. The side walls are concrete block masonry. The building is set back a few feet from the street line, unlike its older neighbors to the east. The small plaza space is concrete paving with a planting bed in front of the brick wall and 2 openings for trees; one Zelkova tree has survived and grown to be a mature specimen. The Zelkova was a popular street tree, as it was thought to resemble the elm without its vulnerability to disease.

Architect J. D. Muzyka, Engineer Builder _____

• Historical or Architectural importance:

The construction of Wozniak Meat Products was a central component of redevelopment efforts along Grand Avenue in the Wooster Square neighborhood in 1962. The butcher shop was one of numerous firms included in the city's redevelopment plans for Wooster Square, and when finished brought the neighborhood total to 27 new or relocated businesses. The \$47,000 building was part of a \$500,000 investment by the Redevelopment Agency along Grand Avenue, the latter figure including rehabilitation, new construction, and off-street parking. Total private investment in the Wooster Square neighborhood was over \$3,242,000 by the end of 1963. The Redevelopment Agency prided itself on promoting "good design" and its staff, including planner James Skerritt and architect Vincent C. Amore, worked closely with the designers of the new businesses. Here a simple colonnade brought an aura of abstract classicism not unlike the design of the Conte School (see Inventory form for 511 Chapel Street) and several other new buildings in the area between Hamilton and East Streets.

• Sources: Brown, Elizabeth Mills; *New Haven: A Guide to Architecture & Urban Design*, Yale U. Press, New Haven, 1976.
 Carley, Rachel D., *Tomorrow is Here: New Haven and the Modern Movement* (Privately printed by the New Haven Preservation Trust, New Haven CT) June, 2008.

Hommann, Mary, *Wooster Square Design*, The New Haven Redevelopment Authority, 1965, pp. 120-121.

New Haven Tax Assessor's Record: Map/Block/Parcel: 209/0579/033.

"Annual Report of the Redevelopment Agency; New Haven, Connecticut," New Haven Redevelopment Agency, 1962, 1963.

Photographer Lucas Karmazinas Date 6/24/2009

View South views from Grand Avenue Negative on File NHPT

Name Lucas Karmazinas Date 6/18/2010

Organization The New Haven Preservation Trust

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• Subsequent field evaluations:

Threats to the building or site:

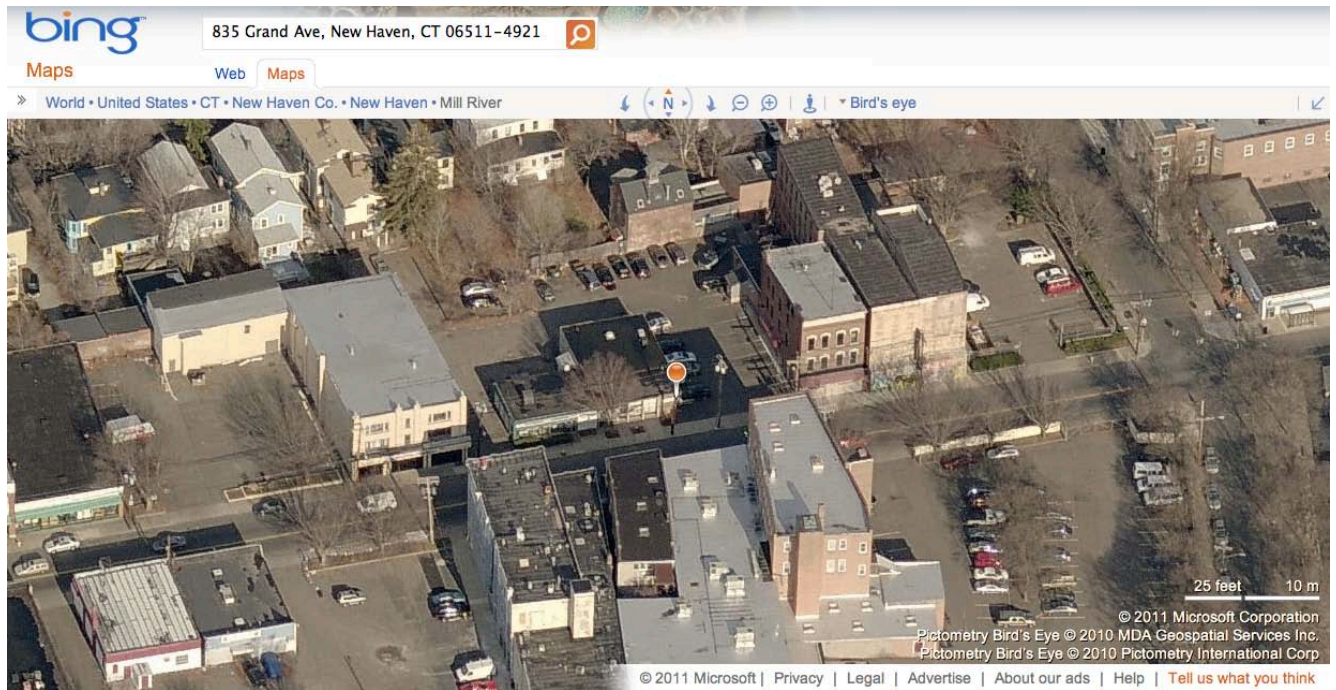
- None known Highways Vandalism Developers Renewal Private
 Deterioration Zoning Other _____ Explanation _____



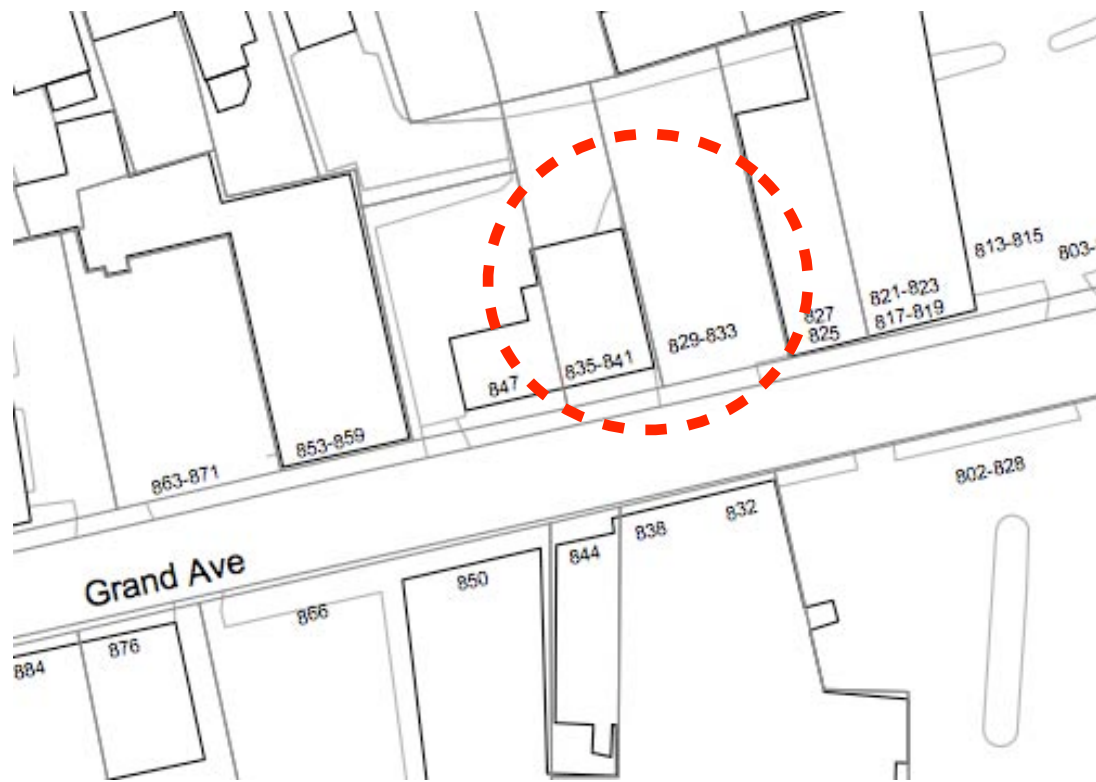
1. South (front) elevation from Grand Avenue, camera facing north.



2. South (front) elevation from Grand Avenue, camera facing northwest.



3. South aerial view from Bing Maps <http://www.bing.com/maps/> accessed 5/25/2011.



4. Site plan – from City of New Haven tax map, parcel 209/0579/033 not to scale, North ↑.