



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) Teamsters Union, Local 443
 Building Name (Historic) Teamsters Union, Local 443
 Street Address or Location 200 Wallace Street
 Town/City New Haven Village Mill River County New Haven
 Owner(s) Flanagan, Daniel & Bayusik, Robert, Trustees Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Commercial - Union Hall & Offices
 Historic Use: Commercial - Union Hall & Offices

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No
 Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain _____
 Style of building Modernist - International Date of Construction 1964
Addition: 1975

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 _____) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type <u>Limestone</u>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

Structural System

- Wood Frame Post & Beam Balloon Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel
 Other Precast prestressed Concrete Tees

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: 2 **Approximate Dimensions** 48' x 74', Addition 48' x 38'

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: Addition at rear, 1975; Entry pavilion altered

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: Parking lot along south and west of building; landscaped front yard.

Surrounding Environment:

Open land Woodland Residential Commercial Industrial Rural

High building density Scattered buildings visible from site

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

The building stands on the west side of Wallace Street north of Grand Avenue and south of the Amtrak Railroad line. The building reflects the commercial function of the surrounding buildings, all of which are 1- to 2-story mid-20th century construction. Nearby to the west is an early public housing complex, Farnam Courts, and DeLauro Park (see Inventory form for 657 Grand Avenue).

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

The Teamsters building consists of a single 2-story rectangular block with an 18' x 20' one-and-one-half-story rectangular entry pavilion on its south elevation. The exterior is a light buff brick. The building's east facade is windowless except for a 12'-wide central limestone element which is set forward 3', with windows at the sides facing north and south. Lettering is applied on the stone and brick. The entry pavilion appears to have been a glazed curtain wall with doors from the east and west; it has been altered by infill with brick. The building's north and south elevations have full-height uninterrupted slots between [projecting] brick fins. Windows within the openings are of glass block at the grade level and casements at the 2nd floor. The west (rear) elevation is brick with a pair of window openings at the center. The roof is flat with a flush metal coping.

Architect Kane and Fairchild Associates,
Frank Chapman, Addition

Builder A & R Construction,
J. Capone Construction Company, Addition

• Historical or Architectural importance:

The Teamsters Union, Local 443 was built in 1963 as part of an 11-acre industrial development located north of Grand Avenue between the new elevated highway, the railroad line, and the Mill River. The industrial park was included as part of the larger Wooster Square Redevelopment Area, underway by the late 1950s. By locating the industrial park on the eastern side of the US Route 5 (eventually I-91) corridor, planners hoped to provide a divide between residential and industrial land uses in the Wooster Square area as determined by project architect and planner James Skerritt. The process of clearing the blocks of a stock of 2- and 3-story residential units began in 1958 and the majority of new construction was completed by 1964. Eventually 12 industrial and commercial structures were built, all characterized by Modernist designs. The Teamster's building was designed by Kane and Fairchild of Hartford and housed offices and a meeting hall. The building was constructed at a cost of \$110,000 and occupied in the spring of 1964. The design is utilitarian except for the street facade, where there is a degree of elegance, possibly inspired by the Scandinavian International style of Eliel Saarinen, in the projected stone panel and glazed entry pavilion.

• Sources: Brown, Elizabeth Mills; New Haven: *A Guide to Architecture & Urban Design*, Yale U. Press, New Haven, 1976, p.195. 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.

New Haven Assessor's Record: Map/Block/Parcel 200/0587/002, Building Department permit files.

New Haven Register, 7/5/59, 8/14/59, 12/16/63.

New Haven Planning pamphlet, "Wooster Square Industrial District," no date, New Haven Public Library Local History files.

Hommann, Mary, *Wooster Square Design*, The New Haven Redevelopment Authority, 1965.

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Name Lucas Karmazinas Date 8/10/2009

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. East elevation from Wallace Street, camera facing northwest.



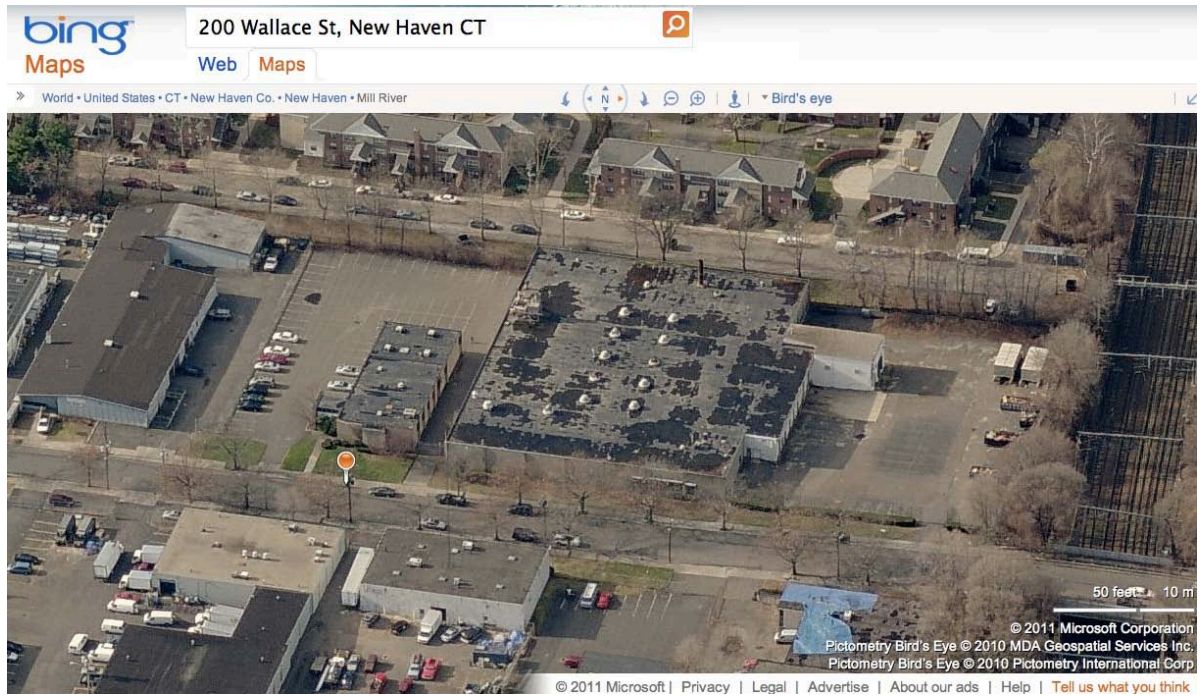
2. South and east elevations from Wallace Street, camera facing northwest.



3. South (side) elevation from Wallace Street, camera facing northwest.



4. Detail of window features, north elevation, camera facing west.



5. East aerial view from Bing Maps, <http://www.bing.com/maps> accessed 5/19/2011.



6. Site plan – from City of New Haven tax map, parcel 200/0587/002, not to scale, North ↑.