

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
(203) 566-3005

Town No.:

Site No.:

UTM

QUAD:

DISTRICT

IF NR, SPECIFY

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Actual

Potential

Downtown

240-255-04

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) **Federal Building** (Historic)

2. TOWN/CITY **New Haven** VILLAGE COUNTY **New Haven**

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) **150 Court St.**

4. OWNER(S) **U.S. Government, General Services Administration**  Public  Private

5. USE (Present) **Public (offices and Post-Office)** (Historic)

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD  Yes  No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE  Yes  No IF YES, EXPLAIN **During office hours**

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING **Post-Modern** DATE OF CONSTRUCTION **1978**

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: **Indiana Limestone**

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

Wood frame  Post and beam  balloon  Structural iron or steel

Load bearing masonry

Other (Specify) **Re-inforced concrete**

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 **6 & B** APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS **140' X 254'**

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)

Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN

On original site  Moved  Yes  No

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

Barn  Shed  Garage  Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) **Rear plaza with plantings and large sculpture.**

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

Situated on Orange St. between Chapel and Elm, behind the Old Post Office and City Hall (which face the Green on Church St.) This building is in the middle of a small commercial district along Orange consisting

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

Building: 6-story masonry and steel building, 10 bays wide with flat roof. Building has highly irregular window openings. The 6th floor has deep, recessed bays forming exterior terraces. The 2nd to 5th floors have narrow, slit-like window openings lying horizontally, joined occasionally by a vertical plate-glass bay. At the south end (front) is a 3-story opening which has recessed bays. At ground level is a recessed wall forming a covered arcade. At the north end (front) this opens into a 2-story atrium. The entries to the building are from this large atrium. To the rear (west side) of the building is an open terrace with large sculpture.

18 ARCHITECT

William F. Pedersen & Assoc.

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural: The Federal Building is a post-modern style structure built in the 1970 era of urban renewal. It was designed as part of a larger government center project extending from Church St. east to Orange St. (The New Haven City Hall and Library have yet to be built). The Federal building was designed by William F. Pedersen and Associates. They were also the architects of the County Courthouse on Church St. and the New Haven Savings Bank also on Church St. The Federal Building is similar to the County Courthouse. Here the block-like mass is cut with shallow and deep openings, in various sizes, creating a rich sculptural effect in a traditional box-like form. This building creates a canyon-like effect along narrow Orange St.

SOURCES

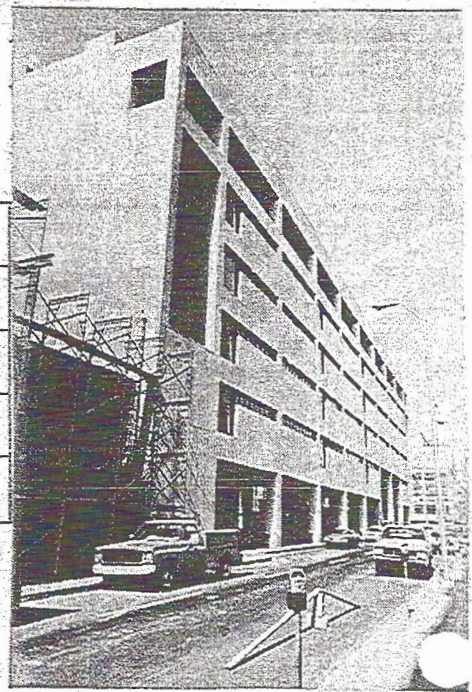
Maps: 1888, 1911, 1923  
Brown, pg. 114 and 118  
New Haven Building Dept. Records

PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER	DATE
Roger Baldwin	3/1981
VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE
East (front)	NHPT, CHC Sheet# 53

COMPILED BY

NAME	DATE
Preston Maynard	3/01/1981
ORGANIZATION	
New Haven Preservation Trust	
ADDRESS	
Box 1671, New Haven, Ct. 06507	



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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