

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

For Buildings and Structures

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

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Townhouse Apartments Historic: _____
- 2. TOWN/CITY: New Haven VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: New Haven
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 431 Orchard Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Unknown PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Multi-Family Historic: Same
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Contemporary DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1968
- 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: poured cut stone: type: _____
 other: _____ foundation
- 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: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 2 structures: 100' x 30'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair 75' x 30' deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations no yes, explain: _____
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: _____
 carriage house shop garden Interior 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:

These 2 buildings stand parallel to Orchard Street, one behind the other. They are separated by a sunken garden which is poorly maintained. Off-street parking also occupies this center space.

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

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These rectangular building run parallel to the street with entrances lining the east and west elevations. The rear building is 3/4 the size of the other. The building consist of 9 row house-like apartment units with ground floor entrances recessed in slightly projecting pavillions. The elevations facing the courtyard have below-grade entrances with balconies at the 1st storey level. The buildings are sheathed in weathered shingle.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: Gilbert Switzer

Builder: Richard R. Kennedy & Son

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

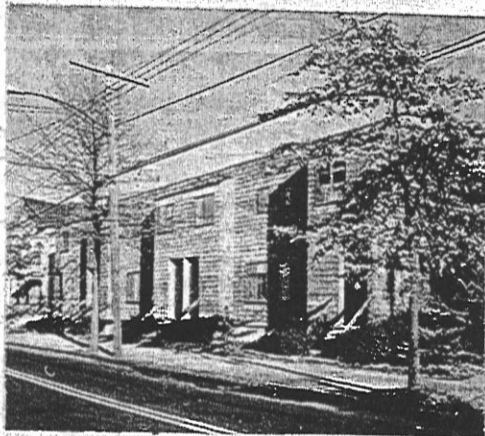
Weathered shingles are an attractive note on these otherwise unremarkable but well-planned structures. Maintenance of the interior court would be an important asset. The project was erected for moderate-income families under the Redvelopment Authority's Sales Program. This building stands on the site of the Orchard Street School, a 4-room brick structure erected in 1883.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Thomas Hahn

date: Fall, 1979 view: West elevation

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19. SOURCES:

Maps and Atlases

New Haven City Directories

City Records 1923 p. 416

New Haven Redevelopment Agency Fact Sheet

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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