



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) 58-62 Bradley Street
 Building Name (Historic) 58-62 Bradley Street
 Street Address or Location 58-62 Bradley Street
 Town/City New Haven Village Wooster Square County New Haven
 Owner(s) Mastrangelo, Nicholas J. Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Residential - Two-family +
 Historic Use: Residential - Two-family

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No
 Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain _____
 Style of building Modernist Date of Construction 1967

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

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|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone | <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stucco | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <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: 1 and 2 Approximate Dimensions U-shape 80' x 32'

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 parking area.

Surrounding Environment:

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

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings: This Modernist house is located in a neighborhood (Lyon and William Streets) of 19th- and early 20th-century houses that was truncated by the construction of I-91 in the 1960s, leaving this block of Bradley Street separated from its continuation to the west in the Orange-State Street area. Now on a one-way street, the house is approached from the west along William Street and presents to the street a high wooden fence which hides the house from public view. The I-91 interstate highway is immediately across Bradley Street to the east, elevated on a berm.

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

The plan is U-shaped, consisting of two shed-roofed 1-story wings connected by, left to right, an ell, a tall chimney-like structure, and a shed-roofed 1-story section. The central space formed by this arrangement opens toward the east, and is now paved with asphalt and used for parking. The three shed-roofed masses are oriented with their roofs sloped in alternate directions. Minimalist detailing creates an appearance of abstract geometric volumes. It appears that the southern wing was originally separated from the other two, and is still a separate dwelling unit. Private gardens are located at the extreme north and south ends of the site, and the dwelling units appear to open to these private spaces, presenting to the street a severe wall with few openings.

Architect Thomas Rapp Builder _____

• Historical or Architectural importance:

The history of this site is the history of the shrinking of Bradley Street. A few years before the house was built, a section was demolished from here to State Street to make room for the I-91 highway which is on a raised berm just east of Bradley Street. This was the only new house constructed on this block during the Redevelopment period; the adjacent buildings are extant historic single- and multi-family homes. The inward-looking character of 58 Bradley is a response to the proximity of a highway, but is also a turning away from the type of urbanism exemplified by the rest of the neighborhood, with porches and windows overlooking the sidewalk and street. Like several Modernist houses on Autumn Street (see Inventory items) this house creates private outdoor areas that may connect into the living spaces through large glazed openings; but these are hidden from the public which sees only the severe street wall, the parking function, and the abstract sculptural volumes of the shed-roofed forms. City Directories do not show an occupant until 1981; possibly the building was identified with a William Street address.

• Sources:

Brown, Elizabeth Mills; *New Haven: A Guide to Architecture and Urban Design*, Yale University Press, New Haven, 1976, p.193.
 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 Tax Assessor's Record: Map/Block/Parcel: 209/0586/025, Building Department permit files.
 See continuation sheet.

Photographer Arnold Chadderdon Date 8/15/2010

View East views from Bradley Street Negative on File NHPT

Name Arnold Chadderdon-Charlotte Hitchcock Date 12/10/2010

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 _____

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• Sources (*continuation*):

Rae, Douglas W., *City: Urbanism and Its End*, Yale University Press, 2003.

Soto, Pedro, President of the New Haven Preservation Trust and a neighbor of 62 Bradley, interview September 2010.

Walker Lithograph & Publishing Co., *Atlas of New Haven Connecticut 1911*, <http://www.wardmaps.com/viewasset.php?aid=73>



1. East view from Bradley Street, camera facing west.



2. Northeast view from Bradley Street, camera facing southwest.

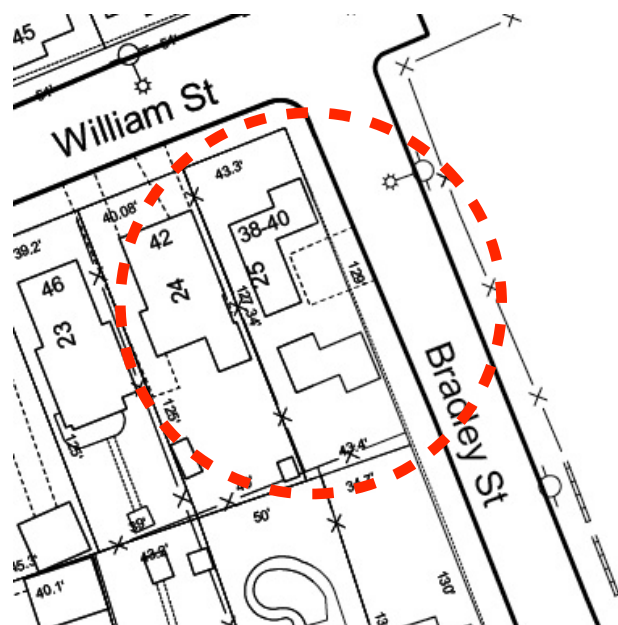
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4. South aerial view from Bing Maps <http://www.bing.com/maps/> accessed 12/10/2010.



5. Site Plan – from City of New Haven Tax Map 209/ 0586/ 025.