



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) Space-Craft Manufacturing, Inc.
 Building Name (Historic) Otto H. Schulz Electric Company
 Street Address or Location 300 East Street
 Town/City New Haven Village Wooster Square County New Haven
 Owner(s) Space-Craft Manufacturing, Inc. Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Industrial
 Historic Use: Industrial - Offices & Warehouse
Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No
 Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain Some areas during business hours
 Style of building Modernist - Bauhaus Date of Construction 1962

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>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: 1 **Approximate Dimensions** 60' x 100' x 11' and 16' height

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: Additional warehouse space built at rear

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: chainlink fence, asphalt paving, lawn and shrubs.

Surrounding Environment:

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

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

The building is on the west side of East Street between Ives Place and Grand Avenue. The area in which the building is located is a mid-20th-century industrial park and is surrounded by predominantly 1-story 20th-century Modernist architecture of various commercial styles, although there are some 19th-century buildings located on the east side of East Street.

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

The Otto H. Schulz building is a 1-story brick structure. Some notable features are the front ribbon windows that punctuate the horizontality of the building and the entrance located at the left (south) corner of the building, a recessed corner entrance with an overhanging roof, supported by a square corner post. The extant original storefront entrance has glazed aluminum-framed doors and sidelights with square 5-part divisions. The front office portion of the building is brick; a slightly taller warehouse block is to the west. Further west are two significantly taller and larger warehouse additions, built in 1968 and 1999.

Architect Eben B. Woolley, Milford CT Builder Fred J. Smith, Derby CT

• Historical or Architectural importance:

The Otto H. Schulz Electric Company building was built in 1962-63 as part of an extensive urban planning and redevelopment program undertaken from 1956 through the mid 1970s. During urban renewal, 90% of the buildings in the eastern section of the Wooster Square area were demolished to make way for new neighborhoods, an Interstate highway, and an industrial park. Located at the easternmost part of the Wooster Square area, the streets of the industrial park consist of eleven acres within the blocks of Grand Avenue, East Street, and Hamilton Street. The Otto Schulz building is one of the more architecturally conservative structures in the area, with some Bauhaus-inspired features such as its ribbon windows and recessed entry. It fits well into the industrial landscape of one-story Modernist designs in the area, following the typical pattern of a front office area with some design touches, and a rear utilitarian warehouse portion.

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Hommann, Mary, *Wooster Square Design*, The New Haven Redevelopment Authority, 1965, p. 128-29.

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"Wooster Square Redevelopment," New Haven Register, New Haven Public Library Local History Room, 7/1959.

New Haven Planning Department. Pamphlet, "Wooster Square Industrial District."

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• Subsequent field evaluations:

Threats to the building or site:

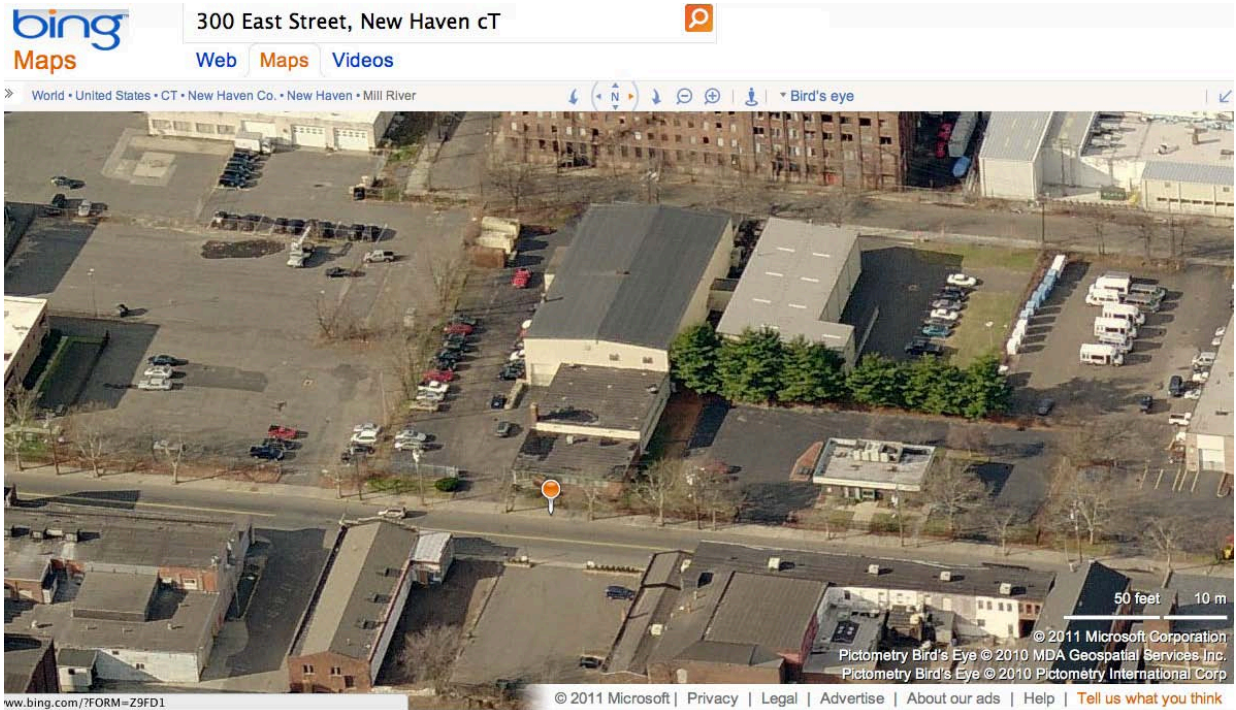
- None known Highways Vandalism Developers Renewal Private
 Deterioration Zoning Other _____ Explanation _____



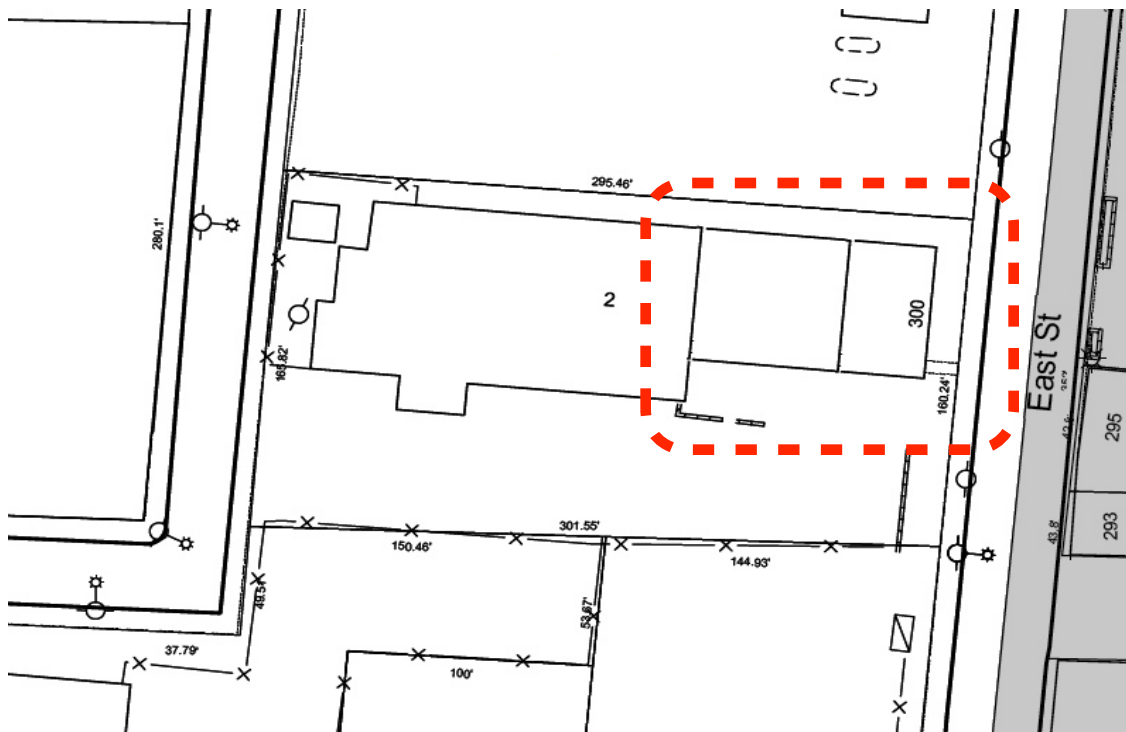
1. East view from street, camera facing west.



2. East detail view of entrance, camera facing west.



3. East aerial view from Bing Maps <http://www.bing.com/maps/> accessed 5/30/2011.



4. Site Plan – detail from City of New Haven Tax Map 201/1574/00200 not to scale, North ↑