



# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism, One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06103

**\* Note:** Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Building Name (Common) Henry and Janette Parker Residence

Building Name (Historic) Henry and Janette Parker Residence

Street Address or Location 13 Hughes Place

Town/City New Haven Village Wooster Square County New Haven

Owner(s) Joseph W and Helen F Eaton Trust  Public  Private

**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

Present Use: Residential - Multi-family (4-Unit Apartment Building) +

Historic Use: Residential - Two-Family Residence

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road?  Yes  No

Interior accessible?  Yes  No If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Style of building Modernist - Brutalist Date of Construction 1971

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

- |   |   |                                      |                                       |  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <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 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 Rubber Membrane

Number of Stories: 3 Approximate Dimensions 34' x 25' ; 17' x 65'

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: Converted from 2 apartments to 4 apartments

**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: Enclosed porch; Open porch; Adjoining wall, garden, rear paved parking.

**Surrounding Environment:**

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

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

Hughes Place is located directly north of Wooster Square, which is surrounded by historic 19th-century homes. Several Modernist buildings are present around the Square, including the Harry A. Conte Elementary School and a rowhouse complex on Greene Street and Hughes Place abutting 13 Hughes Place to the south.

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

An asymmetrical structure of abstract rectilinear massing with a flat roof, 13 Hughes Place is constructed of concrete block masonry scored to create an 8" x 8" pattern. The building is separated into three main components: a covered entry porch (accessed from the east side of Hughes Place) at the northernmost part of the structure, which extends upwards and to the south for living space; a recessed vertical strip accented by two windows at the center; and a taller southern section that extends far back into the site. A concrete masonry wall, of matching scored block, extends west into the front yard and encloses a small lawn.

Architect R. Caswell Cooke Builder Pancom Development (Victor DeFelice)

• Historical or Architectural importance:

Henry "Hank" E. Parker was born and raised in Maryland and came to Connecticut to attend graduate school at Southern Connecticut State University. He moved to New Haven in 1957. By 1967, Parker had founded New Haven's Black Coalition and served as its first chairman. He twice ran unsuccessfully for mayor. In 1974, he was elected State Treasurer. Parker's success made him Connecticut's highest-ranking Afro-American politician. He and Janette lived in this signature Modernist house for many years until 2002.

Caswell Cooke (b. 1935) studied at the University of Virginia and Yale, and worked for the architect Paul Rudolph. He then opened his own office in New Haven and practiced for over 20 years. Overall, the massing of this building is heavy, but the variety of height and depth gives it an unexpected openness. The style is similar to that of the Columbus Mall housing (see Inventory form for 158 Wooster Street), using simple materials for a strikingly abstract Modernist effect.

• Sources: Brown, Elizabeth Mills; *New Haven: A Guide to Architecture & Urban Design*, Yale U. Press, New Haven, 1976, p.188. 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: 208/ 0562/ 020, Building Department permit files.

C + C Architecture: <<http://www.carchitecture.com/>>.

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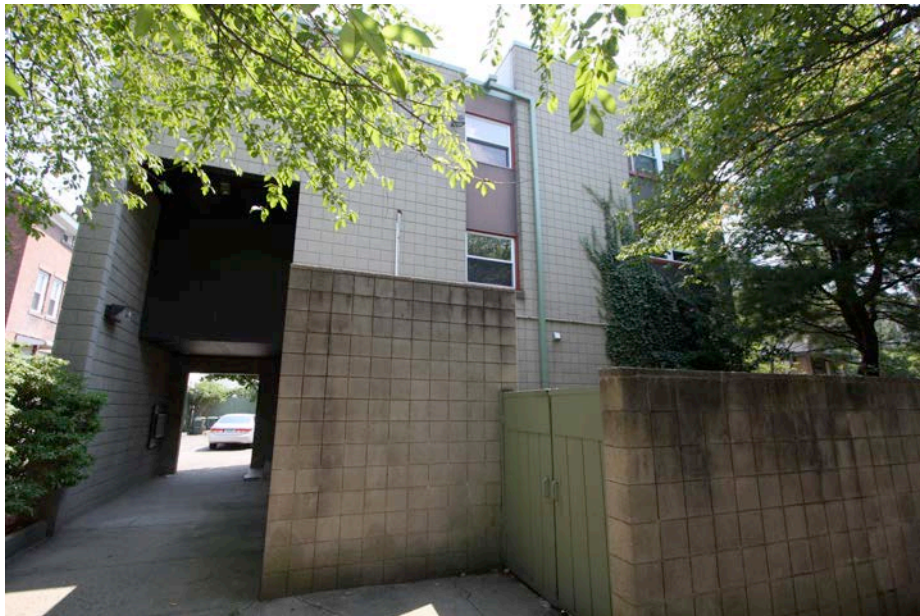
• Subsequent field evaluations:

**Threats to the building or site:**

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



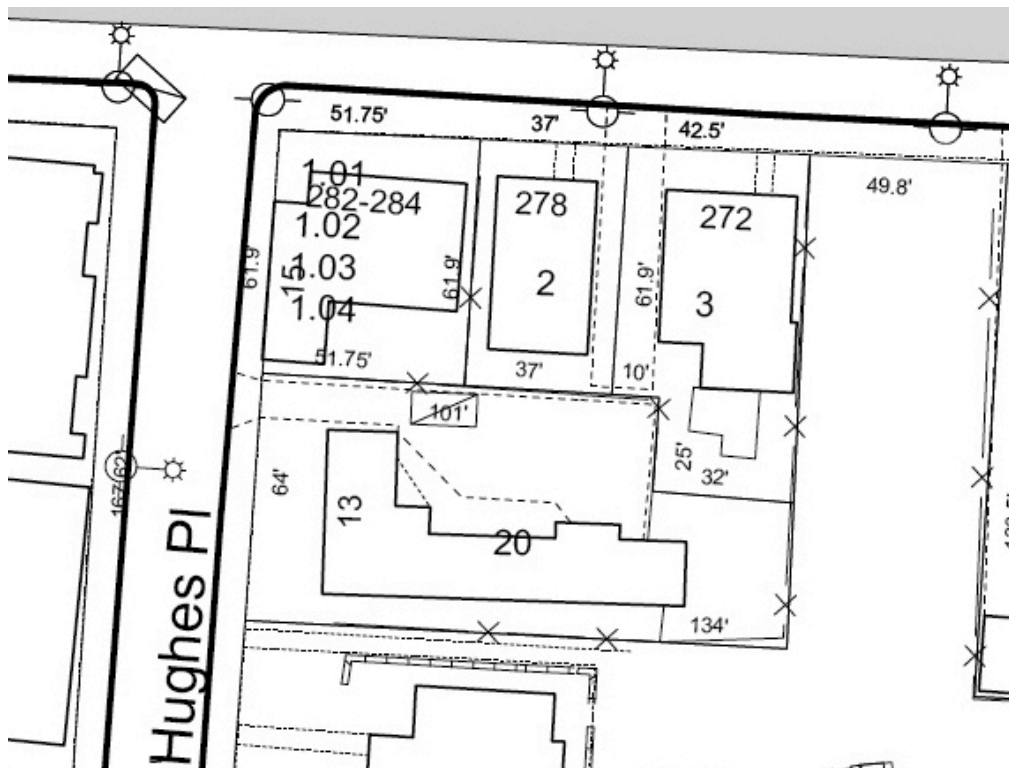
1. Northwest view from street, camera facing southeast.



2. West view from street, camera facing east.



3. North aerial view from Bing Maps <http://www.bing.com/maps/> accessed 6/12/2011.



4. Site Plan — Detail from City of New Haven Tax Map 208/ 0562/ 020, not to scale, North ↑ .