



# 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) New Haven Central Hospital for Veterinary Medicine  
 Building Name (Historic) New Haven Central Hospital for Veterinary Medicine  
 Street Address or Location 843 State Street  
 Town/City New Haven Village Upper State Street County New Haven  
 Owner(s) VTN Associates LLC  Public  Private

**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

Present Use: Medical Office (Veterinary)  
 Historic Use: Medical Office (Veterinary)  
**Accessibility to public:** Exterior visible from public road?  Yes  No  
 Interior accessible?  Yes  No If yes, explain Lobby during business hours  
 Style of building Modernist - International, Miesian Date of Construction 1976

**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>Reinforced</u> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Steel, Glass</u> |                                       |  |

**Structural System**

- Wood Frame  Post & Beam  Balloon  Load bearing masonry  Structural iron or steel  
 Other Cast-in-place Concrete

**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 + B Approximate Dimensions 53' x 88' x 20' 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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: Paved parking lot at rear

**Surrounding Environment:**

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

- Interrelationship of building and surroundings: Located on the east side of State Street between Clark and Pearl Streets. Height, setback, and use of brick are compatible with surrounding neighborhood commercial district, a mix of 2- and 3-story 19th-century buildings with some 20th-century industrial structures. The I-91 highway adjacent to the east is raised on a high berm. This is an interesting juxtaposition and integration of International style with the historic context of a brick church and factory buildings of comparable mass.

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

The building consists of an exposed painted structural steel frame 3 bays wide, with non-structural brick and glass infill walls, on a reinforced concrete foundation base. The main entry is at the rear northeast corner, a half-level above grade, accessed by a floating steel/concrete stair and ramp. A recessed entry porch leads through a glass wall and doors to the lobby with terrazzo flooring and a full-wall mural, by Ernest H. Hart, portraying animals. Clerestory strip windows provide light. Interior spaces on the main and lower level provide veterinary services. The building is in good condition, well maintained with few signs of wear, and in nearly original condition. The building presents a closed facade to the street, with the entrance at the rear parking and obscured glazing, but the use of materials creates visual interest. The building was designed to accommodate a third level.

Architect Vincent C. Amore Builder Construction Coordinators, Inc., Mark Hermann

- Historical or Architectural importance: State Street parallels Highway I-91, carved through the city during the Redevelopment period of the early 1960s. Along State, historic building preservation is mixed with new construction on cleared sites. New buildings are generally compatible in scale and material with the old. The Veterinary Hospital, and Jet Cleaners at 687 State (see Inventory form), also designed by Amore, represent Modernist designs which mediate well between the historic fabric of State Street and the industrial scale of the adjacent highway on its embankment. This building is an example of modernist Miesian design with its glass and steel building materials and careful detailing of the structural materials instead of applied ornament, that are characteristic of the style.

The building is located in the Upper State Street National Register Historic District; it was considered a Non-contributing Resource at the time of designation. Amore designed this building shortly after leaving his position as a staff architect with the New Haven Redevelopment Agency and opening his own practice.

- Sources: Brown, Elizabeth Mills; New Haven: *A Guide to Architecture & Urban Design*, Yale U. Press, New Haven, 1976. 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: 211/ 0595/ 001, Building Department permit files.

Loether, J.Paul, Upper State Street National Register Nomination, National Park Service, 1983.

Interview with Vincent C. Amore, July 1, 2010.

Photographer Charlotte Hitchcock Date 6/08/2009

View NW view from State Street Negative on File NHPT

Name Charlotte Hitchcock Date 7/01/2010

Organization 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 Facility relocation



1. North view from State Street, camera facing south.



2. East view of entry porch from rear parking, camera facing west.



3. Google Map Street View — neighborhood context <http://maps.google.com/> accessed 7/01/2010.



4. West view - street facade.



5. Corner detail of structural steel.



6. Site plan detail - City of New Haven Tax Assessors Map Map/Block/Parcel 211/ 0595/ 00100.



7. Aerial view from Google Maps: <http://maps.google.com/> accessed 7/01/2010.