



## HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Please send completed form to: Stacey Vairo, National Register and State Register Coordinator,  
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) Crown Court Parking Garage

Building Name (Historic) Crown Court Parking Garage

Street Address or Location 123 York Street

Town/City New Haven Village \_\_\_\_\_ County New Haven

Owner(s) Presidential Realty Corporation  Public  Private

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Parking garage

Historic Use: Parking garage

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

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

Style of building Modernist Date of Construction 1965

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 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 type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |                                       |  |

### Structural System

- Wood Frame  Post & Beam  Balloon  Load bearing masonry  Structural iron or steel
- Other reinforced concrete

### Roof (Type)

- Gable  Flat  Mansard  Monitor  Sawtooth
- Gambrel  Shed  Hip  Round  Other Cast-in-place Thin Shell Arches

### (Material)

- Wood Shingle  Roll Asphalt  Tin  Slate  Asphalt Shingle
- Built up  Tile  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Stories: 2 Approximate Dimensions 62' x 220'

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: Courtyard with concrete walks, stone benches, fountain; asphalt parking

**Surrounding Environment:**

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

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

The garage is located at the southwest corner of Crown and High Streets. The garage is built on a block dominated entirely by modern structures. This block marks a transition from older commercial structures and late 19th-century Italianate row houses to the north and east, to modernist high-rises with parking structures, closer to the Route 34 roadway.

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

The parking structure is two stories tall. The lower level on grade parks 42 cars under a concrete upper deck and is accessed from a neighboring surface parking lot at the south side. The upper deck level is accessed via a curving ramp from Crown Street at the northwest corner. On the upper deck 2 concrete barrel shell roof structures each 220' long and 20' wide, serve to shelter automobiles. The roofs are constructed of a series of 20-foot concrete arches, each the width of 2 parking spaces. Between the arches, the valleys have concrete girder supports which also serve as rain leaders, and steel pipe column supports. The entire structure is 220 feet long and 62' wide with concrete egress stairs, cantilevered off a central pier, found in the middle and ends.

Architect Chloethiel Woodard Smith & Associated Architects    Builder M. Shapiro and Sons, White Plains, NY  
Robert Rosenwasser, Structural Engineer

• Historical or Architectural importance:

There are two large modern apartment buildings on the block, one high-rise and the second a low-rise building. This parking structure and the apartment building with which it is associated with were designed by Chloethiel Woodard Smith and Associates. Smith (1910-1992) was a nationally significant architect and urban planner whose practice centered in the Washington D.C. area. There is also a two-story garage located on the George Street (south) side of the block, which, with the adjoining highway, creates a context for this garage. Built during a time when the car had functionally displaced other modes of transportation, this garage serves as a functional structure while celebrating its purpose through the whimsical design of the thin shell concrete roof, which enhances a sheltered garden space between the parking and the apartment blocks. A similar barrel-arched concrete roof appeared nearby in 1961 at 84 Broadway (see Inventory form).

• Sources:

Brown, Elizabeth Mills; *New Haven: A Guide to Architecture and Urban Design*, Yale University Press, New Haven, 1976, p. 68 G9.  
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.  
City of New Haven Building Department, drawings on file.  
New Haven Tax Assessor's Record: Map/Block/Parcel: 262/219/001.

Photographer Charlotte Hitchcock    Date 7/29/2009

View Southwest    Negative on File NHPT

Name Alek A. Juskevics - John Herzan    Date 11/15/2009

Organization The New Haven Preservation Trust

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• Subsequent field evaluations:

**Threats to the building or site:**

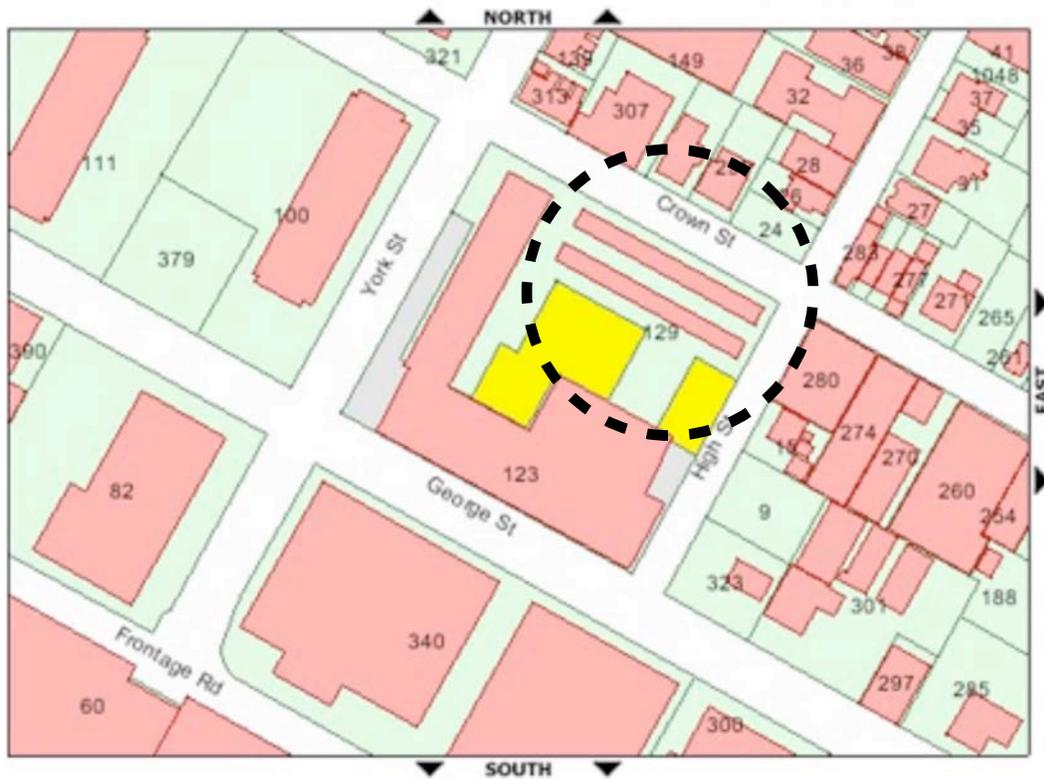
- None known     Highways     Vandalism     Developers     Renewal     Private
- Deterioration     Zoning     Other \_\_\_\_\_     Explanation \_\_\_\_\_



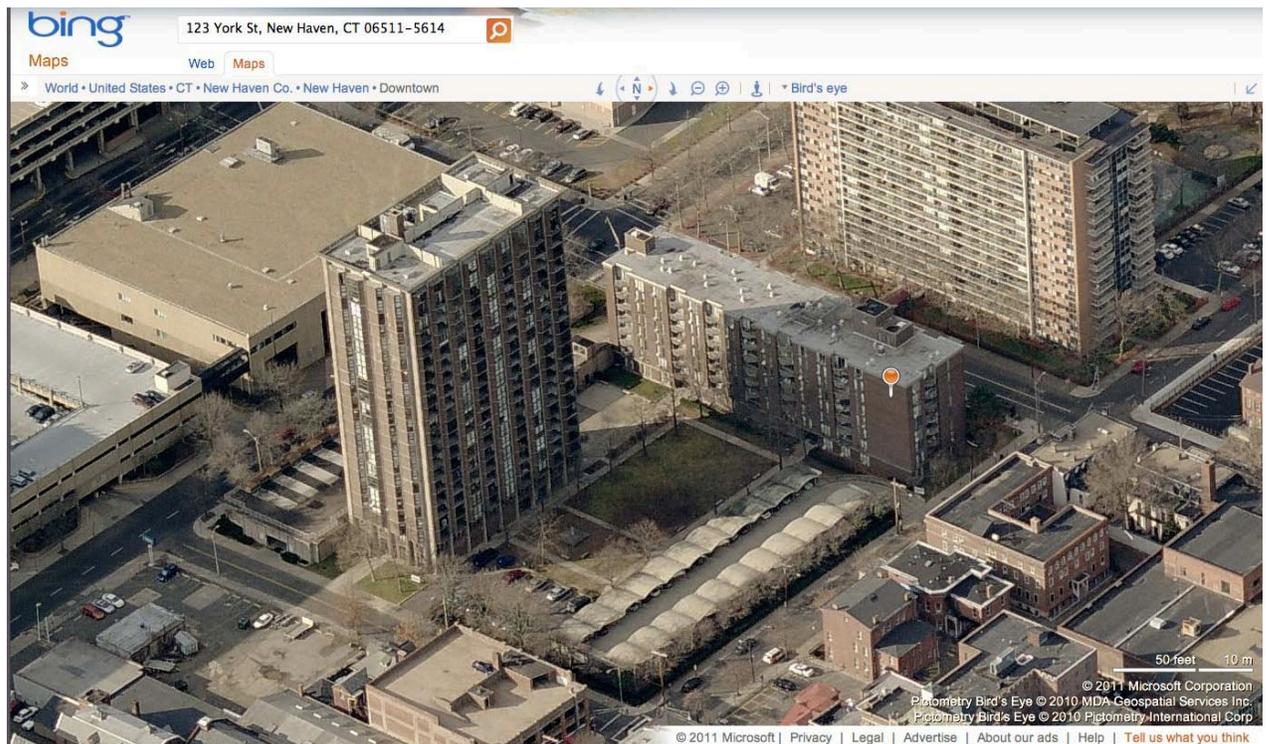
1. West and south elevations, camera facing east.



2. Upper deck from ramp at northwest corner, camera facing east.



3. Vision Appraisal: Map/Block/Parcel: 262/219/001 not to scale, North ↑



4. East aerial view from Bing Maps <http://www.bing.com/maps/> accessed 5/20/2011.