



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) Electrical Wholesalers Inc./Sid Harvey's Wholesale Refrigeration, A/C&Heating Parts

Building Name (Historic) Uneeda Sales Company

Street Address or Location 75 Hamilton Street

Town/City New Haven Village Wooster Square County New Haven

Owner(s) Philip Bleich Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Commercial - Wholesale/Office

Historic Use: Commercial - Wholesale

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

Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain Limited areas during business hours

Style of building Modernist Date of Construction 1963

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>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** 245' x 150'

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: Masonry storage addition built in 1976; interior renovation in 1989

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: Parking lot at north side

Surrounding Environment:

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

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings: The site is located east of I-91, extending through the block from Hamilton to Wallace Street. Use of concrete masonry units and setback from the street are consistent with other industrial buildings on the street constructed between 1963-1967. Late 19th- and early 20th-century brick factory buildings are also present and have been converted to residential/commercial uses.

• Other notable features of building or site (*Interior and/or Exterior*)
 This is a 1-story flat-roofed building of painted concrete masonry units (CMU) with minimal modernist detailing. On the front (west) a recessed floor-to-ceiling glass and metal storefront breaks the plane of the facade. A narrow window on the front facade (north end) appears to be floor-to-ceiling, but is composed of three stacked metal sash. This design feature is repeated twice on the north face of the front block. Also on the front façade (southern end) three narrow recessed bands divide the CMU into panels, possibly acting as expansion joints while providing a hint of ornamental pattern. A large warehouse structure, set back from the street, extends to the north; this section is without architectural detail. The rear elevation has a recessed glazed entry similar to but narrower than the front. The masonry is somewhat deteriorated with settlement cracking visible in the upper sections of walls.

Architect Allan Pokras, Bridgeport CT Builder Alpert Construction Company, Woodbridge CT

• Historical or Architectural importance: Uneeda Sales Co. was a houseware/hardware wholesaler. The firm was originally at 141-143 Wooster Street and relocated to 75 Hamilton Street during the Redevelopment period. Uneeda Sales Co. built its new building next to Sero Shirtmakers and shared a common driveway, a feature supported by the city architect. The intent was to avoid unnecessary repetition of site requirements. Mary Hommann stated in "Wooster Square Design" that the common driveway was "remarkable only because New Haven property owners seem to be even more independent than most." The 1963 building cost the firm \$90,000 and a one-story masonry addition for storage (1976) cost another \$30,000. See survey form for 60 Hamilton Street for redevelopment-era background.
 This building was designed as a utilitarian structure with a minimum of concern for image, expressed only in the full-height glass entries and slit windows, which divides the building visually into abstract geometric masses.

• 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 Assessor's Record: Map/Block/Parcel 202/0554/00200, Building Department permit files.
 Hommann, Mary, *Wooster Square Design*, New Haven Redevelopment Agency, New Haven CT, 1965
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• Subsequent field evaluations:

The Wallace Street entry has been repaired and painted, and a new dog day care business has opened in the eastern portion of the building (June 2011).

Threats to the building or site:

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



1. West view from Hamilton Street, camera facing east.



2. Northwest view from rear parking, camera facing southeast.



3. Southwest view from sidewalk, camera facing northeast.



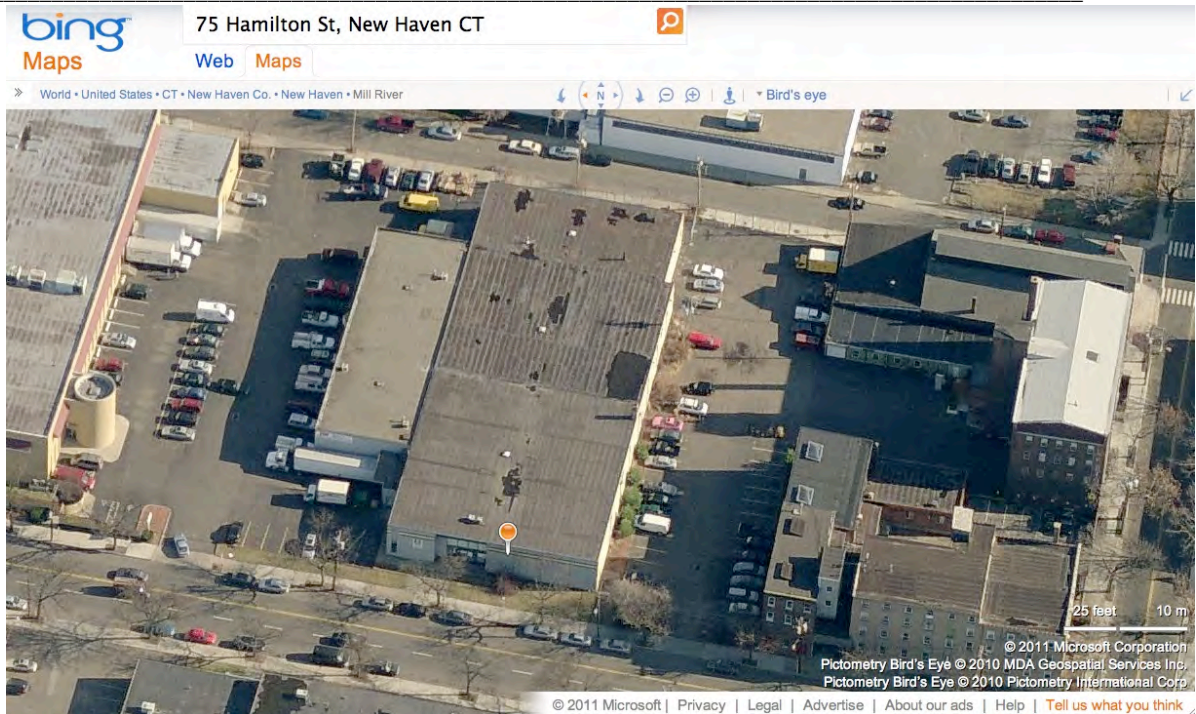
4. Northeast (rear) view from Wallace Street, camera facing west.



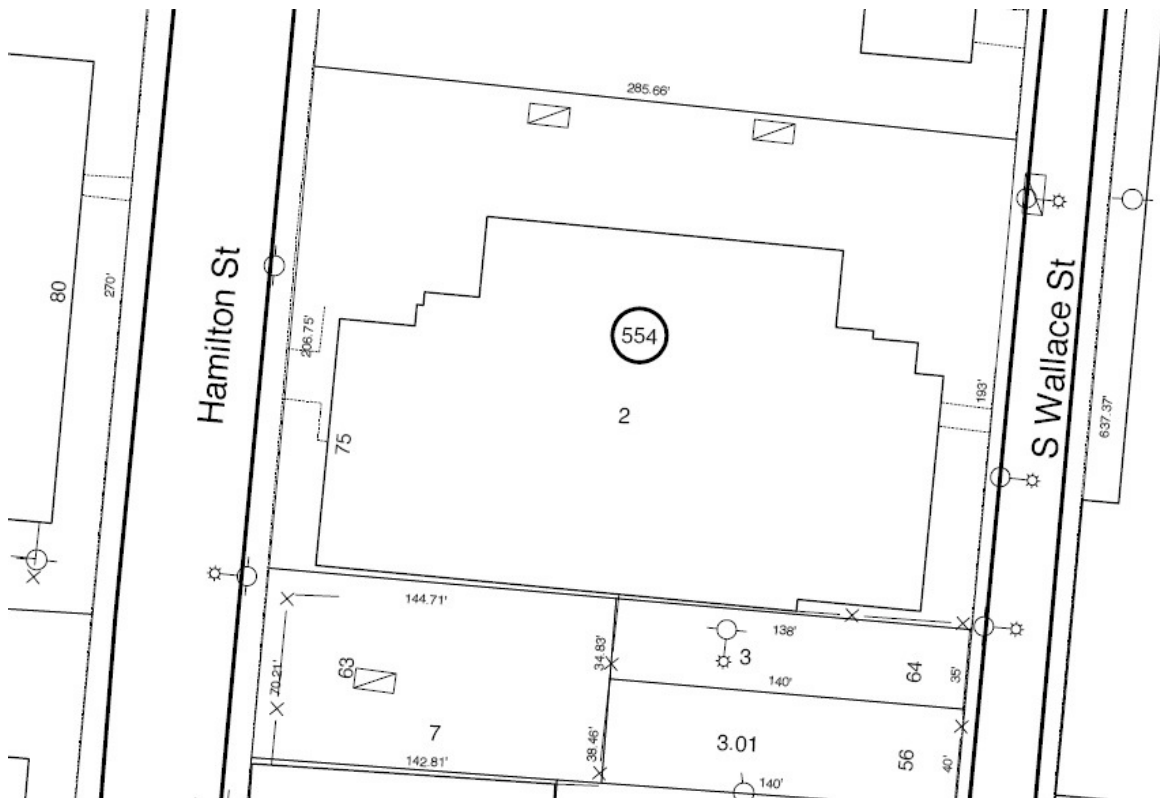
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6. West aerial view from Bing Maps <http://www.bing.com/maps/> accessed 6/08/2011.



7. Site Plan – detail from City of New Haven Tax Map 202/0554/00200, not to scale North ↑.