

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM**  
For Buildings and Structures

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
UTM: 18/	/	/	/
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

**IDENTIFICATION**

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Manuscript Historic: Same
2. TOWN/CITY: New Haven VILLAGE: ----- COUNTY: New Haven
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 344 Elm Street
4. OWNER(S): The Wrexham Foundation, Incorporated PUBLIC  PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Private Club Historic: Same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  yes, explain  no

**DESCRIPTION**

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Contemporary DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1962
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):  
 clapboard  asbestos siding  brick  
 wood shingle  asphalt siding  fieldstone  
 board & batten  stucco  cobblestone  
 aluminum siding  concrete: type: block  cut stone: type: white granite  
 other: foundation
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:  
 wood frame:  post and beam  balloon  
 load bearing masonry  structural iron or steel  
 other: -----
10. 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: -----
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 1 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 35' x 30'
12. CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  
 Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: -----  
 Alterations:  no  yes, explain: -----
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 barn  shed  garage  other landscape features or buildings: -----  
 carriage house  shop  garden Interior courtyard
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  
 open land  woodland  residential  scattered buildings visible from site  
 commercial  industrial  rural  high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This building stands in a mixed use block bordered to the east and west by residences and to the south by a yard.

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

The only opening in this building's rock-faced granite facade is a recessed glass bay on its eastern side which contains the entrance. The building faces an interior courtyard. A single storey on the street, the structure contains below-grade levels.

SIGNIFICANCE

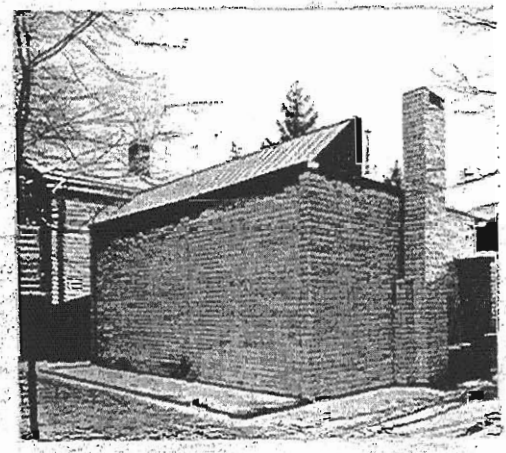
Architect: King Lui Wu Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This club building belongs to Manuscript, one of Yale's famous secret societies. Its obdurate facade is certainly appropriate to its function, though it does nothing to mystify or entice passersby, as other secret society buildings do.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Thomas Hahn  
date: Fall, 1979 view: Northwest corner  
negative on file: CHC; CTHP



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19. SOURCES:

- Maps and Atlases
- New Haven City Directories
- Brown p. 73

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

- none known
- highways
- vandalism
- developers
- other: \_\_\_\_\_
- renewal
- private
- deterioration
- zoning
- explanation: \_\_\_\_\_