



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) Berger Residence
 Building Name (Historic) Caroline and Dr. Jose Delgado Residence
 Street Address or Location 50 Autumn Street
 Town/City New Haven Village Saint Ronan-Edgehill County New Haven
 Owner(s) Berger, Ethel L. Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Single-family Residence
 Historic Use: Single-family Residence

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

Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain _____

Style of building Modernist - California Date of Construction 1959 / 1988

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 type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Vertical Wood</u> | | |

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 and 2 **Approximate Dimensions** 21' x 31', later additions 26' x 47'

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: Large addition at rear.

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: _____

Surrounding Environment:

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

- Interrelationship of building and surroundings: Autumn St. is one block long, paralleling St. Ronan St. to the west and Whitney Ave. to the east, and acts as a mews for the major streets. Buildings are mostly residential, ranging from converted carriage houses and early 20th-century revival-style homes, to a number of mid-20th-century Modernist houses built as infill on parcels subdivided from the large through-lots. Number 50 is one of these last, on a quarter-acre parcel subdivided from the lot fronting St. Ronan St. A steep drive slopes up to prominent garage doors facing the street. A small garden is to the left.
- Other notable features of building or site (*Interior and/or Exterior*)

The house has been quadrupled in size by subsequent additions. The 1st section constructed in 1959 appears to have been a simple 21 x 41-foot rectangular gable-roofed structure with a pair of garage doors facing the street and "ranch-style" living space on the floor above. The roof is a low-slope gable with deep overhangs, similar to 107 Autumn Street. Siding is vertical boards or plywood on the upper level and horizontal wide lap siding at the garage level. Windows appear to have been replaced and the pedestrian entrance has been located in the newer parts of the house, although a flight of steps rising along the north wall may be the original entry sequence.

Architect Gualtier & Johnson, Southington CT Builder Gualtier & Johnson, Southington CT
 1988: Edward G. A. Kubler, Madison CT 1988: Mrs. Ethel L. Berger (Owner)

- Historical or Architectural importance:
 Autumn Street appeared before 1879, but its development as a residential street occurred between 1900 and 1925. Houses here were smaller than those on the parallel streets, but still designed by prominent local architects such as Brown and von Beren. In the post World War II period, some of the last open parcels were subdivided and infilled with fashionable Modernist houses. This house and those at 70 and 107 represent this activity. This house, like No. 107, reflects ideals of suburban life such as the single-story layout and the retreat of the living spaces to a private zone behind a garage facing the street. The scale and lack of openness to the street make this an anomaly, contrasting with the remainder of the streetscape.
 Note on Architect: the Delgado Residence is listed as a project by King-lui Wu in the Wu archives; the building permit lists Gualtier & Johnson.

- Sources: Brown, Elizabeth Mills; *New Haven: A Guide to Architecture & Urban Design*, Yale U. Press, New Haven, 1976, p.145.
 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: 219/459/015; New Haven Building Department Permit Files.
 Sexton, James, "Study Report: St. Ronan-Edgehill Historic District, New Haven CT," New Haven Historic District Commission, New Haven, April 2008.
 King-lui Wu Papers (MS 1842). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Photographer Charlotte Hitchcock Date 12/04/2010
 View East views from Autumn Street Negative on File NHPT
 Name Charlotte Hitchcock Date 12/08/2010
 Organization The New Haven Preservation Trust
 Address 934 State Street, P.O. Box 1671, New Haven, CT 06507

- Subsequent field evaluations:

Threats to the building or site:

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



1. E view from Autumn Street, camera facing west.

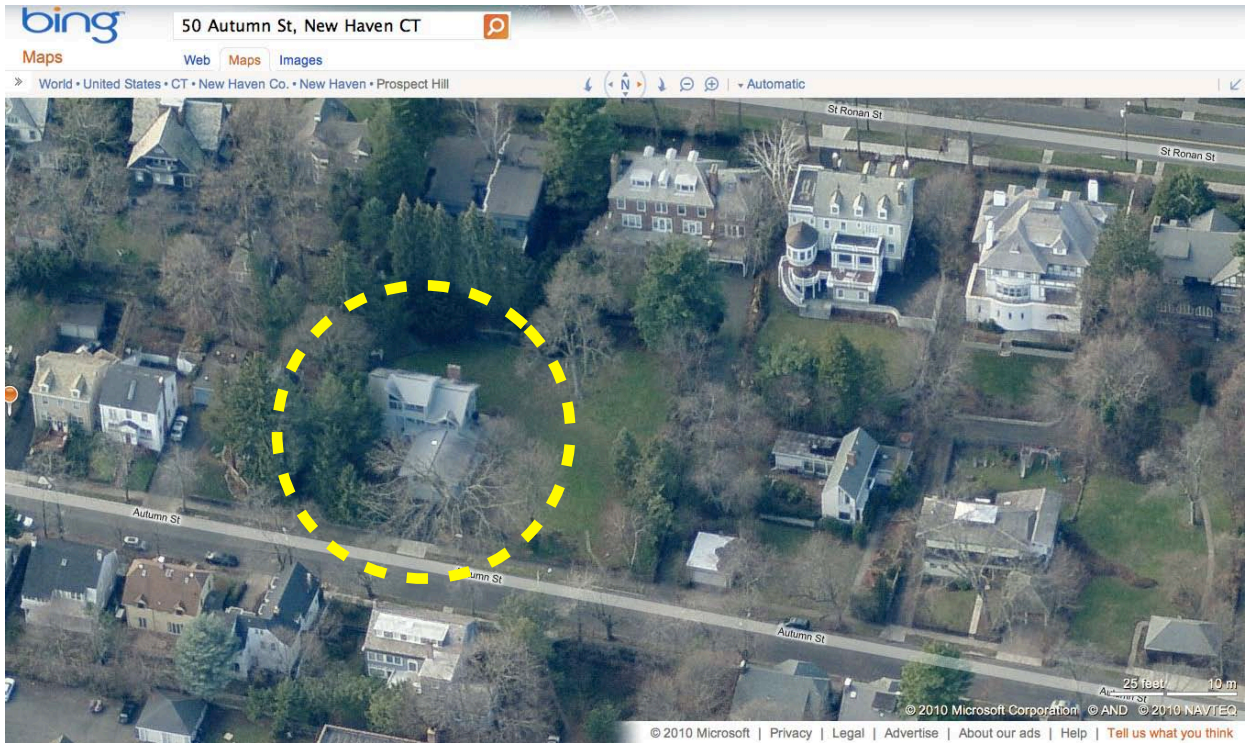


2. NE view from Autumn Street, camera facing southwest

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES continuation sheet

50 Autumn Street, New Haven, CT

4



3. East aerial view from Bing Maps <http://www.bing.com/maps/> accessed 12/05/2010.



4. Site Plan – detail from City of New Haven Tax Map 219/459/015.