

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)
 Holy Transfiguration

2. TOWN/CITY VILLAGE COUNTY
 New Haven New Haven

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)
 285 Alden Avenue (N.E. Corner of Burton Street)

4. OWNER(S)
 Holy Transfiguration (Russian Orthodox) Public Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)
 Church Church

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes No EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD Yes No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE Yes No IF YES, EXPLAIN

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
 Brutalist 1966

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<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: reinforced block	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____	

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		

10. ROOF (Type)

<input type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor	<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____

(Material)

<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
 1 115' x 45'

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
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13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN ? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
 Located on the northeast corner of Alden Avenue and Burton Street in a neighborhood dominated by residential architecture dating from the mid-19th to early 20th centuries.

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

Building: A 1 story reinforced concrete Brutalist style Russian Orthodox Church with basically a flat roof shape. The building is a series of rectangular and square boxes. The square shape main section of the church has glazed walls. In front of the glazed wall are large concrete blocks giving support to the main body of the church. The dominate feature of the building is the gold leaf "onion" or Russian style dome. The dome is topped by a finial. The entrance is recessed under a round arched opening. Above the door, there is a painting depicting the Transfiguration.

18. ARCHITECT

← Carl Blanchard, Jr.

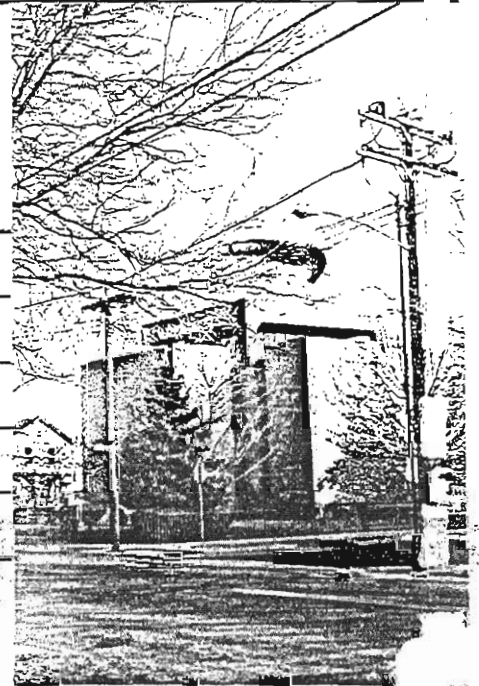
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19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Historical: This church is known as the Holy Transfiguration. The building is owned by the Russian Orthodox Church located on Dixwell Avenue in New Haven. The permit number is 80233. The church was erected at a cost of \$120,000. The date of its construction was in 1966. The building is classified as a one-story fire-proof-reinforced concrete church.

Architectural: Holy Transfiguration Church is an architecturally unusual building for New Haven. The building is a combination of the Brutalist style and traditional Russian architectural forms as seen in the dome.

New Haven Building Department Records
 New Haven Tax Assessors Records
 New Haven Land Records



PHOTOGRAPHER

Dorothea Penar

DATE

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ORGANIZATION

The New Haven Preservation Trust

ADDRESS

114 Whitney Ave., New Haven, CT 06510

SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

← Dome replaced in early 1980s

THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known

Highways

Vandalism

Developers

Other

Renewal

Private

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Zoning

Explanation