

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES  
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Downtown

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Town No.:	Site No.:
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DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) Banby's Newspapers (Historic) Loft Candies

2. TOWN/CITY New Haven VILLAGE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY New Haven

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 782-784 Chapel St.

4. OWNER(S) Ramesh Patel  Public  Private

5. USE (Present) Commercial (Historic) Same

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:  Yes  No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE:  Yes  No IF YES, EXPLAIN DBH

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING Art Moderne DATE OF CONSTRUCTION \_\_\_\_\_

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

Clapboard  Asbestos Siding  Brick  Other (Specify) Carrara Glass front  
Stainless Steel base panels

Wood Shingle  Asphalt Siding  Fieldstone

Board & Batten  Stucco  Cobblestone

Aluminum Siding  Concrete Type: \_\_\_\_\_  Cut stone Type: \_\_\_\_\_

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

Wood frame  Post and beam  balloon

Load bearing masonry  Structural iron or steel

Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

10. ROOF (Type)

Gable  Flat  Mansard  Monitor  sawtooth

Gambrel  Shed  Hip  Round  Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

(Material)

Wood Shingle  Roll Asphalt  Tin  Slate

Asphalt shingle  Built up  Tile  Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2&B APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 22' X 139'

12. CONDITION (Structural)  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated (Exterior)  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location)  On original site  Moved WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_ (Alterations)  Yes  No IF YES, EXPLAIN Lofts sign removed with new use, c.1975

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES Glass panels have been damaged and removed.

Barn  Shed  Garage  Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Carriage house  Shop  Garden None

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

Open land  Wood-land  Residential  Scattered buildings visible from site

Commercial  Industrial  Rural  High building density

15. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

Situated in an older commercial district just west of State St. Most of the buildings in the are were constructed in the late 19th and early 20th-centuries. Across the street is a vacant lot, the remnant of a large 1960s renewal project that has yet to create much. (OVER)

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Building: 2-story masonry building, approximately 2 bays wide. Building has a flat roof, cast-stone coping, and masonry facade. Covering the masonry are dark blue Carrara glass tiles (many now removed). At the center of the 2nd story is a neon sign box with "Loft Cardies". The storefront has recessed entry with 2 display bays, one on each side. Above the bays is an aluminum awning shield.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

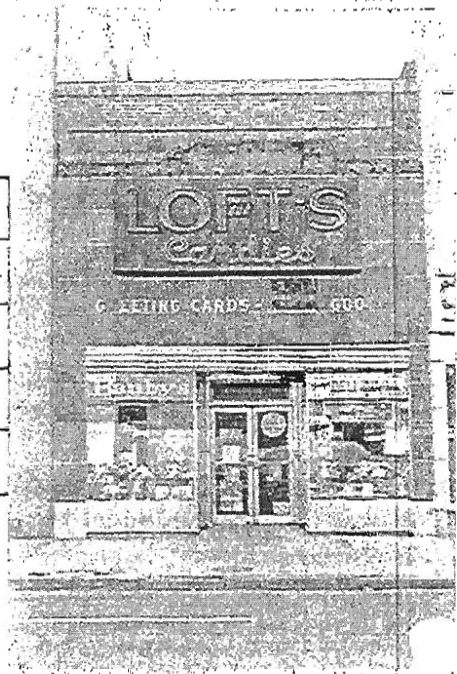
Architectural: An interesting example of mid 20th-c. commercial design. Here the entire building facade becomes the advertisement, with the Carrara glass front forming the backdrop for a large neon sign. There was no interest in blending with the historical traditions of the block. This was a modern design meant to stand out on the block.

Background: Built in 1945 on the site of the Marble Block which burned earlier in that year.

SOURCES

New Haven Building Dept. Records  
 Data, Bk. 3, pg. 48.  
 City Directories

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER	DATE
	Alan Rutberg	5/1981
COMPILED BY	VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE
	North (front)	NEPT, CHC Sheet # 57
COMPILED BY	NAME	DATE
	Preston Maynard	12/1980
	ORGANIZATION	
	New Haven Preservation Trust	
	ADDRESS	
	Box 1671, New Haven, Ct. 06507	



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known   
  Highways   
  Vandalism   
  Developers   
  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal   
  Private   
  Remodeling   
  Deterioration   
  Zoning   
  Expropriation