

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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**Yale Central Complex** 206-307-18

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)	
Yale Co-op Yale Co-op	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE COUNTY
New Haven	New Haven
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)	
77 Broadway	
4. OWNER(S)	
Yale University (title); Yale Cooperative Corp(lessee) <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) (Historic)	
Commercial Commercial	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Business hours
7. STYLE OF BUILDING DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Modern 1961-62	
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 & Battën <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: poured rubble & conc. aggregate <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) (Material)	
<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) <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) concrete deck, tar & gravel over	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
2 + B	200 x 70'
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	
13. INTEGRITY (Location)	WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Minor interior remodeling
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) Walkway east of bldg. and space at rear of bldg. are parts of the system of walkways and courtyards of Morse and Ezra Stiles Colleges	
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 checked="" 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	
Designed in conjunction with Morse and Ezra Stiles Colleges which occupy interior of the block, directly behind this building. Faces large parking lot which divides Broadway at this point. See also 65-69 Broadway.	

(OVER)

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (Interior, SDC, or Exterior)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Ext: 5-bay facade includes large entrances at each end of the building. The entrances are recessed under concrete canopies, and have quadruple glass doors. 3 identical shop windows comprising center of facade are also recessed within the wall. Rectangular sections of masonry project over them and out from the facade wall, from the tops of the windows to the roof line.

18 ARCHITECT

Eero Saarinen

19 CONTRACTOR

F & F Construction Co., Gen. Contractor  
H.A. Pfisterer, Structural Engineer

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Background: The co-op was founded by a group of instructors and students in 1885, and incorporated in 1892. Originally located in the Old Laboratory (demolished) on the Old Campus, the store then moved to Connecticut Hall, and in 1930 to 300 York Street, with a book annex on Broadway added in 1957-1959. Essentially a department store, the co-op has no stockholders and uses part of its profits to provide a patronage refund to active members (Yale affiliation required).

Historical: It is the 2nd college co-op in the United States, following the founding of the Harvard Coop by 3 years.

Architectural: The co-op is part of an important complex designed by Finnish-born architect Eero Saarinen (d. 1961) which represents the culmination of his mature style, an innovative construction technique, as an attempt to harmonize with earlier, Late Gothic Revival architecture on campus (see Morse & Ezra Stiles Colleges, 302-304 York Street).

SOURCES

Yale, 1979, p. 94.  
Brown, p. 53.  
Walter McQuade, "The New Yale Colleges," Architectural Forum, CXVII (Dec., 1962), pp. 104-111.  
Miscellaneous material on Yale Co-op Corporation, Manuscripts and Archives Dept., Yale University Library.

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER	DATE	Place
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	South	NHPT, GHC, Sheet no. 8	
	NAME	DATE	Here
	Susan Ryan	7/29/80	
	ORGANIZATION		
	ADDRESS		
	P.O. Box 1671, New Haven, CT 06507		

20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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

Renewal   
  Private   
  Deterioration   
  Zoning   
  Explosion \_\_\_\_\_

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TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
UTM: 18	/	/	/
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	5	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 46 Date: 7/29/80

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- 19) In particular, the Co-op storefront mediates between the very broken and irregular massing of the rear college buildings, and the scale, cornice line and facade line of Broadway (north side).

