

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
 (203) 566-3005
 Downtown 241-233-13

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) *(Historic)*
Michael's Jewelers

2. TOWN/CITY: **New Haven** VILLAGE: COUNTY: **New Haven**

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location):
926-930 Chapel St. (corner of Temple St.)

4. OWNER(S):
Constance Dorman Public Private

5. USE (Present) *(Historic)*
Commercial **Same**

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

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: **Art Moderne** DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: **1941**

8. MATERIAL(S) *(Indicate use or location when appropriate)*
 Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Other *(Specify)* **Cast-stone**
 Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding Fieldstone
 Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone
 Aluminum Siding Concrete Type: Cut stone Type: **Polished granite storefront**

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: **52 X 118'**

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

13. INTEGRITY *(Location)* WHEN? *(Alterations)* IF YES, EXPLAIN
 On original site Moved Yes No

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
 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 Indus-trial Rural High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
 Situated on a busy commercial block in the heart of Downtown New Haven. Across the Street(north) is the New Haven Green; to the south and east is Chapel Square Mall, to the west is Yale University. (OVER)

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

Building: 2-story masonry commercial block, 5 bays wide by 9 bays deep. Front (Chapel St. facade) has small parapet at the center of the roofline. Underneath this is a wide fascia with panels the same width as the bays below. The center panel has a polygonal medallion with foliate relief. The bays on the 2nd floor are single and 2 part groups. The single bays are at the center and feature case windows with metal frames. Above each window is a panel with geometric pattern. Between bays are piers with fluted surfaces. Bordering the center bays are single bays with same metal frames and decorative panel overhead. The entry is centered and has recessed, double entry doors with transom. Above this is a carved tablet with stylized foliate relief. The right side storefront has large glass bays and a recessed entry. Sign band is not original. The Michaels Jewelers front is much more elaborate. It has a wide

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

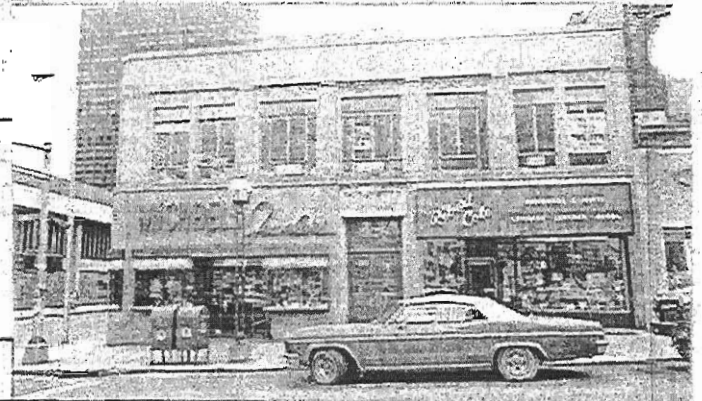
Architectural: Small commercial building in Art Moderne style. The geometric panels over the windows and stylized foliate enrichment over the front door are typical features of the style. The Michaels Jewelers storefront is one of the best in the city with display bays that are like small jewel boxes.

Historical: Built in 1941 on the site of the Jared Ingersoll House which burned that same year. Building erected by the Malley Co. whose large Dept. Store was across Temple St.

SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

City Directories
 Maps: 1888, 1911, 1923.
 Dana, Bk. 2, pg. 36
 NH Bldg. Dept. Records (permit # 8766)



PHOTO

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VIEW

North (front)

NEGATIVE ON FILE

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Place

COMPILED BY

NAME

Preston Maynard

1/19/1981

DATE

Photograph

ORGANIZATION

New Haven Preservation Trust

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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 Deterioration Zoning Explosion

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South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

For Buildings and Structures 926-930 Chapel St.
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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 111 Date: 1/19/1981

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#17. Building Description.

fascia and small box-like display bays which protrude slightly from the facade. These bays have bowed glass fronts set in bronze frames creating very elegant effect. Above the bays, running horizontally across the storefront is a metal marquee. The entry is recessed and has a single glass entry door. The Temple St. side has 9 bays in 1,2, and 3 part groups. These have identical metal frames, sash, and decorative panel as Chapel St. side. A small parapet marks the center of the Temple St. facade. At the ground level, the Michaels Jewelers facade bends around the corner with a soft curve to Temple St. and is pierced by the same box-like display windows as on Chapel St. side. The exterior facade is constructed of cast-stone panels. The Michaels Jewelers storefront is polished granite.