

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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Downtown

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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

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) Crown St. Parking Garage		(Historic)	
2. TOWN/CITY New Haven		VILLAGE	COUNTY New Haven
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) Crown St. (corner of College St.)			
4. OWNER(S) New Haven Parking Authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present) Parking Garage (Historic)			
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, EXPLAIN During business hours

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING Post-Modern		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1970	
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: Cast and reinforced concrete.	<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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Open parking deck irregular in shape.
(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) None
11. NUMBER OF STORIES 7&B		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS Front: 286' X 136'; rear 178' X 106'	
12. CONDITION (Structural) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated			
(Exterior) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated			
13. INTEGRITY (Location) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved		WHEN ?	(Alterations) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES, EXPLAIN Restuarant added to ground level in 1973.			
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	None
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input 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
Situating on Crown and College Streets at the edge of the Citys commercial center. North of here one block is Chapel St. commercial district. West of here is the Crown St. renewal area. Some houses remain of the (OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

Building: 8-level parking garage in re-inforced concrete with utility/service towers and ramps. Building has complex structural system of pre-cast "T" shaped posts arranged in a grid-like fashion. These support re-inforced concrete beams which in turn, support the (poured) concrete floor. Sides have cast-concrete panels. The stair towers (which also hold elevators and utilities) are poured and reinforced concrete with textured surfaces. The ground floor (southwest corner) has an enclosed commercial space which fronts on the street. This has concrete block walls, horizontal window bands (with giant, cylindrical marquées overhead) and entries (on south and west sides). This commercial space was added in 1973.

18. ARCHITECT

Granberry, Cash, and Associates

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural: Example of a renewal era parking facility which provides yet another solution to the problem of fitting a necessary City garage into the urban fabric of the Downtown. In this case the architect has masterfully designed the concrete "pieces" so that every member is clearly defined (vertical post versus horizontal beam). The "T" beams add variety to the mass without betraying their functional nature. Compare this garage with that designed by Paul Rudolph just down the block on Temple St. Rudolph's solution, also orchestrated in concrete emphasizes the plastic qualities of the material, whereas Granberry, Cash and Associates has articulated the structural possibilities of the material.

SOURCES

Brown, pg. 109.
New Haven Building Dept. Records

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VIEW

South (Crown St, side)

NEGATIVE ON FILE

NHPT, CEC Sheet # 79

Place

NAME

Preston Maynard

DATE

2/09/1981

Photograph

ORGANIZATION

New Haven Preservation Trust

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ADDRESS

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known
- Highways
- Vandalism
- Renewal
- Private
- Deterioration

