

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
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**Downtown** 240-2351-2

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) (Historic)  
**Southern Connecticut Gas Co.**

2. TOWN, CITY VILLAGE COUNTY  
**New Haven**  **New Haven**

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)  
**57-61 Church St.**

4. OWNER(S)  
**Southern Connecticut Gas Co.**  Public  Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)  
**Commercial (office and retail)** **Same**

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

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING DATE OF CONSTRUCTION  
**Modern** **1972**

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: <b>Cast-and-reinforced</b>	<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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	

11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS  
**7&Mezz.&B** **113'X 277'**

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  
 On original site  Moved  Yes  No

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	<b>Parking area in rear.</b>

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  
 Situated in the heart of the City's commercial district along busy Church St. Building is part of late redevelopment of lower Church St. Just south

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Building: 9-story office building with flat roof. Building is 3 bays wide along Church St. Exterior treatment consists of structural reinforced concrete frame with glass infill panels. Structural members have chamfered reveal. The 1st and 2nd stories appear as one large story in the front elevation, creating a base for the building. 9th floor holds mechanical equipment and thus has no windows.

18 ARCHITECT

Robert W. Jones, N.Y.

BUILDER

SIGNIFICANCE

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Architectural: Part of the continuing renewal along Church St. this building blends well with its neighbors despite its large scale. The architect has carefully chosen the coloring of the concrete and glass to harmonize with the Connecticut Savings Bank and the Simons building, next door.

SOURCES

City Directories  
Maps: 1911, 1923  
N.H. Bldg. Dept.

PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER

Alan Rittberg

DATE

3/1981

VIEW

West (front)

NEGATIVE ON FILE

NHPT, CHC Sheet# 57

COMPILED BY

NAME

Preston Maynard

DATE

2/1/1981

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   
  Deterioration   
  Zoning   
  Explancon

