

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES  
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ch / Oak St. Connector

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| 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)<br>Yale Laboratory of Epidemiology and Public Health                             |  |  |   |
| 2. TOWN/CITY<br>New Haven  |  | VILLAGE  | COUNTY<br>New Haven                         |
| 3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)<br>60 College St.   |  |  |   |
| 4. OWNER(S)<br>Yale University <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private |  |  |   |
| 5. USE (Present)<br>Educational/Research/Storage   |  | (Historic)   |   |
| 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:  | EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | IF YES, EXPLAIN<br>Public areas, by request |

DESCRIPTION

|  |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| 7. STYLE OF BUILDING<br>Post-Modern                        |  | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION<br>1963  |  |
| 8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate) |  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Reinforced concrete(walls) |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: Limestone facing material |  |
| 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 |   |  |
| Reinforced concrete  |  |   |  |
| <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<br>9&B                               |  | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS<br>1st & 2nd: 62'X230'; 3rd-9th: 50'X 202'             |  |
| 12. CONDITION (Structural)                                 |  | (Exterior)  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair   | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair   | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated  |
| 13. INTEGRITY (Location)                                   |  | WHEN ?  | (Alterations)  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site       | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved                               |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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   | None   |
| 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  
Situating along the south side of the Oak St. Connector, at the corner of College St. To the south is the Yale Medical School on Cedar St. To the west is the Memorial Unit. To the east is Tower One and Church St. South

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Building: 9-story reinforced concrete frame building, rectilinear in form with flat roof. Building is supported by giant exterior pilasters, 8 per side. These support a concrete form over a 2-story glass podium. This podium is slightly recessed from the building line, creating an overhang. The suspended masonry box has very narrow slit-like windows openings adjacent to the pilasters. These have masonry hoods which project over each window. The entire suspended section of the building and the pilasters are sheathed in sandstone.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

Philip Johnson/Office of Douglas Orr

The E. and F. Construction Co.

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural: This laboratory building is one of the finer structures constructed along the Oak St. Connector. The scale and siting of the building was meant to relate to the new highway and thus we find large, block-like form suspended on huge pilasters. The small window openings with their odd window heads have received much criticism. Philip Johnson in a revealing interview professes his disappointment in the building. According to Johnson, he was asked to design this building by the Dean (at Yale) while working on the Eline Biology Tower. Johnson states "...the idea of the building was a quickie. I brought the model up a week after he gave me the job, and he (the Dean) said, 'That's fine, build it!' And from then on the other architect took over" (Office of Douglas Orr). Johnson calls Orr a "very bad local architect..." Who really had the final say in this building is unclear. The siting and form are essentially Johnson's. The details are probably the Office of Douglas Orr. As for the windows, Johnson admits these were mistakes. The original plan had had a much bolder window. These were eliminated for financial reasons leaving the funny hoods projecting over a small window opening.

SOURCES

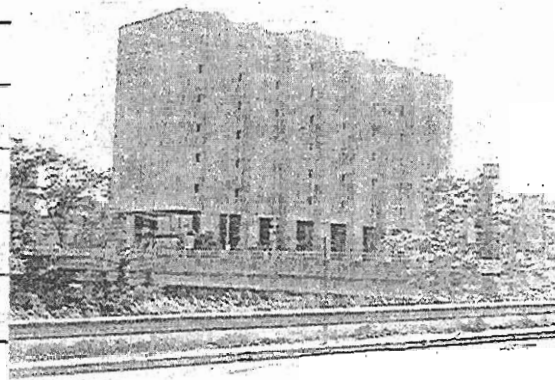
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PHOTO

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|--------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| PHOTOGRAPHER | Alan Rutberg            | DATE             | 4/1981               |
| VIEW         | North (side) East (end) | NEGATIVE ON FILE | NEPT, CHC Sheet # 75 |

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known
- Highways
- Vandalism
- Developers
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Renewal
- Private
- Deterioration
- Zoning
- Explanation \_\_\_\_\_