

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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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

Hill

237-56-12

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <i>Liberty Square Homes</i> (Historic)	
2. TOWN/CITY <i>New Haven</i>	COUNTY <i>New Haven</i>
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) <i>9-35 Liberty St.</i>	
4. OWNER(S) <i>New Haven Housing Authority</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) <i>Residential- multi family</i> (Historic) <i>Residential- multi family</i>	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN	

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING <i>Modern</i>		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>1962</i>
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> End walls
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone
<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:		
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<i>Exterior bracing</i>	
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: <i>2</i> APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
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) IF YES, EXPLAIN		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden
<i>Large interior courtyards; parking areas on the periphery.</i>		
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 type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
In an old residential neighborhood on the Hill, this was one of the first renewal projects in the area. Sits across Liberty St. from the (c.1924) Cheippo Bus Co. garage. Bounded on the east by Union Ave. (OVER)

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Buildings: Large residential, public housing complex consisting of two-story rectangular units set around open spaces with parking areas on exterior edges. Each block consists of 6 to 8 units; Have brick end and fire walls, flat roof, and individual entries. Steel supports and bracing is exposed between each unit. Walls are aluminum and wood panels. Each unit has small enclosed courtyard in rear.

Site: Landscaped common areas between buildings, some with street furniture. Unusual spaceframes created by the same steel braces used in the structure. These create a modernistic garden trellis-like structure.

18 ARCHITECT

Carl Koch, Cambridge, Mass.

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural: Example of an 1960s renewal project, these structures demonstrate a renewed interest in site planning, structural innovation, and experimentation with new materials that was common in post-war, "modern" housing projects. These represented a radical departure from earlier public housing schemes.

SOURCES

Brown, pg. 94
New Haven Building Dept. Records

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VIEW

North (side)

NEGATIVE ON FILE

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NAME

Preston Maynard

DATE

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ORGANIZATION

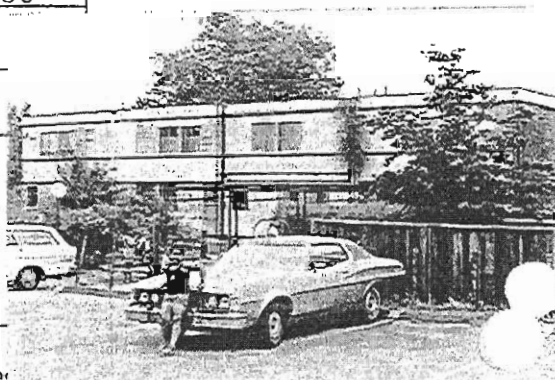
New Haven Preservation Trust

ADDRESS

Box 1671, New Haven, Ct. 06507

Place

Photograph



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known
 Highways
 Vandalism
 Developers
 Other
 Renewal
 Private
 Deterioration
 Zoning
 Explosion