

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
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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

Long Wharf

228-1304--

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <b>New Haven Water Co. and Southern Connecticut Community College</b>		(Historic) <b>C.W. Blakeslee &amp; Sons</b>	
2. TOWN/CITY <b>New Haven</b>		COUNTY <b>New Haven</b>	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) <b>60 - 90 Sargent Drive</b>			
4. OWNER(S) <b>State of Connecticut (#60); New Haven Water Co. (#90)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present) <b>Educational/commercial offices</b>		(Historic) <b>Commercial offices</b>	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	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 <b>School/business hours</b>

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING <b>Modern</b>		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <b>1966/1975-76</b>	
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 panels, and Type <b>stone aggreg.</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 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) <b>Steel deck</b>
11. NUMBER OF STORIES <b>2</b>		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS <b>196 x 424' (#60) + 262 x 258' (#90)</b>	
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
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13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN?	(Alterations)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES, EXPLAIN <b>South wing (#60) converted from existing warehouse, 1975-76, Giordano Constr. Co.</b>			
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	<b>1) asphalt parking w/landscaped islands; 2) front grounds landscaped; 3) concrete "SCCC" sign, front grounds (1976)</b>
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
<b>Similar to 150 Sargent Drive.</b>			

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Long, low structure scaled for viewing from the nearby highways.  
 Original structure: Facade is symmetrical, with irregular detailing. Long center section with slightly lower wings (short). Center facade section is dominated by long, continuous, recessed band of dark-tinted 2nd-story windows. 1st story and wings have large, rectangular recessed entrance and window areas within openings with convex-curved south sides and squared, prismatic north sides. Long, low, recessed main entrance area at the north end of the facade is identified today with the name "New Haven Water Company" and logo in large letters above.  
 Addition: stylistically homogeneous with the original section of the building, but more regular in detail. This 6-bay south facade has sections of dark-tinted glass within sections of curving and straight framing walls below a continuous band of gravel and concrete-finished wall.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
Orr, deCossy, Winder & Associates	C.W. Blakeslee & Sons

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural: Like its neighbors along Sargent Drive (see, for example, the old Gant Co. building at #40) the stark contrasts of light and dark and bold detail of the facade design are scaled for viewing from the nearby highways. The building supports the consistent, highway and industrial-oriented architectural character of Long Wharf along Sargent Drive, New Haven's major industrial park.

The new wing provides a 2nd facade, designed in terms of the broad asphalt parking area which flanks the building on the south, but is entirely in keeping with the style of the original 1960s structure.

Historical: C.W. Blakeslee & Sons was one of New Haven's oldest contracting firms. Clarence Blakeslee (Yale 1885 Sheff) was widely known for his engineering abilities. The firm itself dated back to the 1840s. This was the largest facility built for the firm, which is no longer in existence.

SOURCES

Brown, p. 24.  
 William A. Wiedersheim, "Douglas Orr's New Haven," reprint from the Journal of The New Haven Colony Historical Society, 1980, p. p. 17.  
 Osterweis, p. 354.

PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER	DATE	
Roger Baldwin	5/1/80	
VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE	Place
Northeast, south	NHPT, CHC, Sheet no. 1	
NAME	DATE	Photograph
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ORGANIZATION		Here
New Haven Preservation Trust		
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SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known	<input type="checkbox"/> Highways	<input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> Developers	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploitation

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 840 Date: 7/29/80

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