

**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM**

For Buildings and Structures

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

TOWN NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ SITE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

UTM: 18/\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

QUAD: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: S NR: ACTUAL  
POTENTIAL**IDENTIFICATION**

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Crawford Manor Historic: Same
2. TOWN/CITY: New Haven VILLAGE: ----- COUNTY: New Haven
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 90 Park Street
4. OWNER(S): City of New Haven  PUBLIC  PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Multi-Family Historic: Same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_  no

**DESCRIPTION**

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Contemporary DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1965
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):  
 clapboard  asbestos siding  brick  
 wood shingle  asphalt siding  fieldstone  
 board & batten  stucco  cobblestone  
 aluminum siding  concrete: type: block  cut stone: type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:  
 wood frame:  post and beam  balloon  
 load bearing masonry  structural iron or steel  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_
10. ROOF: type:  
 gable  flat  mansard  monitor  sawtooth  
 gambrel  shed  hip  round  other  irregular  
 material:  
 wood shingle  roll asphalt  tin  slate  
 asphalt shingle  built up  tile  other: \_\_\_\_\_
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 15 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 76' x 134'
12. CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  
 Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alterations:  no  yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 barn  shed  garage  other landscape features or buildings: \_\_\_\_\_  
 carriage house  shop  garden  Landscaped roof terrace
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  
 open land  woodland  residential  scattered buildings visible from site  
 commercial  industrial  rural  high building density

**5. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:**

Located on a corner site where Park Street meets North Frontage Road, the apartment building fronts on a driveway off Park Street. To the north lie 2 19th century brick double houses, but the scattered buildings visible from the site are primarily large modern structures. Building site is near the Oak Street Connector.

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

Constructed of vertically ribbed concrete block, this apartment building is bilaterally symmetrical about a central core. This is most clearly expressed on the north elevation where the main entrance is located. The building is also characterized by a strong sense of vertical banding generated by the stacking of its small elliptical balconies and its windows which occur typically in bands of four.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: Paul Rudolph

Builder: Giordano Construction Company

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This building was the first high-rise housing for the elderly in New Haven. It is notable for its powerful sense of siting and scale which may be appreciated both from the highway and close up. The interplay between the rounded projections of the two differently-shaped balconies and the shadows they cast gives a dynamic rhythm to the surface of the building. The building contains 52 efficiency units, 52 single bedroom units, and 5 two-bedroom units.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Thomas Hahn

date: Summer, 1979 view: Southeast corner

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19. SOURCES:

Maps and Atlases

New Haven City Directories

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New Haven Redevelopment Agency Fact Sheet

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known     highways     vandalism     developers     other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 renewal     private     deterioration     zoning     explanation: \_\_\_\_\_