

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES  
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
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QUAD:	
DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	IF NR, SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
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Prospect Hill 247-395-16

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)  
The Connecticut State Medical Society | Same

2. TOWN/CITY VILLAGE COUNTY  
New Haven  New Haven

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)  
160 St. Ronan Street (at Edwards Street)

4. OWNER(S)  
The Connecticut State Medical Society  Public  Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)  
Medical offices and facilities | Same

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

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING DATE OF CONSTRUCTION  
Modernistic 1948-49

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick Facing	<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: Cinderblock	<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 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 type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	

11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS  
2 66 x 57'

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
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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
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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) Concrete walkway; chain link fence across grounds at street corner; rear (west) asphalt driveway and parking area
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS  
Prominent corner site on east slope of Prospect Hill. Edwards Street, on the south side, is a busy through way between Prospect Street and Whitney Avenue. Rear (west) is Farnam Memorial Gardens (see 335-367 Prospect Street); south, across Edwards Street, is north end of Yale science complex, Context(OVER)

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

The massing of the building consists of 3 simple, rectangular wings, the rear ones set uphill and therefore slightly higher than the front wing. Classical details include schematic modillion cornice (in brick) which functions as a parapet, and 1st story treated as a basement with raised rectangular bands of brickwork. Main entrance, off-center on facade, is framed with stylized, fluted pilasters and simplified entablature. Flat-roof entrance porch is supported and trimmed with lattice ironwork strips. Lattice porch feature is repeated in another porch at rear of building, which also carries the name of the institution. Main entrance double, paneled door is similar to those of many Colonial Revival houses throughout the Prospect Hill area.

18 ARCHITECT

Douglas Orr Associates

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural: Exemplifies the 1940s work of the Orr firm, the last phase of modernized historicism before the turn to the somewhat stylized modernism which characterized the firm's work in the 1950s and 1960s. The modernized classicism of the Medical Society building can be compared with such domestic works within the Prospect Hill district as 120 Ogden Street by Carin Eaglesfield Mortimer (1938).

Historical: A later location of one of the oldest medical societies in the state, founded in 1792. The society helped to found the Yale Medical School in 1806-10, and the 2nd insane asylum in the U.S., the Hartford Retreat, in 1826. The building at 160 St. Ronan Street was funded with donations from the society's membership.

SOURCES

1923/31 (Sanborn) map.  
Dana, Vol. 44, p. 6.

PHOTO

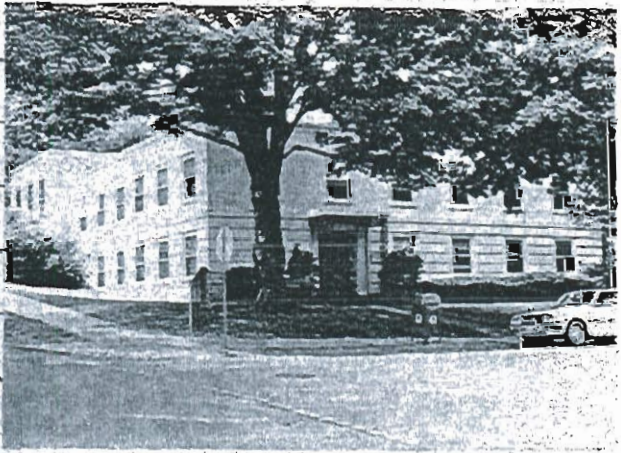
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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known  Highways  Vandalism  Developers  Other

Renewal  Private  Deterioration  Zoning  Expropriation