

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY | |
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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 |

Long Wharf 228-1304-5

IDENTIFICATION

| | | |
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| 1. BUILDING NAME (Common) | (Historic) | |
| Sargent & Co. | Same | |
| 2. TOWN/CITY | VILLAGE | COUNTY |
| New Haven | | New Haven |
| 3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) | | |
| 100 Sargent Drive | | |
| 4. OWNER(S) | | |
| Walter Kidde & Co. <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private | | |
| 5. USE (Present) | | |
| Factory, office space and warehouse Same | | |
| 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: | | |
| EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD | INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE | IF YES, EXPLAIN |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Part, business hours |

DESCRIPTION

| | | |
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| 7. STYLE OF BUILDING | | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION |
| International Style | | 1963-64 |
| 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"/> 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: Foundation | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Dark plate glass curtain wall, front section. Metal, rear section. | | |
| 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"/> Gambrel | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed | <input type="checkbox"/> Hip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt | <input type="checkbox"/> Tin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Built up | <input type="checkbox"/> Tile |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Tar & gravel, steel deck | | |
| 11. NUMBER OF STORIES | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS | |
| 1 | 288 x 120' (front) + 480 x 600' (rear) | |
| 12. CONDITION (Structural) | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | | |
| 13. INTEGRITY (Location) | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | WHEN? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | (Alterations) |
| IF YES, EXPLAIN | | |
| 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) | | |
| Asphalt & gravel parking, south side | | |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Residential |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High building density | | |

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

See adjacent Long Wharf buildings. Building is related to the rest of the group in scale, siting and overall period character but is distinguished from the others in terms of color, materials and in its Meisian-

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

Large industrial structure consists of massive, plain, metal-wall rear sections fronted by a lower, public office wing which acts as the principal design feature.

Front section: a long, low block with overhanging 2nd story, dark-tinted plate glass walls of both stories; bays measured by vertical metal strips which, at the 2nd story, extend above the roofline and below the overhang. Glass entrance doors, center of facade, are dark-tinted and do not break the continuity of the exterior shell design.

SIGNIFICANCE

18. ARCHITECT: Orr, DeCossy, Winder & Associates BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Architectural: 100 Sargent Drive is a standard industrial park type of structure (see under #40 Long Wharf Drive) and established the type for industrial structures in the Long Wharf area. Sargent & Co. was the 1st major structure completed on Sargent Drive as part the city's Long Wharf redevelopment project.

Historical: The Sargent firm, a manufacturer and distributor of hardware, was one of New Haven's largest industries since the mid 19th century. previously, it had been housed in a loose complex of loft buildings and sheds at the north end of the present Long Wharf area. In 1956 the firm began preparations to move out of New Haven, either to Branford or out of state. Aided by funds made available through Public Act 8 (1956 state financial assistance to non-residential urban renewal projects) the administration of New Haven Mayor Richard C. Lee was able to offer the firm an attractive package comprised of an excellent infill site and a profitable price for their old site, also in the area.

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PHOTO

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SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explosion _____

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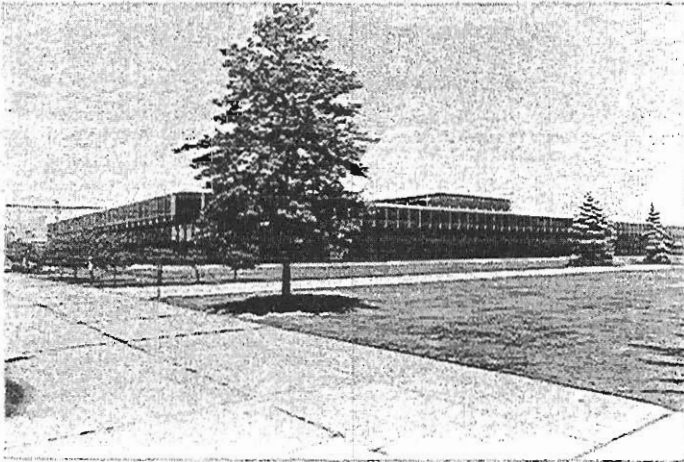
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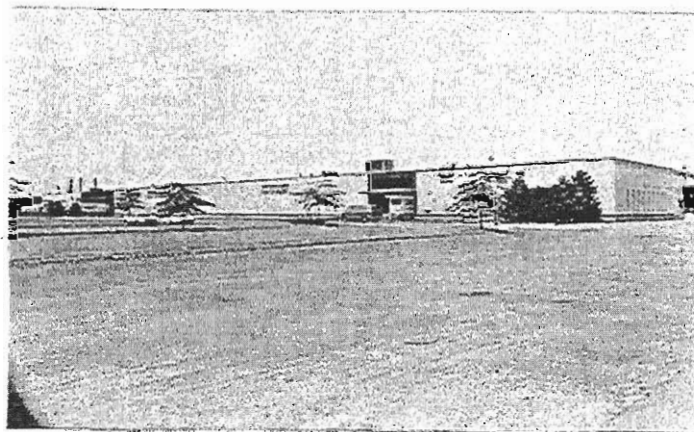
Sargent & Co.
100 Long Wharf Drive

19. Historical Importance (cont.)

The problem of Sargent and Co. was a major catalyst for the development of New Haven's Long Wharf redevelopment project in the early 1960's.



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