

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES  
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
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 288-1304-8

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)		Long Wharf Market/Long Wharf Theater Same		
	2. TOWN/CITY		VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	New Haven			New Haven	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)				
	222 (200-250) Sargent Drive (2 buildings)				
	4. OWNER(S)				
	City of New Haven(title); New Haven Food Terminal(lessee) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private				
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)				
	Wholesale market/theater Same				
	DESCRIPTION	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Business/theater hours		
7. STYLE OF BUILDING				DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Modern				1964-65	
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 Type: Block	<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)	Tar & gravel	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS			
2		576 x 120' (south bldg.); 614 x 120' (north bldg.)			
12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)					
<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)		WHEN?	(Alterations)	IF YES, EXPLAIN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1-story rear wing added to south bldg. for theater, 1977. Roth & Moore, architects	
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	Asphalt parking between & around the 2 bldgs; Small metal Long Wharf Theater sign		
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					
Market buildings set back from road, within a loose grouping of smaller modern structures along Sargent Drive and large warehouses at rear. Asphalt drives & parking are continuous around all structures, which are of similar period & design characteristics.					

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

Long Wharf Market consists of 2 long, narrow, parallel blocks which face each other across a large asphalt parking area. The blocks contain warehouse, loft, office and market spaces, with the exception of the enlarged theater section in the middle of the south block. The 2 blocks, essentially identical in design, are standard exposed-frame warehouse construction. 2nd floor overhangs slightly over the 1st and is articulated by a continuous band of Chicago windows across all the units. A covered, elevated walkway (flat roof supported by steel I-beams) runs across the 1st story facade of each building.

SIGNIFICANCE

18 ARCHITECT

Granbery, Cash & Associates

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Background: New Haven's wholesale market area, traditionally located around South Orange Street was, by the 1930s, plagued with congestion, inadequate facilities and maintenance and even sanitary problems, as well as the lack of any state marketing organization. The State Marketing Authority was established in 1939, but funds were not immediately available to rehabilitate the existing market area in New Haven. The decision to relocate the market area on recently created infill land in the Long Wharf area was made in 1949-50. After several subsequent years of false starts, financial assistance from Public Act 8 (1958; see under 100 Sargent Drive) helped the city cover the costs of site stabilization (through a process of compaction; fill or surcharge was placed on future building sites and sand drains were drilled to permit escape of water). Local produce dealers formed a private corporation to undertake building the new facility. As of 1965, the terminal was already processing approximately 90% of the fruits and vegetables destined for independent stores and restaurants and about 50% of

SOURCES

Brown, p. 24.  
 Sherman Hasbrouck, Transformation, A Summary of New Haven's Development Program, unpub. Master's Thesis, Urban Studies program, Yale University pp. 32-35.

PHOTOGRAPHER

PHOTOGRAPHER	DATE	Place  Photograph  Here
Roger Bladwin	5/1/80	
VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE	
Northeast (south bldg.); South (north bldg.)	NHPT, CHC, Sheet no. 1	
NAME	DATE	
Susan Ryan	7/29/80	
ORGANIZATION		
New Haven Preservation Trust		
ADDRESS		
P.O.Box 1671, New Haven, CT 06507		

SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known  Highways  Vandalism  Developers  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal  Private  Deterioration  Zoning  Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 843 Date: 7/29/80

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19. Background (cont.)

the meat. In conjunction with the market, a large cold storage facility was built slightly to the north around 1965 (Ganteaume & McMullen, Engineers).

Architectural:

The 2nd major Long Wharf structure to be completed under the Long Wharf redevelopment program, the relocation of the food terminal was a major factor in the direction and development one of the city's major urban renewal projects of the 1950s and 1960s.

The 2 blocks which comprise the Long Wharf market, although humble in design, reflect certain overall elements oriented for highway viewing shared with other Long Wharf structures: overhanging and emphasized upper story, darker, deemphasized lower story (compare for example, with 40 and 100 Sargent Drive, Inventory Item #'s 839 & 841; as well as with the nearby Firstbank office, built about the same time as the food terminal).

