

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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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

Prospect Hill

252-508-1

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
Aquinas Hall		--	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
New Haven		New Haven	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
915 Winchester Avenue (at Goodrich Street)			
4. OWNER(S)			
Albertus Magnus College <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Administrative & academic offices; classrooms		--	
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Building hours

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Modern		1965-66	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: facing	
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)
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
4 + B			
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
(Exterior)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ?	(Alterations)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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	Landscaping; asphalt driveways & several large parking areas; flood light lampposts; college sign on lawn; flagpole; chain link fence around grounds
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"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
 Building straddles Hamden town line. Northwest corner of landscaped campus, at the bottom of the west slope of Prospect Hill. Other modern bldgs. on immediate south; late 19th-early 20th century vernacular houses north and west; faces rear of large early 20th-cent. estates on Prospect St, now (OVER) part of the college (see #s 760, 790-92 and 810).

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

3-part, triptych shaped building with symmetrical facade dominated by vertical bands of dark-tinted windows between vertical strips of brick wall trimmed by concrete lines. Rusticated stone faces all of 1st story and full height of projecting, center section. Central, 2-story entrance portico is supported on tall square metal posts. Tall, geometric design hanging lantern hangs from ceiling. Double dark glass entrance doors. 1-story south wing has 1-story portico similar to that of main facade in design. Rear elevation, facing street corner: large, 4-part sections of rectangular windows. Center bay of center section of rear has rows of smaller windows of dark tinted glass above floor lines articulating stairhall.

18 ARCHITECT: Polak and Sullivan (New Haven) BUILDER: Mauro Construction Inc. (North Haven)

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

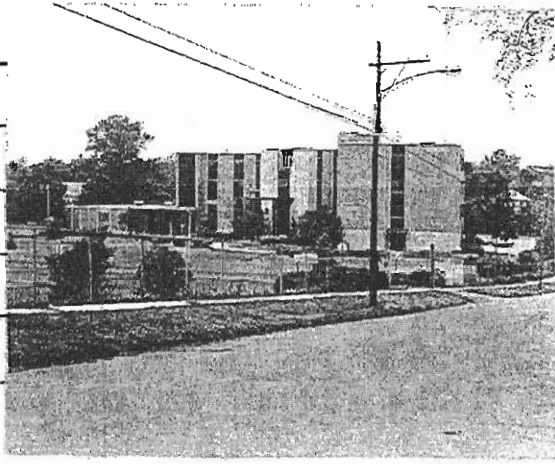
Architectural: Aquinas Hall represents the type of modern building added to the rear of the main Albertus Magnus campus in contrast to its street front of early 20th-century converted estates (see 700, 760, 790-92 and 810 Prospect Street). The building fills the northwest corner of the block, facing toward campus, and acts as a visual and psychological barrier between the campus and the lower-middle to low income residential area on the north and west.

Background: Construction of Aquinas Hall was assisted by a long-term federal loan under the 1963 Higher Education Facilities Act.

SOURCES

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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 _____