

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

FORM 6 - NEW 5-77

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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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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

Whitney Avenue 222-370-5

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <u>Whitney Avenue</u> (Historic)	
2. TOWN/CITY <u>New Haven</u>	COUNTY <u>New Haven</u>
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) <u>221 Whitney Avenue</u>	
4. OWNER(S) <u>Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Connecticut, Inc.</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) <u>Blue Cross & Blue Shield office space</u> (Historic) <u>Same</u>	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN <u>Business hours</u>	

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING <u>Modern</u>		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <u>1957</u>
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"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Metal</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: <u>limestone</u>
<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
(Material)		
<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) _____		
11. NUMBER OF STORIES <u>6 & B</u>	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS <u>60' X 90'</u>	
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garden
<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) <u>Four level circular parking garage of molded concrete in rear. Sunken garden of trees & ivy in front of building.</u>		
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural
<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site		
<input type="checkbox"/> High building density		
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		

In a mixed-use area. To north is a Colonial Revival apartment building (245 Whitney). To south is a Colonial Revival office building (205 Whitney) Faces Yale Univ.'s science complex.

(OVER)

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Rectangular building in the Modern style, with a symmetrical 9-bay facade. Flat roofline.

Front entrance is to the right of center in the third bay from the south end of the facade. Double doors are of a golden colored metal and plate glass. Panel of gold metal above the door on which are the insignias of Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Gray marble frames entrance.

Double windows, of rectangular panes, at the top and bottom of square panes, are placed in columns, separated by metal panels. Between the 1st and 2nd stories the metal panels are slightly larger with the initials of the organization, in a stylized design-- a still Modernistic bit of decorative detail.

18 ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural: An example of the only office building in the Modern style, with as many as six floors, located on Whitney Avenue. Office space usually located in converted houses, or in smaller Colonial Revival structures.

SOURCES

1956 (Sanborn) map

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanacion _____