

**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 <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	IF NR. SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

Wooster Square 207-543-2 through 6

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <i>(Historic)</i>	
2. TOWN CITY New Haven	VILLAGE COUNTY New Haven
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) 552-62 Chapel Street	
4. OWNER(S) See continuation sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) <i>(Historic)</i> Multiple Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES, EXPLAIN	

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING French Second Empire		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1871
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 type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: <u>brownstone</u>
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Mansard roofed central block with pitched flanking blocks.</u>
<i>(Material)</i>		
<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 3 1/2	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 128' x 48'	
12. CONDITION (Structural) <i>(Exterior)</i>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No See #17
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____
<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 type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		

Located on the south side of Chapel Street opposite the southern end of Wooster Square. Surrounding built environment features a mix of early

**DESCRIPTION (Continued)**

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)  
 Building: Late-nineteenth century row building complex with raised 3 1/2 story, 6 bay, double entry central block flanked by two raised 3 story, 6 bay double entry blocks. Facade walls are constructed of brownstone. Note heavy, bracketed main cornice, highly detailed decorative carved brownstone window and doorway surrounds, brownstone quoins, and rusticate brownstone in facade's raised basement story level. Pseudo-mansard roof of central block is shingled with slate. The roof windows flanking eastern most attic level round arch facade window are late-twentieth century additions.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

18. ARCHITECT: David R. Brown      BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE  
 Architectural: This building is an unusually well preserved example of the type of elaborately detailed urban row building complexes which became popular in the fashionable areas of a number of American cities in the final third of the nineteenth century. It is particularly significant as the only building of its type and style remaining in the Wooster Square area.

1967 interior modernist renovation by P. J. Gibbs III; "Recent Architecture in New Haven"

**SOURCES**

Brown, Elizabeth M., The Historic Houses of Wooster Square, New Haven Preservation Trust, 1969.

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	ORGANIZATION			
	The New Haven Preservation Trust			
	ADDRESS			
	114 Whitney Ave., New Haven, CT 06510			

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known	<input type="checkbox"/> Highways	<input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> Developers	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Expropriation

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 2/25/82

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Item # 4

Owner(s): 552 - Helen T. LaVoie  
 554 - Mary G. Cooke  
 556 - Charles Brewer  
 558 - Robert and Helen Lane  
 560 - Noel and Edith Hanf  
 568 - Anthony A. DeLucia et. al.



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Rowhouse rehab 1967

Gibbs, P. J. III