

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
UTM: 18/	/	/	/
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Fitzwilly's Restaurant Historic: Constitution Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 3
2. TOWN/CITY: New Haven VILLAGE: ----- COUNTY: New Haven
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 336 Elm Street
4. OWNER(S): Lawrence, Eugene, and David Schaffer PUBLIC PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Restaurant Historic: Fire House
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain Customers no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Greek Revival/ Commercial Vernacular DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1861
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 clapboard asbestos siding brick
 wood shingle asphalt siding fieldstone
 board & batten stucco cobblestone
 aluminum siding concrete: type: ----- cut stone: type: -----
 other: -----
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam balloon
 load bearing masonry structural iron or steel
 other: -----
10. ROOF: type:
 gable flat mansard monitor sawtooth
 gambrel shed hip round other -----
 material:
 wood shingle roll asphalt tin slate
 asphalt shingle built up tile other: -----
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 80' x 40'
12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
 Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: -----
 Alterations: no yes, explain: Extensive
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: -----
 carriage house shop garden -----
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 open land woodland residential scattered buildings visible from site
 commercial industrial rural high building density

INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Located on the southwest corner of Elm and Park Streets, this building is bordered by commercial uses to the south and east, by a residence on the west. Christ Church stands to the north across Elm Street.

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

This 2 storey brick structure of rectangular plan has a flat roof with stepped parapet above the front facade. Its 4 bays contain casement lights on the 2nd storey and larger lights with panel infill beneath occupying former 1st floor vehicle bays. A canopied entrance has been added on the west side. A brick-faced projection added to the east side does not conceal a soldiered belt course, clue to the building's original main facade.

SIGNIFICANCE

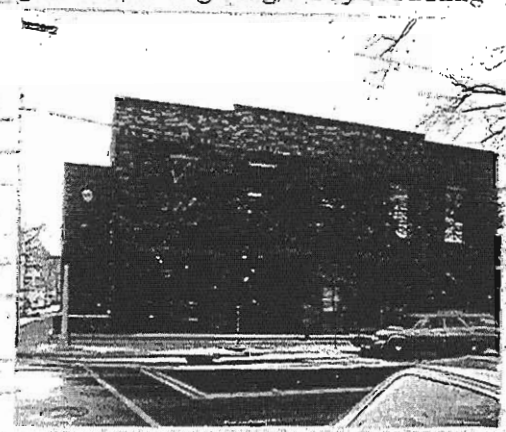
Architect: Unknown Builder:

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This building has undergone 3 major structural renovations since its erection in 1861. It was built to house the city's third steam engine when that method of fire fighting first came into use here. The lot had been purchased in 1859. Originally a Greek Revival building with heavy cornice and square Italianate cupola, it fronted Park Street with 2 large vehicle doors topped by segmentally arched drip mouldings. Before 1890 its roof was raised and a 2nd storey added above an angled brick string course. In the 20th century, probably before its abandonment by the city in 1940 in a consolidation move, the building's orientation was changed with 4 garage bays facing

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Thomas Hahn
date: Fall, 1979 view: North elevation
negative on file: CHC: CTHP



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19. SOURCES:

- Maps and Atlases
- New Haven City Directories
- Dana vol. 17
- City of New Haven Annual Reports Jan. 1, 1862 pp. 15, 30, 35

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known highways vandalism developers other:
 renewal private deterioration zoning explanation:
 sandblasted

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Item number: 216 Date: 9/19/79

Elm Street the roof (flat) given a stepped parapet. In 1977 the current owners purchased the empty structure from the city, sandblasted the exterior, filled and re-aligned bays, added a canopied entryway and created a multi-level interior in the highest 1970's rehab style. With business exceptionally good (yet not a local nuisance) and a well kept exterior, Fitzwilly's is certainly a visual and economic plus in this corner of downtown. The building received a New Haven Preservation Trust Merit Award.