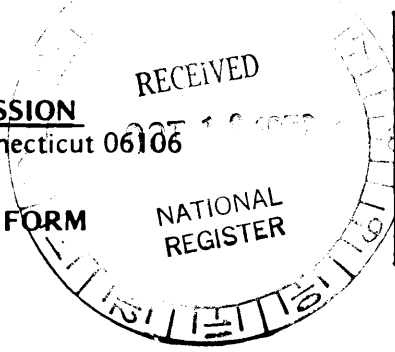


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**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM**  
For Buildings and Structures



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**IDENTIFICATION**

- BUILDING NAME: Common: 136-138 Collins Street Historic: \_\_\_\_\_
- TOWN/CITY: Hartford VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Hartford
- STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 136-138 Collins Street
- OWNER(S): Connecticut Half-way House Inc./10 Irving St., Hfd PUBLIC  PRIVATE
- USE: Present: Halfway house/ex-offenders Historic: single family residence
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_  no

**DESCRIPTION**

- STYLE OF BUILDING: Second Empire DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1870
- 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 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 type="checkbox"/> cut stone: type: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		
- STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:  
 wood frame:  post and beam  balloon  
 load bearing masonry  structural iron or steel  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½ APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 45x65
- CONDITION: Structural:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  
 Exterior:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
- INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site  moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alterations:  no  yes, explain: original veranda removed; concrete steps, wooden hood added
- RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 barn  shed  garage  other landscape features or buildings: \_\_\_\_\_  
 carriage house  shop  garden \_\_\_\_\_
- SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:   
 open land  woodland  residential  scattered buildings visible from site  
 commercial  industrial  rural  high building density
- INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

136-138 stands next to an early twentieth century apartment building on one side and an 1890 Queen Anne single family on the other. Directly opposite is the Hartford Group Tower and parking lot.

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

136-138 is an ornate and imposing Second Empire mansion. Much of its original embellishment is intact, though a modern porch has been added. Traces of the roofline of the original 1-story veranda can be seen along the facade of the western half of the house. 2½ stories tall with a slate mansard roof, the house is characterized by a projecting pavilion on the east facade and by an abundance of decorative detail. Peaked incised lintels top all windows except those which would originally have been hidden by the porch. Particularly elaborate dormers punctuate the steep mansard roof. Here, round head windows accented with keystones are surrounded by peaked dormers in turn supported by long scroll brackets. The dormer surmounting the square pavilion is notably

SIGNIFICANCE

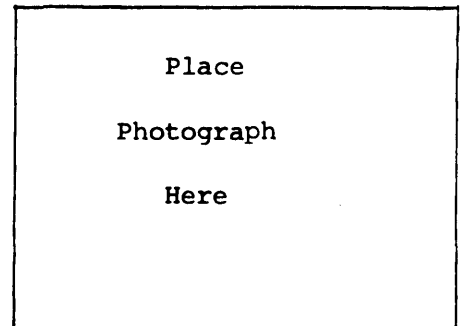
Architect: \_\_\_\_\_ Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

136-138 Collins exhibits a high level of craftsmanship and retains a significant proportion of its original elaborate detail. The Second Empire style, rare in Hartford, is excellently represented in this house, once owned by Isaac Frisbie, the superintendent of the Hartford Alms House, which once stood on property to the rear of this house on Garden Street. 136-138 is a fine residential structure of great stylistic integrity and imposing character.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: \_\_\_\_\_  
date: \_\_\_\_\_ view: \_\_\_\_\_  
negative on file: \_\_\_\_\_



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19. SOURCES:

Hartford Land Records, Municipal Building, 550 Main Street, Hartford, CT  
Geer's Directories, vols. 1860- on, Municipal Building, 550 Main Street, Hartford, CT

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

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

## Accompanying Documentation

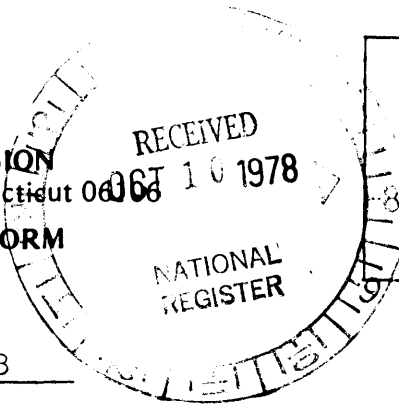
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dramatic: the round head window is capped with a peaked hood but the sides of the dormer in this instance sweep down in a wide curve to meet the bracketed eave to form a bell-like shape. The 2½ story brick mansion is set on a high basement, adding further to its height and verticality.