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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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| Other: Medieval Gothic Revival | | roof: | rubber | |

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The brick, castellated structure historically known as the Schlaraffia Burg is located northwest of downtown New Haven's business district in the neighborhood of Newhallville just west of the commercial thoroughfare of Dixwell Avenue (Map 1). It is situated on the southeast corner of Sherman Parkway, which runs west of and parallel to Dixwell and West Hazel Street (Map 2). West Hazel Street is lined with one to three-family residential homes built around the 1920s and 1930s. Along Sherman Parkway, the clubhouse has a small side yard, delineated by a chain-link fence. The fence separates the property from open land adjacent to the south (currently the back of Martin Luther King Elementary School). A police academy, built several years later than the building, is located across the street.

The Schlaraffia Burg reflects the tradition of Medieval Gothic Revival. A local New Haven architect Martin Bariffi, designed this structure's form to reflect the building's function as a clubhouse for a medieval-themed fraternal order. A tower and crenelated parapets (battlements) emulate a medieval castle, complete with "fortress-like" elements (Photograph 1).

The entire asymmetrical structure is of steel frame and concrete block construction with decorative brick facing. The slag roof is flat and the foundation is made of Duntile brick, a popular brand of building material in the early 20th century. The main portion of the building is rectangular, but an octagonal-shaped tower crowned with a parapet is attached to the northwest corner. A raised first floor extends two stories high with a finished basement below, while the tower and the rear of the building reach three stories high.

The brickwork on all the exterior walls is one of the building's most striking architectural features. Raised, rustic stonework is characteristic of the Medieval Gothic Revival style, but was also a popular design element for a group of American architects in the 1920s and 30s who rejected the industrial architecture of the day. Stones and twisted misshapen bricks, known as clinker bricks, randomly protrude out of the wall making each elevation rough, bumpy, and uneven. This feature, while considered a naturalistic and organic design element in the American Craftsman aesthetic of the day, contributes to the imposing, picturesque look intended for the castle. (Photograph 2).

A parapet roofline, demarcated by a lower belt of brick coursing, also stretches along the entire main building, but with crenellations, known as battlements. The battlements camouflage a chimney on the south side, which is distinguished from the other crenelations only by its smooth brickwork (Photograph 3). The elongated rectangular-shaped rear of the building extends beyond the sides of the main building. Because this rear section is both taller and longer than the main building, and continues the smooth parapet design of the tower, it takes on a secondary tower-like appearance, particularly on the south side. Finally a small, single-story high section is attached to the south side of the castle (Photograph 4).

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room. A rear staircase at the north side of the biergarten connects to the West Hazel Street entrance.

The north end stair tower continues up to the former living quarters originally built for the janitor. Currently uninhabited, the two-bedroom apartment extends across the entire rear end of the building (Photograph 14). The apartment layout is linear. One enters the space through the kitchen, beyond which is a hallway with two adjacent bedrooms. The interior detailing includes original appliances and fixtures. The simple design of the doors and molding as well as the plaster walls are typical of 1920s and 30s domestic spaces. West-facing windows look over the roof of the main building and Sherman Parkway.

The original structure has undergone no major alterations since a 1930 expansion. New Haven Architect Martin Bariffi and West Haven Mason Hans Hanson began the construction of the initially 37' x 34' x 56' foot clubhouse in 1926. The original design designated a one-story building in front with two stories in the rear. However, Bariffi submitted another permit for an addition four years later. The building permit states that the addition was intended to expand the clubhouse and add "living rooms" for the janitor to "the side" of the building. Sanborn fire insurance maps and the building permit reveal the addition consisted of those portions on the southern end of the building that make up the aforementioned secondary tower. While one may have been able to distinguish the brickwork between the original building and the addition at one point, the addition integrates easily into the original structure, echoing the janitor's stairwell, which also extends the building's rear, on at the north side. The addition would contain the storage area and kitchen at the basement level, the preparation area, coat closet and a storage room (the door identifies this area as a restroom) adjacent to the ballroom on the main floor, and the second bedroom on the third floor janitor's apartment. The southernmost piece of the single-story section was also part of the expansion (Figures 1-4, Maps 3 and 4). Sanborn maps and photographs also indicate that the builders added the single-story wood frame porch with roof at this time.

Some elements, however, have been compromised on the exterior over time. According to the 1935 photograph, the original tower had a crenellated parapet, but today the tower's roofline stops just short of where the original crenellations began and has been capped with a vinyl strip, seemingly for protection (Photograph 15). There also appears to have been some masonry repair applied within the crenellations since some of the bricks are smooth, rather than the clinker variety.

Aside from the two social halls, very little of the interior is subject to much traffic and alterations are largely due to updating. The current kitchen reflects 1950s-style countertops, fixtures, and cabinets. The basement lavatories were updated within the last decade. Ductwork and other heating/cooling apparatuses run along the upper walls of the social hall. All of the original windows have been replaced

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with vinyl ones, some double-hung, and some casement, but plain (with no mullions). One wooden casement window, with mullions, in the kitchen appears to be the only original window remaining in the entire clubhouse, but it is not visible from the street level. At some point in the 1960s or 70s, occupants installed checkerboard tile flooring throughout the main and basement level, as well as a drop ceiling in the basement biergarten hall and the storage room next to the main ballroom.

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Statement of Significance

The Schlaraffia Burg, currently the Knickerbocker Golf Club building, stands as a testament to the efforts of the German immigrant and German-American community in New Haven to congregate, socialize, and preserve their culture during the inter-war period (Criteria A). In the 1920s and 1930s, nativism and anti-German sentiment in this country was particularly high. Any allegiance to an enemy of the United States, whether politically or culturally, was regarded as highly suspicious. Unlike many other ethnic groups in the city, the New Haven German community left few written records or visible traces. There are no other structures in New Haven, aside from possibly churches that commemorate the activities of this ethnic community. Additionally, the Schlaraffia Burg is a unique example of club architecture (Criteria C). The structure echoes the "castle-referencing" architecture, often known as Medieval Gothic Revival, popularly used to build armories from 1890 to 1930. Furthermore, the structure offers an extraordinary example of a "rustic" design element of the American Craftsman movement achieved through odd shaped bricks called "clinker bricks." Historic photographs attest that the exterior has not significantly changed since its final construction. The building's continuous use as a clubhouse by various ethnic communities has preserved its historic and architectural integrity.

Historical Significance

The original chapter of the fraternal order known as the Schlaraffia was actually founded not in Germany proper, but in Prague in 1859 to serve as a theatrical venue for non-aristocratic artists, thespians, and other literati to recite poetry, hear lectures, or play instruments. The fraternity adopted medieval conventions, where members dressed up as pages and knights to parody the aristocracy of the feudal-type of society that had existed in many German-speaking countries in the Middle Ages. Members, known as "knights," included not only artists, but academics, professionals, and businessmen who would congregate for rituals, ceremonies, and social events. In America, such rituals continued, but with a focus on language preservation. Members would dress in silk helmets, wear robes, bear wooden swords, and speak only German. The group was predominantly male, but not limited to those with German heritage. A rule that disallowed anyone from discussing divisive or contentious subjects like religion or politics ensured that meetings maintained a jovial tone consistent with the club's motto of "Art, Humor, and Friendship." Some believe such rules allowed the club to survive both world wars in several cities across the U.S. While New Haven's chapter is no longer in existence, other Schlaraffia chapters continue today in several cities internationally and nationally, including New Orleans, Louisiana and Baltimore, Maryland.

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The Schlaraffia Nova Portus German and Educational Social Club served as one of many German language and cultural preservation associations in New Haven in the early and mid-twentieth century. German immigrants settled in several American cities, including New Haven, in the mid-nineteenth century, likely escaping the political unrest and crop failures across central Europe at the time. The earliest New Haven Germans were Bavarian Jews who founded Congregation Mishkan Israel in 1840. Prior to World War I, German immigrants were less often the targets of nativist hostilities than the Irish who also arrived in great numbers during this period. As a group, Germans adapted and assimilated into American society, but like many other immigrant groups, they also formed societies, fraternities, clubs, and associations in order to preserve some of the traditions of their homeland, especially language and music, in order to retain their ethnic identity. As an early example, the Harugari Singing Society was founded in 1875 to serve needy members of the community as well as preserve the language and other cultural traditions. Such cultural maintenance was reinforced with a second wave of immigrants between 1865 and 1885. By the start of World War I, the German-speaking community in New Haven numbered about 5000, and according to a dissertation by Yale graduate student H. Wentworth Eldredge, the city claimed over 100 German-affiliated organizations, societies, and lodges, four newspapers, and six churches (see Bibliography).

Clubs and fraternal organizations of a striking variety, some affiliated through ethnic ties and some through political or social interests, proliferated in the late nineteenth and early part of the 20th century in New Haven as well as many other American cities. For years, U.S. historians of this time period have characterized such "voluntary organizations" as building "social capital" by providing forums for support, a sense of loyalty and connectedness, and democratic citizen participation. Yale Political Scientist and former City of New Haven administrator Douglas Rae argues in his work *City* that club activity fell somewhere between the private and public spheres of life. Clubs were integral players in developing the city, its identity, and its governance (what he calls the "civic fauna" of "urbanism"). This was especially true for members of the working class who often did not have a direct link to the formal city government. Such civic and community leadership dominated in working class and ethnic neighborhoods such as those along Dixwell Avenue. For New Haven's German community, participation in ethnic organizations tested their patriotism and loyalty not only to the city, but also to the nation.

The first World War forced German immigrants and their American-born children to choose between their cultural ties to Germany and allegiance to their adopted country. The German-American Alliance, which included a chapter in New Haven, voiced its desire for the United States to stay neutral in accordance with its isolationist policies. However, once the U.S. entered the war, the city treated many

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Germans citizens and immigrants alike as "enemy aliens" and restricted them in their activities and movements. Several organizations disbanded and newspapers went out of print. The tension created deep divisions within the community between those wanting to be loyal to their homeland and those determined to prove their American patriotism through service and assimilation. The inter-war period, which paralleled the rise of the Nazi party in their homeland, was a critical time for German communities outside of their country. German-Americans founded the Stueben Society of America just after World War I to promote positive images, ethnic pride, and American patriotism. Eldredge cited at least 25 such organizations in New Haven by 1929.

New Haven's immigrants had founded the Schlaraffia Nova Portus German and Educational Social Club in 1905, well before the outbreak of the war. However, the organization is not listed in the city directories at the current address until 1929, a decade after the end of World War I. One enthusiastic and obviously financially sound member donated most of the funding for the "castle" in 1926. San Francisco's community built a similar Schlaraffia "castle," but many chapters in other cities could (and can not today) claim a clubhouse designed specifically for the activities of the Schlaraffia. Local architect Martin Bariffi designed and constructed the castle for the Schlaraffia from 1926 to 1930 on a vacant lot in the neighborhood of Newhallville owned by a man named Edward Handerson.

It is unclear whether Handerson was a member of the club, but his lot was located on the border of a developing working class, residential, and largely ethnic neighborhood, one not particularly German. Unlike its Italian Wooster Square, the city of New Haven did not have any recognized, single German enclave. Rather, the German community was scattered all over the city. Newhallville was originally named for a prominent nineteenth century businessman who purchased large tracts of the land and opened streets for blue-collar worker homes nearby several of New Haven's industries, including carriage manufacturing. During World War I and the 1920s, the Winchester Repeating Arms Company continued to support the construction of working class housing and took over the area to such an extent that Newhallville became part of a section known as "The Winchester Triangle." Unskilled, skilled and semiskilled foreign labor, including Irish and some German immigrants moved into the community around the turn of the century. When it was first built, the clubhouse was next door to a Jewish orphanage known as the Jewish Home for Children from 1920 to 1955, a lot currently occupied by Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School's building, park, and "ceremonial lawn," built in 1967.

Often the membership of such social clubs divided recent immigrants from first-generation American born. In New Haven, the *Schlaraffia* tended to attract the older, more established German-American community. At the time of the building's construction, New Haven's German immigrant community numbered 2649, with over 5,000 more Americans of German parentage, according to the census. In the 1930s, New Haven's *Schlaraffia* membership primarily consisted of these older pre-war immigrants

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rather than those who arrived after the war (Neuer Deutscher) or their American-born children or grandchildren (the Hiergeborenen). Eldredge claimed this older group numbered at only 1,645, out of the city's total German-born and first-generation population, but he does not provide information about how many were actual Schlaraffia members. Eldredge described the group as "aristocratic," a description which contradicts the idea behind the original European organization. At the same time, he indicated that not all of New Haven's German-American community approved of the Schlaraffia, claiming that most of its members were middle-class craftsmen who would never have stooped to membership in Europe.

Consistent with the literary aspect of the society, the club's secretary is listed as Hugo Brokelschen, a printer and bookbinder. Other names affiliated with the site include Charles T. Schmolk, likely the janitor, who the city directory cited as a resident at that address. Perhaps because people belonged to more than one organization, New Haven's other German groups like the *Deutsche Gesellschaft* and the Steuben Society also held meetings in the building known to outsiders as the *Schlaraffia* Castle. New Haven's German community referred to the structure as the *Schlaraffia Burg*, a word known in America as meaning "town," but literally meaning "German stronghold." Furthermore, Yale University's German Department also hosted its visiting scholars at the club. According to Eldredge "the elect were spirited into a side room to share a rather potent cheap whiskey" followed by dancing. A four-piece orchestra played German tunes.

The club's sixteen-year occupancy of the building was short-lived and by 1935, the Schlaraffia Nova Portus German and Educational Social Club numbered only about thirty members. They tried to increase their membership with the younger generation, but by then, perhaps due to negative German sentiment in this country following World War II, ritualized social clubs with German affiliations, like the Schlaraffia, had little appeal. More assimilated members of the community connected to their roots largely through singing societies like Harugari, which continues to meet in neighboring West Haven today. The Schlaraffia and its few remaining and aging members could no longer afford to maintain the building and left it to a group of Swedish Americans. The current deed dates a transfer of property through probate on March 5, 1946. After this date, the city directories no longer carried a listing of the Schlaraffia organization.

Recent Historical Background

Residential homes built between 1920 and 1950 to accommodate the working immigrant population can still be seen in local neighborhoods today throughout the city. After the war, Newhallville continued to serve as home to predominantly ethnic communities. Yale University Historian Labor Historian David Montgomery cites New Haven as a center for not only German-American life, but Irish, Italian, Polish and Swedish as well. The city directories recorded the Swedish Historical Society and an affiliated

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Apollo Singing Society at the Schlaraffia Burg address between the years 1948 and 1979. Italians began moving into the area as early as the 1930s, but by the 1950s, African Americans, who had begun consolidating in the lower end of Dixwell about 1910, had migrated into the neighborhood. New Haven's urban renewal projects, which pushed lower-income residents out to the city's periphery, may have contributed to this demographic shift.

The Knickerbocker Golf Club purchased the castle on December 4, 1979. Since its own formation in 1944, the Knickerbocker Golf Club has promoted the sport within the New Haven community and provided opportunities for African Americans to play a sport that had generally been restricted from them by the economic and racial prohibitions. As one of its most visible activities, the club holds golf tournaments open to all ethnic groups using the building as a clubhouse. The Knickerbocker Golf Club has not altered the structure in any significant or irreversible way, and its ownership of the property has ensured that Newhallville's castle continues to serve as social center that promotes ethnic continuity and community pride.

Architectural Significance

The Schlaraffia Burg is a rare example of a building type specifically designed as a lodge or clubhouse, particularly in New Haven. Due to its continuous use as a clubhouse, the structure maintains a high degree of structural and aesthetic integrity, particularly on the exterior. The only significant change to the exterior since the 1930s was the removal of the crenelation on the tower (Photograph 14).

The Schlaraffia Novus Portus hired local, independent contractors, architect Martin Bariffi (1858-1933) and West Haven mason Hans Hanson, to design and construct their castle. Bariffi had designed several buildings and parks throughout New Haven, but none resembling the aesthetic choices he made with the Schlaraffia Burg. The Architectural Club of New Haven's exhibit catalogue includes his shelters and comfort stations in parks around the city including several for East Rock Park, one at Edgewood Park, and one at Waterside Park. The following years edition featured his design of an English-style residence, but his most prominent building is a commercial structure with an Indiana limestone façade at 113 Crown Street.

Historical records reveal some clues about Bariffi's connection to the New Haven's German community and why the Schlaraffia may have chosen him to design their clubhouse. According to family records, Bariffi was born November 11, 1858 in Lugano, Switzerland. He trained in Paris at the Ecole de Beaux Arts before moving to New York City in 1887 and marrying his German wife, Olga Hofman in 1890. Furthermore, Bariffi was also responsible for the addition to the Mory's Association, which may provide additional evidence of his links to the German community. Louis Linder, who owned the exclusive Yale-affiliated club and encouraged singing groups to frequent it, was himself a German

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immigrant. Linder belonged to several of New Haven's German clubs and societies and served as President of the German-American Society of New Haven. Evidently, the Schlaraffia Burg was one of Bariffi's last projects in New Haven. According to his daughter-in-law, Bariffi divorced his wife soon after the completion of the Schlaraffia Burg and moved to England where he passed away on August 26, 1933.

Bariffi's design inextricably wedded the building's function with its form. The "castellated" elements complement the medieval-inspired traditions of the *Schlaraffia*. While Bariffi applied elements of gothic and medieval architecture to mimic a castle, Hanson's distinctive brickwork embodies the American Craftsman style, which was popular from 1905-1930. The American Craftsman style emerged out of the Arts and Crafts Movement, a response to industrialism that emphasized craftsmanship and the use of natural materials. The style choice seems appropriate to the club's artistic-minded origins. These architects usually used bricks that builders had previously discarded, known as "clinker bricks," to convey an organic and naturalistic look. Bariffi and Hanson enlisted the popular design element of discolored, irregular and misshapen bricks to emphasize the harsh and rustic look of the walls. Similar brickwork often accented the 1920s and 1930s Tudor Revival and Bungalow-style residential homes built throughout the New Haven area and can still be seen in local neighborhoods today. Consequently, the *Schlaraffia Burg* blends two very distinct architectural styles to create a unique, significant, and distinguishable entity.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property includes that parcel recorded in the City of New Haven Land Records Book of Deeds, Volume 2823, page 326 located at 200 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut, 06510. The parcel is described as situated in the County of New Haven, Town of New Haven and State of Connecticut. It is bordered North by West Hazel Street, 63.5 feet, West by Sherman Avenue, 100 feet, South by land now of Martin Luther King Elementary School or formerly of Major Warner, 52 feet, and East by land now or formerly of Henry W. Munson, 103 feet.

Boundary Justification:

The boundary reflects both the historic and present boundaries of the lot upon which the building sits.

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New Haven, CT; April 2005

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Negatives at 60 Connolly Parkway, Hamden, CT

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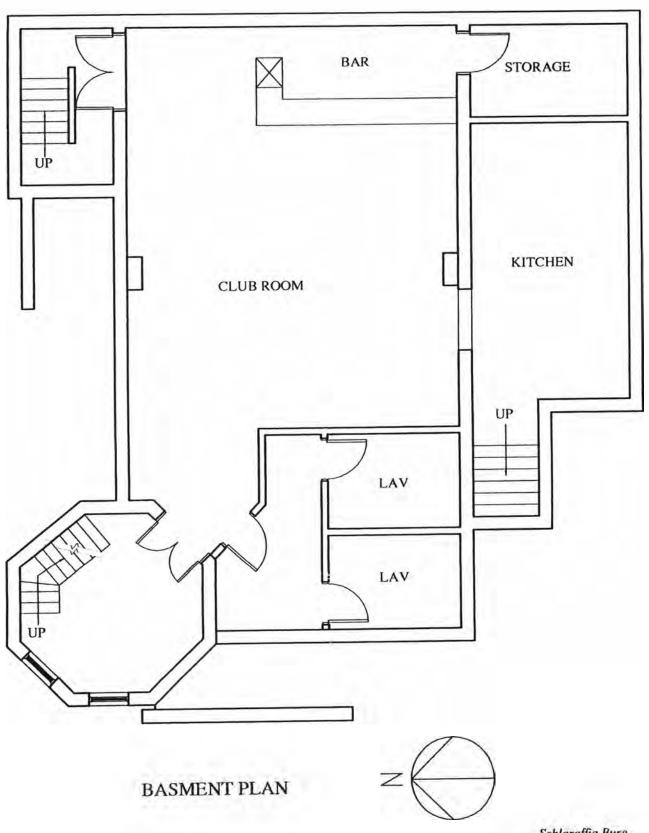
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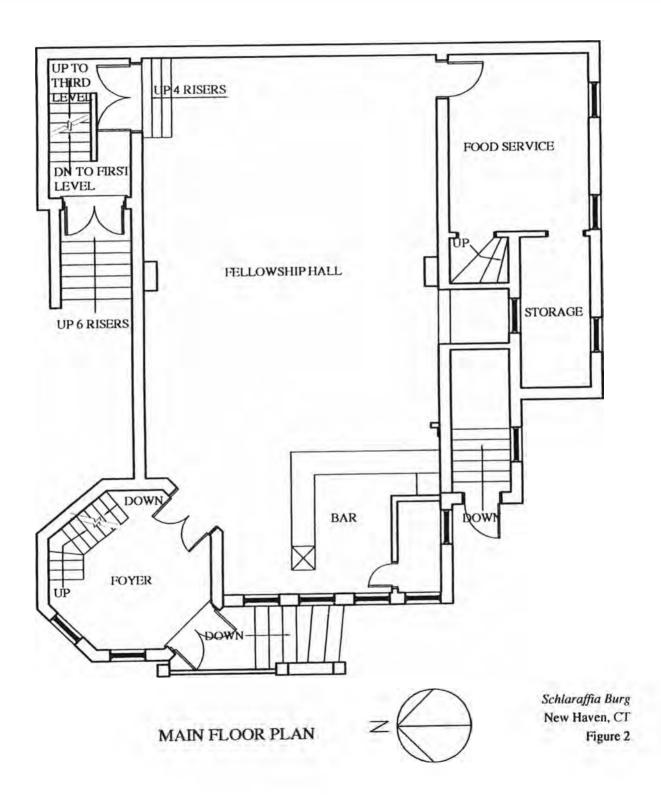
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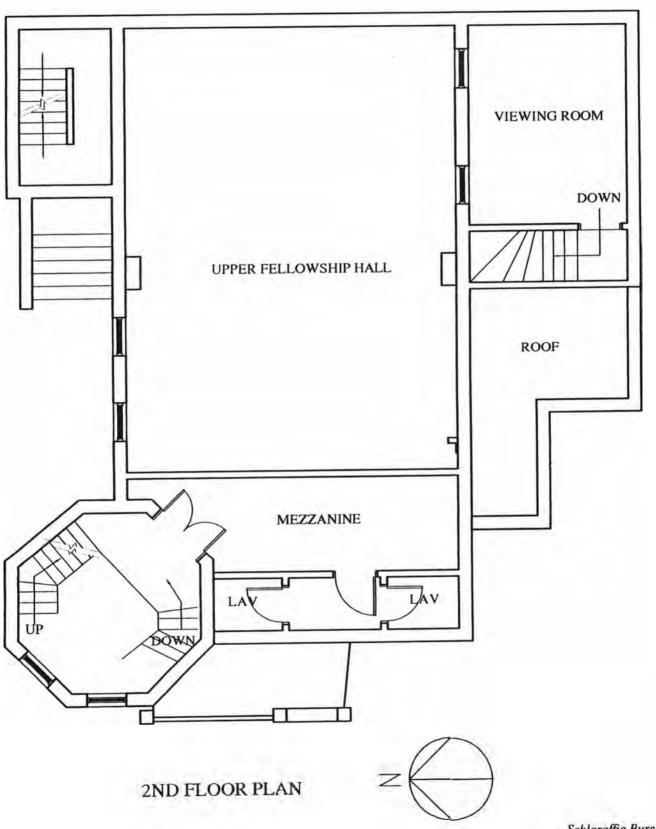
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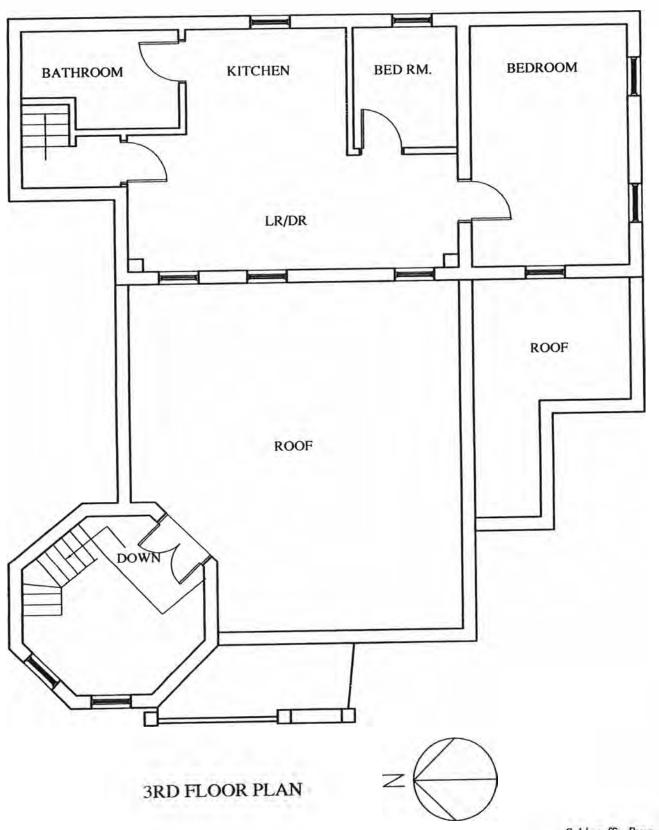


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- 1. USGS Topographical Map of New Haven Quadrangle.
- 2. Assessor's Map depicting lot.
- 3. Sanborn Map of structure, 1923, updated to 1931.
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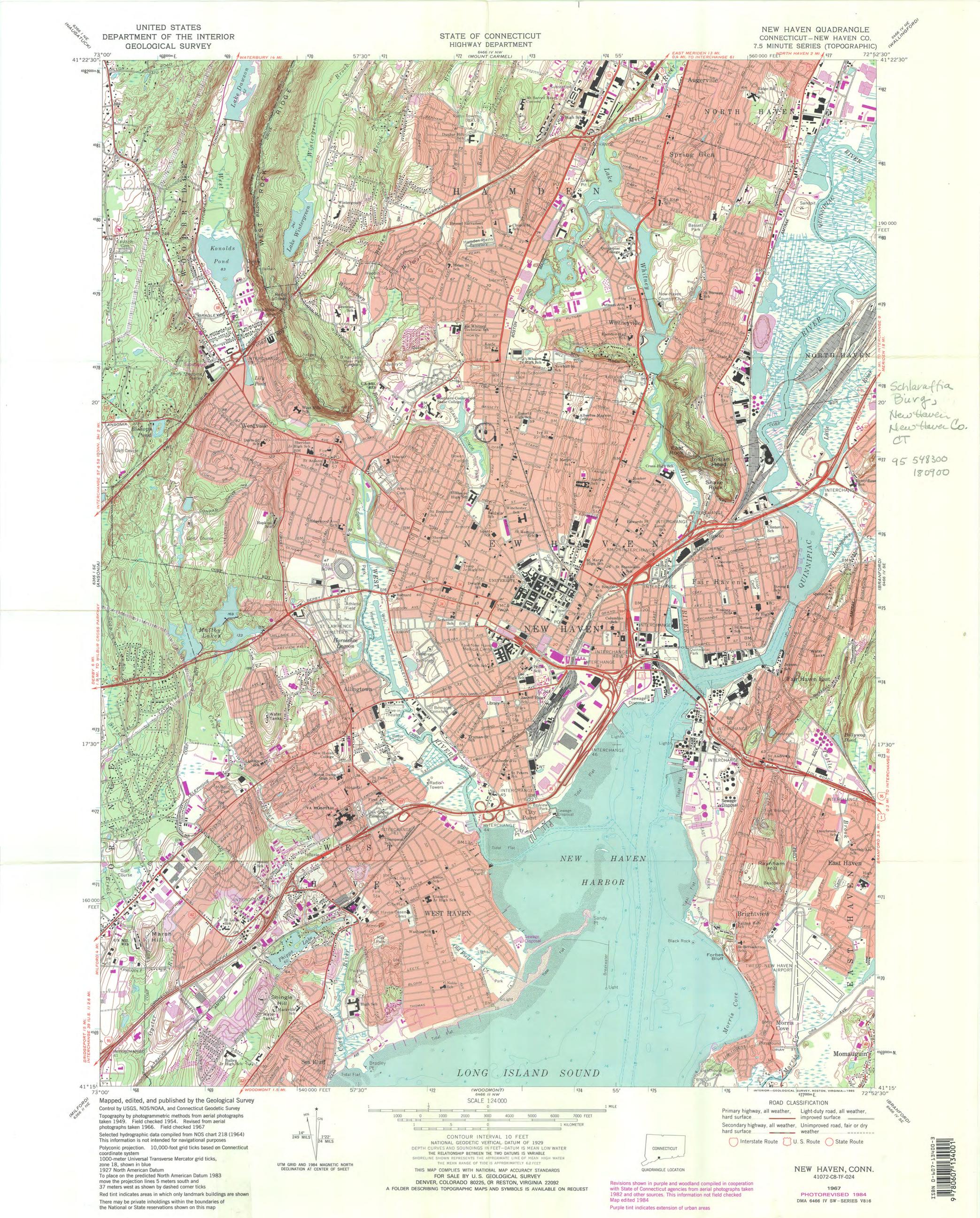


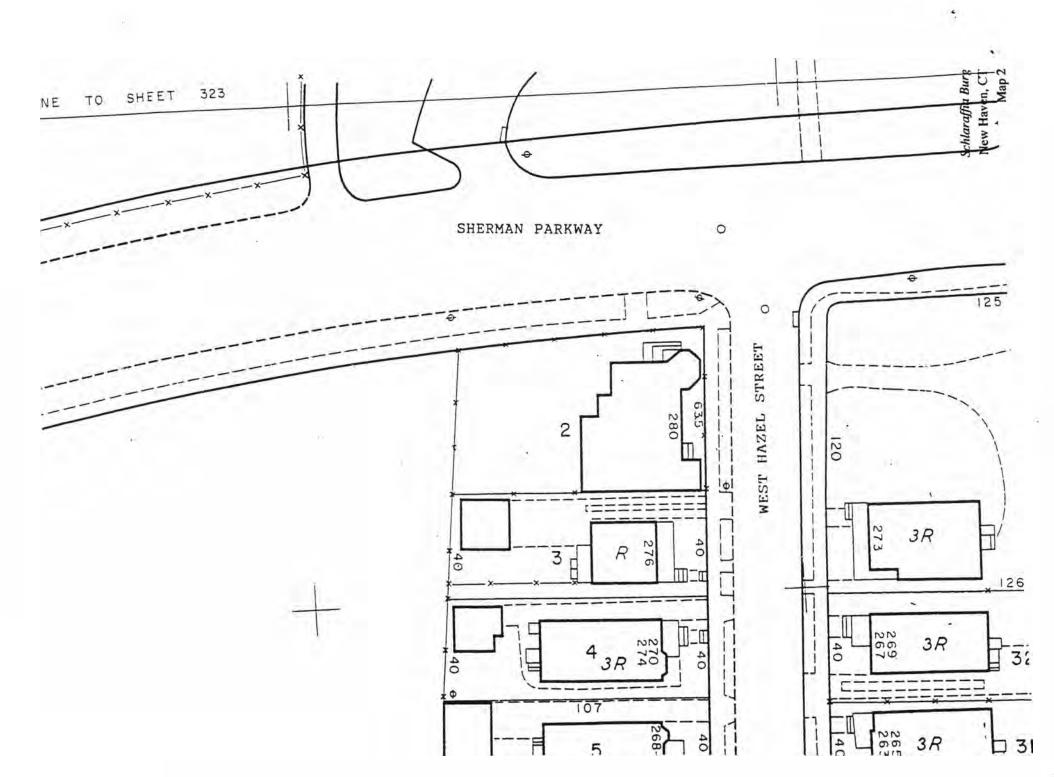


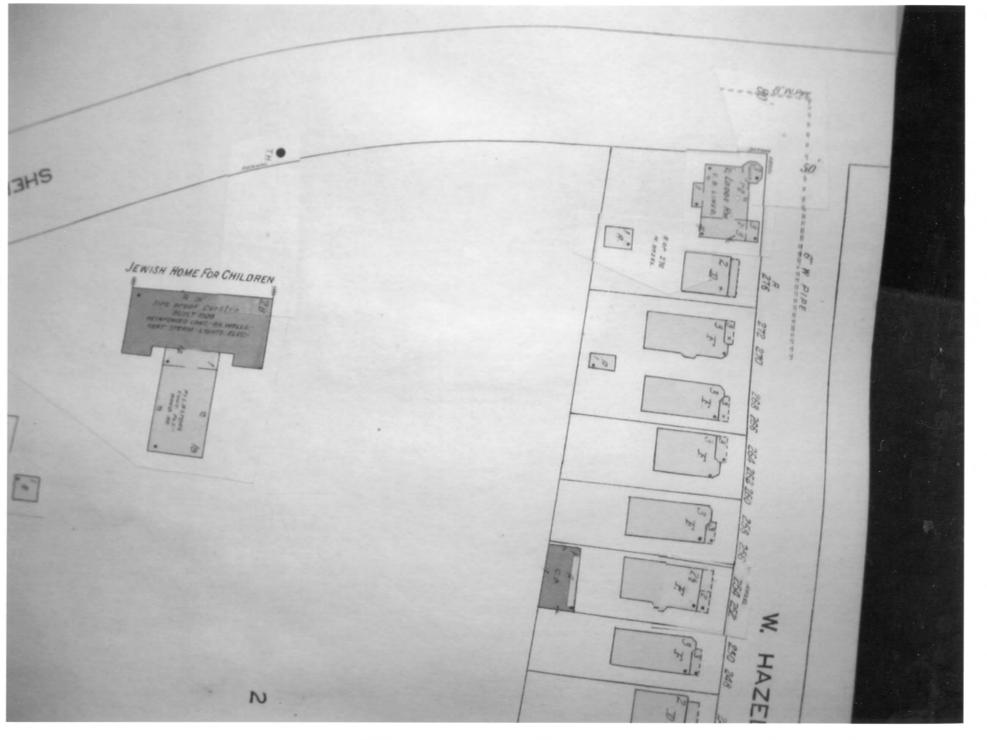


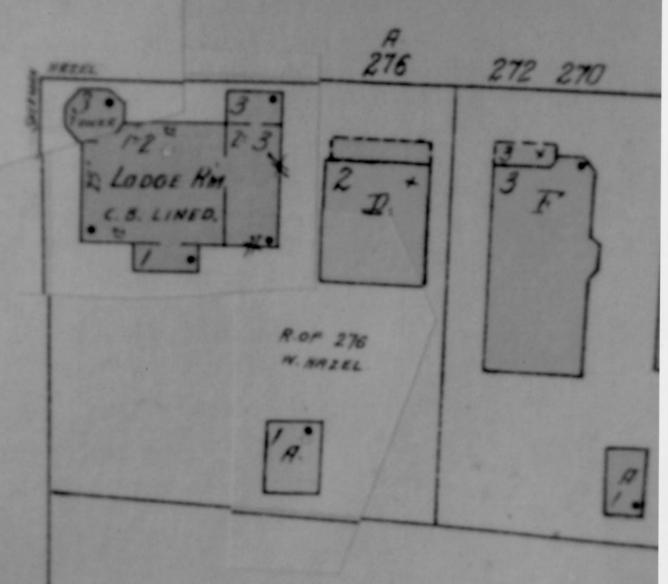














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Mr. J. Paul Loether Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer 59 South Prospect Street Hartford, CT 06106-1901

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Re: Schlaraffia Burg (715 Sherman Parkway/280 West Hazel Street)

Dear Mr. Loether:

Please find enclosed the following items relating to the nomination of Schlaraffia Burg to the National Register of Historic Places: Edward E. Cherry support letter, public notice of meeting, meeting agenda, Chief Elected Official's Comment Form and Historic District Commission Comment Form.

The nomination of Schlarafia Burg appeared on the 2/8/06 agenda and was posted at the City Town Clerk's office in advance of the meeting. The HDC meeting at which the nomination was to be heard was also advertised in the above referenced public notice in the New Haven Register. A letter of support from nomination Project Coordinator Edward E. Cherry was submitted for the record. Club member Reuben Taylor attended to discuss the nomination and ask for the support of the Commission.

I hope the above materials provide a good indication that opportunities were provided for public involvement in the discussion of the proposed new listing and that appropriate consideration was given. Please notify me if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

David Barone CLG Coordinator

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Enclosures

CC: Karyn M. Gilvarg, Executive Director, City Plan Department Robert W. Grzywacz, Chairman, Historic District Commission

EDWARD E. CHERRY & ASSOCIATES-ARCHITECTURE & INTERIORS 60 Connolly Parkway, Hamden, Connecticut 06514 – 203-281-1300 – Fax 203-248-1610

January 18, 2006

Mr. David Barone New Haven City Plan Commission 165 Church Street New Haven, Connecticut 06510

Re: Schlaraffia Burg

Nomination to the

National Register of Historic Places

Dear David:

Thanks so much for your call of an offer of support for the Knickerbocker Golf Club's nomination to be heard by the State Preservation Board on March 9, 2006.

The property's historical significance has already been acknowledged by the New Haven Preservation Trust. Having our nomination approved by the State Preservation Board is the final step in submission of this important document to the United States Department of Interior for acceptance on the National Register of Historic Places. As Project Coordinator for the club, I am free to state that the members of the Knickerbocker Golf Club solicits and would welcome either, or both, the New Haven City Plan Commission's written and or personal support to this nomination which is most important to the club and the to the City of New Haven.

Again, thanks for your support. If you need any additional information please feel free to let me know.

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Edward E. Cherry, FAIA

Principal

Edward E. Cherry & Associates

Cc: Rueben Taylor, Chairman Board of Trustees New Haven Register Publish 2 times as follows: SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2006 AND DEPT.

CITY NOTICE

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION CITY OF NEW HAVEN

Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held by the New Haven Historic District Commission on **WEDNESDAY** evening, **FEBRUARY 8**, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. in 2nd Floor Meeting Room # 2, 165 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

At that time and place opportunity will be given to all those who wish to be heard relative to the nomination of the National Register of Historic Places of Schlaraffia Burg. 715 Sherman Parkway and 280 Hazel Street (aka: Knickerbocker Golf Club.

Thomas A. Kimberly/Patricia Shea. Clerk

NEW HAVEN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Agenda
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 8, 2006
Meeting Room #2, 2nd floor
City Hall, 165 Church Street, 7:00 pm

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Public Hearing
 - 2.1.a Consideration of the nomination of Schlaraffia Burg (also known as the Knickerbocker Golf Club), 715 Sherman Parkway/280 West Hazel Street, to the National Register of Historic Places.
 - 2.1.b Public Comment
 - 2.1.c Discussion and vote
- 3. Approval of January minutes
- 4. Other
- 5. Adjournment

If you are unable to attend, please notify Thomas Kimberly at 865-4902.

Certified Local Government Program

Chief Elected Official's Comment Form

for Nominations to the

National Register of Historic Places

| District/Property Name:Schlaraf | fia Burg |
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| Address (for individual nomination): _7 | 715 Sherman Parkway / 280 West Hazel Street |
| As the Chief Elected Official for Ci | ity of New Haven (Name of Municipality) |
| I hereby | |
| X Approve | |
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| | Preservation Officer of the National Register of Historic ct/property noted above to the National Park Service for the National Register of Historic Places. |
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| Name John DeStefano, Jr. Z/13/00e Date | Title |

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Historic District/Property Commission Comment Form

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Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism



Historic Preservation & Museum Division

59 South Prospect Street Hartford, Connecticut

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(v) 860.566.3005 (f) 860.566.5078 TO:

National Register of Historic Places

Cora Murray, National Register Coordinator FROM:

SUBJECT: National Register Nomination

The following materials are submitted on this 3dd day of March

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| | This property has been certified under 36 CFR 67 |
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Jared Edwards, Chair
State Historic Preservation Board
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59 S. Prospect Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Mr. Edwards,

March 7, 2006

I am writing on behalf of the New Haven Preservation Trust in support of Schlaraffia Burg's nomination to the National Register. In recognition of the Schlaraffia Burg's architectural and historical significance, the Trust awarded the Knickerbocker Golf Club (the current owners) a landmark plaque in June of 2005. As part of our mission to honor and preserve New Haven's architectural heritage, the Trust would like the opportunity to further advocate for and highlight the building's merits.

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The building is one of the few structures in the city designed specifically as a clubhouse and the exterior has maintained a great deal of its architectural integrity. The architecture is a unique blend of medieval revival with the rustic design elements of the American Craftsman movement. The "castle-referencing" style reflects the structure's original function as a medieval-themed German fraternal order, while the twisted "clinker bricks" on the exterior walls further contribute to the feeling of a fortress.

In some ways more important to the Trust is the building's historical significance and continuity as an ethnic clubhouse. It stands as a rare testament to the efforts of New Haven's immigrant working-class community to congregate, socialize, and preserve their community, language, and culture during a hostile nativist climate following World War I. The Trust is committed to recognizing the ethnic diversity of New Haven, and the *Shlaraffia Burg* is a unique surviving example of the city's multicultural heritage.

Yours very sincerely,

C. Michael Tucker, President

C. Michael Tucker

cc: Paul Loether, Deputy SHPO

Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism



Historic Preservation & Museum Division

TO: Jan Matthews, Keeper

National Register of Historic Places

FROM: Paul Loether, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

SUBJECT: National Register Nomination

59 South Prospect Street Hartford, Connecticut 06106

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| The follow | ving materials are submitted on this 1th day of June | | | |
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