

**ISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
UILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM 1 8 6 7 5 6 5 0 4 6 0 5 8 2 0	
QUAD:	Southington
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) The Five Star Company (Historic) Pultz & Walkley Company

2. TOWN/CITY Southington VILLAGE Plantsville 06479 COUNTY Hartford

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 120 West Main Street (map 70, parcels 77 & 79) 1.5 acres

4. OWNER(S) RHM Inc., 120 West Main Street, Plantsville, CT 06479 Public Private

5. USE (Present) Light Industrial/Manufacturing (Historic) Manufacturing

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD Yes No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE Yes No IF YES, EXPLAIN for industrial purposes

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING Industrial vernacular DATE OF CONSTRUCTION old (A), c. 1880 (V)

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>metal sheathing on later additions</u>
<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: _____	

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

Wood frame Post and beam balloon Structural iron or steel (later additions)

Load bearing masonry Other (Specify) _____

10. ROOF (Type)

<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____

(Material)

<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input checked="" 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 see sketch (continuation sheet)

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
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13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN

On original site Moved Yes No large additions, altered windows and doors

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

Barn Shed Garage Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) other large industrial buildings nearby

Carriage house Shop Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

Open land Wood-land Residential Scattered buildings visible from site

Commercial Industrial Rural High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

Situated on a large parcel to the south of West Main Street. Adjacent to the Quinnipiac River (on the east) and the railroad (on the west).

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

A large asymmetrical brick building, originally T-plan, with three small later additions on the south elevation. The oldest portions consist of a long, 3 1/2-story pavilion, with a pitched gable roof, and a 2 1/2-story pavilion extending northward from the larger pavilion. Both pavilions have pitched gable roofs, 6/6 wood sash windows recessed under brick arches, with rock-faced stone lintels, and corbeled cornices with dentils. A large, arched opening cuts through the middle of the larger pavilion and provides access to both sides. The three smaller pavilions on the south elevation of the original building vary in size and materials; two are 1-story, one is 2-story, and their walls are brick, cinder block and metal panel. See attached sketch for dimensions and layout.

ALL BUILDINGS ARE CONTRIBUTING: SEE SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION, BELOW.

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This building is historically significant because it was the home for many years of the Pultz & Walkley Company, a manufacturer of paper bags and an important part of the local economy during the late 19th and early 20th century. In 1870, J. P. Pultz, who had invented a machine for making paper bags, joined with L. V. Walkley to form the company. Their plant, which produced the well-known "SOS" paper bags, was turning out 3,000,000 bags daily by 1899.

The architectural importance of this structure arises from the fact that it is an attractive and typical example of a late 19th-century manufacturing facility. Despite the later additions on the south elevation, the more public and prominent north elevation retains most of its original features, and is a visual reminder of Southington's important industrial heritage.

SOURCES

Town of Southington assessor's office
Atwater, History of Southington, Connecticut (1924), pp. 193-195
Souvenir History of the Town of Southington, Connecticut (1899), p 20
Southington Directory (1899), p. VIII.

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PHOTOGRAPHER

Gregory E. Andrews 2/86

VIEW

looking south

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NAME

Gregory E. Andrews 4/86

ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

1643 Boulevard, West Hartford, CT 06107



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

Additional research suggests the following dates for the parts of the complex (see sketch map): A. Built c.1875, extended across passageway 1898; B. Built 1898; C. Hardening building, 1915; D. boilerhouse, part built c.1890, enlarged c.1900; E. Storehouse/office, built c.1895.

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known
- Highways
- Vandalism
- Developers
- Other _____
- Renewal
- Private
- Deterioration
- Zoning
- Expropriation

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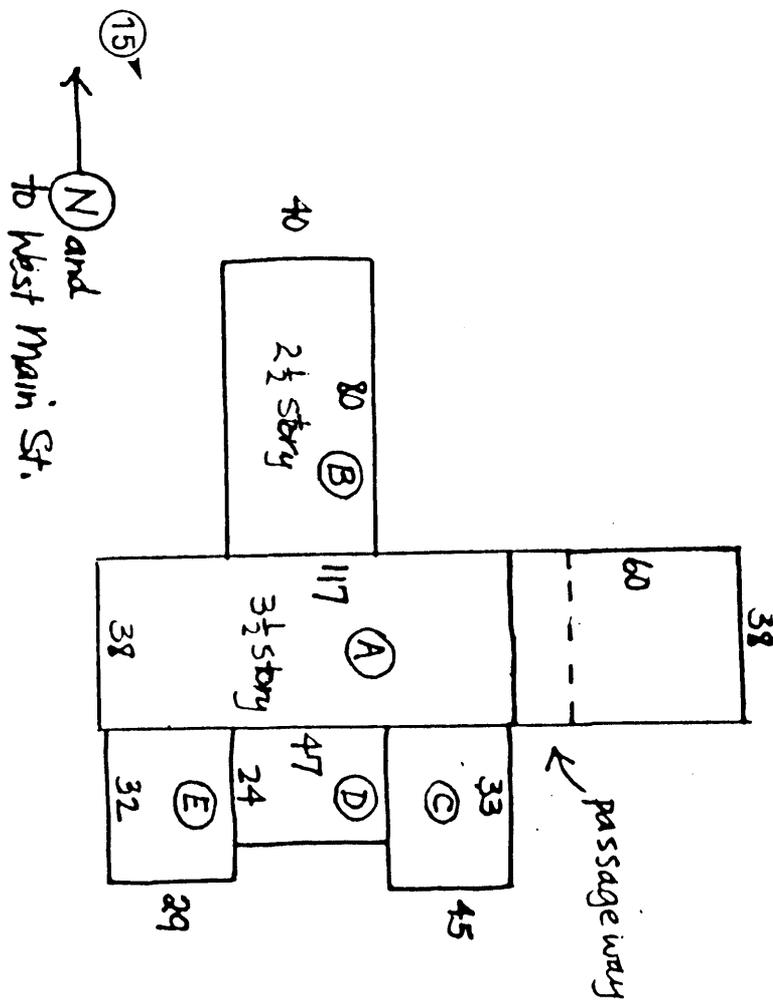
CONTINUATION SHEET

April, 1986

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Layout and Dimensions of Building on this Property:



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Item number: 17 Date: May, 1988

Boundary: The nominated property includes land immediately adjacent to the factory complex. Parcel 79 is north of the passageway known as Plants Place and Parcel 77 is the adjacent parcel south of the passageway.

Building count:

Contributing:	5
Noncontributing	0
Total	5

