

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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

<b>IDENTIFICATION</b>	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span> Hurwood Company; later, Stanley Tool Company	
	2. TOWN/CITY Southington	VILLAGE Plantsville 06479
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 379 Summer Street (map 83, parcel 44) 4.8 acres	
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	4. OWNER(S) Ralph Carbone, CCR c/o Rex Forge Division, P.O.Box 39, Plantsville, CT 06479 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span> Manufacturing Manufacturing	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN for business purposes	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Industrial vernacular	
	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) metal siding(non-original parts of building) <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input checked="" 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 <input checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 1 & 2 see accompanying continuation sheet	
	12. CONDITION (Structural) <span style="float: right;">(Exterior)</span> <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	
	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 large rear additions, and windows and entrances altered	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density		
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS Situated on east side of Summer Street, across from houses of varying age and size. These buildings are set back behind railroad tracks, and are just west of the Quinnipiac River.		

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

A complex of buildings constructed at various times, the oldest of which (and most intact and architecturally distinguished) are described below as buildings A & B (see attached sketch for their dimensions and layout):

"A" is a large, L-plan gray brick 2-story building, 9 bays wide in its west elevation (facing the railroad tracks) and 13-bays deep in its south elevation. The roof in the east/west-oriented pavilion is steeply-pitched; that of the side pavilion has a shallow pitch. The windows generally are 8/8 wood sash, set under segmental brick arches and with stone sills; those in the east/west pavilion are narrower than elsewhere, and in the gable end facade of this pavilion is a large, 2nd-story opening (now mostly boarded up) that appears originally to have been a loading door. The brick cornice in the side pavilion is dentillated, and in the other features a diagonally (go to continuation sheet)

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

These buildings are historically important because they were the original location for the manufacture of solid headed screw drivers. George Wood invented this screw driver in 1901 and, in partnership with John Hurley, the head of Southington's Electric Road, began the production of these tools in this factory complex. The Stanley Rule and Level Company of New Britain (afterwards the Stanley Tool Company) acquired the young company in 1904 and manufactured both screw drivers and chisels (following Wood's invention and patent of a new chisel in 1912) at this plant through mid-century.

The buildings are architecturally significant because they are a largely intact, late 19th-century example of Southington's industrial architecture, most of which is now gone. Complexes such as these dominated the town visually for several generations. Despite extensive additions, these structures retain many of their original features and illustrate the continued popularity of early- to mid-19th century forms in c.1900 buildings.

Atwater, History of Southington, Connecticut (1924), pp. 509-511.  
The Southington News, August 22, 1963.

SOURCES

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Place

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ORGANIZATION

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ADDRESS

1643 Boulevard, West Hartford, CT 06107

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

Additional research indicates both A and B were built before 1884, probably for the Connecticut [Electric] Motor Company. Later occupants were a maker of steam fittings and Hurley/Wood, as above. About 1905 Building B became part of Thompson Drop Forge, a Plantsville manufacturer, and later Lauria Machine shop. Building A with additions became Stanley Tool, as above.

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known   
  Highways   
  Vandalism   
  Developers   
  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Renewal   
  Private   
 Deterioration   
 Zoning   
 Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

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laid course of bricks. Projecting northward from the rear of this building is a large, newer, L-plan, brick and metal pavilion with a monitor roof.(contrib)

Building "B" is a long, 1-story, brick building, with a 3-bay gable end facade facing Summer Street, 13 bays deep, and a small, 3-bay-wide ell on its south elevation. Projecting from the rear is an asphalt-shingled pavilion of later vintage. Detailing includes a brick cornice with dentils, partial eaves returns in brick, and a round window in its gable peak. The windows are 6/6 wood sash, set under segmental arches. Centered in the west elevation(facade) is a large doorway, suitable for unloading from the adjacent railroad tracks. (contributing)

Other Buildings:

- C. Steel-framed forge building with monitor roof, c.1915. (contributing)
- D. Gable-roofed storage building, tile construction, c.1915.(contributing)
- E. Boiler and engine house, c.1915. (contributing)
- F. Concrete-block garage, c.1950 (noncontributing)
- G. Metal-sided addition, c.1960 (noncontributing)
- Shed and connector, both c.1950 (noncontributing)

Boundary: The nominated property includes all of Parcel 44, Map 83), which is the land immediately surrounding the factory complex.

Building Count:

Contributing:	5
Noncontributing:	4
Total	9

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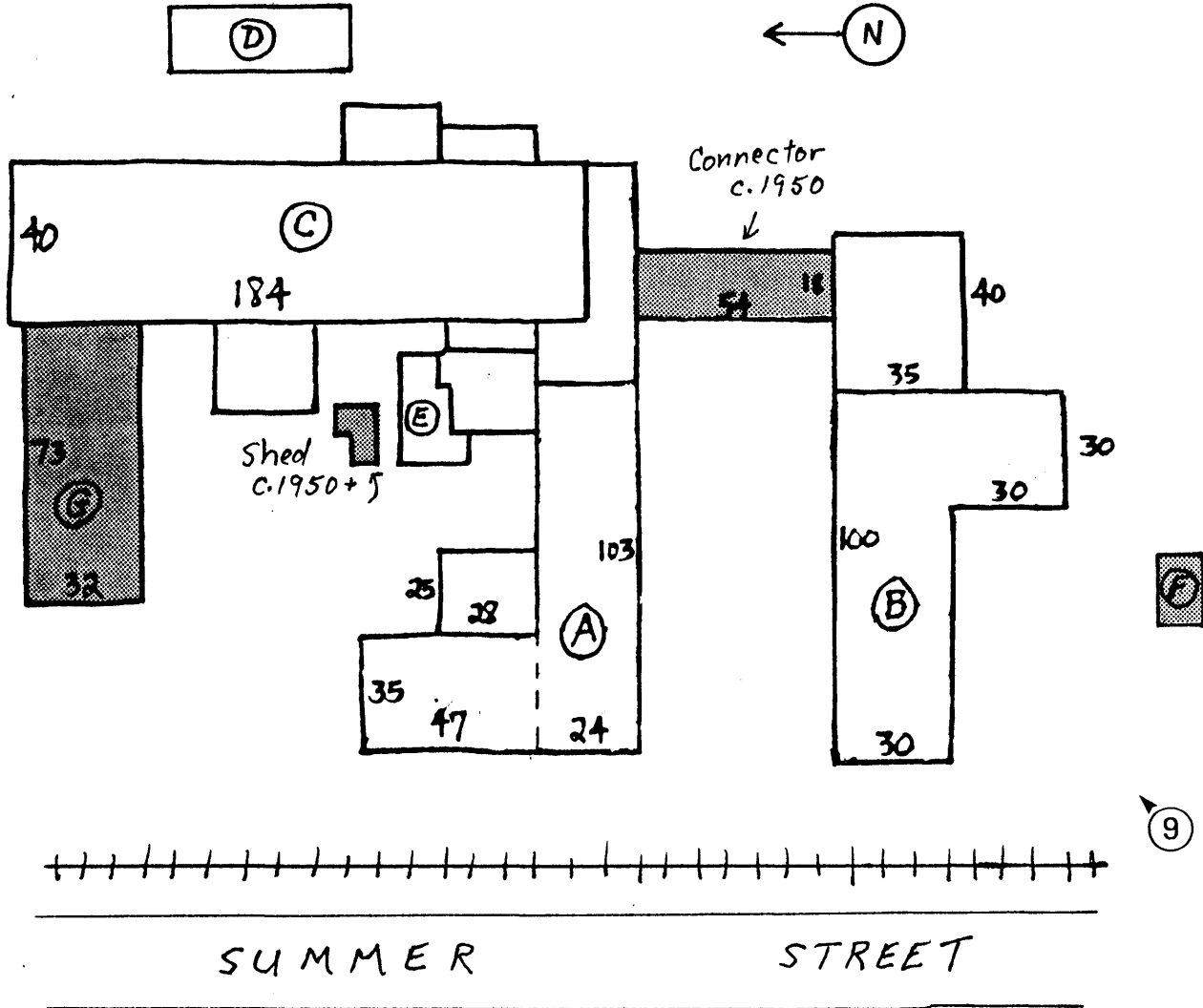
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- contributing
- non-contributing