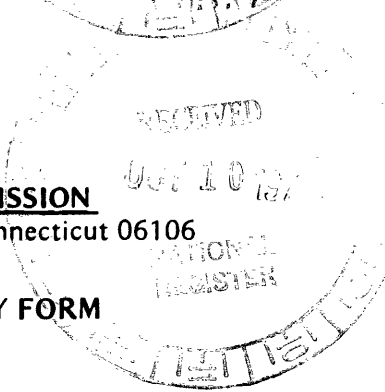


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**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM**  
For Buildings and Structures



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

IDENTIFICATION

- BUILDING NAME: Common: James Pratt Funeral Service Historic: \_\_\_\_\_
- TOWN/CITY: Hartford VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Hartford
- STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 69 Farmington Avenue
- OWNER(S): James Pratt Funeral Service PUBLIC  PRIVATE
- USE: Present: funeral home Historic: single family residence
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road:  yes  no  
Interior accessible:  yes, explain as part of funeral home operation  no

DESCRIPTION

- STYLE OF BUILDING: Italianate DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1860
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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: 40x50
- CONDITION: Structural:  excellent       good       fair       deteriorated  
Exterior:  excellent       good       fair       deteriorated
- INTEGRITY: Location:  on original site       moved, when: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alterations:  no       yes, explain: modern porch and fenestration- 1st floor
- RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
 barn       shed       garage       other landscape features or buildings: \_\_\_\_\_  
 carriage house       shop       garden      set on landscaped lawn with trees
- SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  
 open land       woodland       residential       scattered buildings visible from site  
 commercial       industrial       rural       high building density
- INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

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

Presently in use as a funeral home, 69 Farmington, a brick Italianate with traces of the Greek Revival, has been almost completely altered on the first floor. Two of the original window hoods remain on the first floor and hint at the structure's former elegance. They are carved wooden drip moldings with an acanthus motif scroll bracket supporting triangular pediments. These elegant, classical ornaments are found on the east wall, the facade having been modernized. Plainer moldings, with acanthus brackets but straight lintels, top all the second floor windows. Otherwise severe, the structure exhibits none of the usual Italianate conventions, save for a wide, overhanging eave; on the unobtrusive planes of its walls, the classical suggestion of the Greek Revival remains.

SIGNIFICANCE

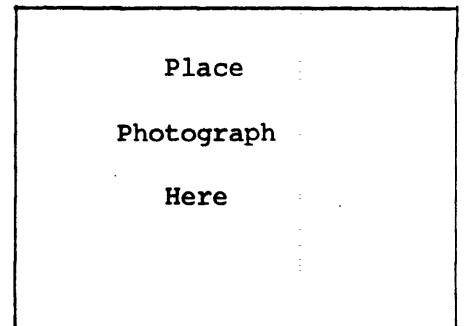
Architect: \_\_\_\_\_ Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house and its neighbor across the street at 86 Farmington are two of the few remaining domestic buildings along Farmington Avenue which date from the mid-nineteenth century. Though no longer used for residential purposes, 69 Farmington stands as an elegant reminder of domestic life along Farmington Avenue. Once owned by Benjamin Bliss, descendent of one of Hartford's founders, the structure now stands next to a gas station on one side and the Aetna Life and Casualty personnel office on the other.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: \_\_\_\_\_  
date: \_\_\_\_\_ view: \_\_\_\_\_  
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19. SOURCES:

Hartford Land Records, 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: \_\_\_\_\_