

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
(203) 566-3005

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Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM 1: 8 6 7 5 2 1 0 4 6 0 4 9 0 0	
QUAD:	Southington
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)
Rex Forge Division, J.J.Ryan Company | Atwater Manufacturing Company

2. TOWN, CITY | VILLAGE | COUNTY
Southington | Plantsville 06479 | Hartford

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)
335 Atwater Street (map 46, parcel 4) approx. 6.5 acres of total of 16

4. OWNER(S) | P.O. Box 39
J.J.Ryan Company (Rex Forge Division) | Plantsville, CT 06479 Public Private

5. USE (Present) (Historic)
Manufacturing | 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 | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Industrial | c.1912-73

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
 Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Other (Specify) steel frame, corrugated metal exteriors (some buildings)
 Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding Fieldstone
 Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone
 Aluminum Siding Concrete poured Type: Edn. Cut stone Type: _____

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
 Wood frame Post and beam balloon
 Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel
 Other (Specify) _____

10. ROOF (Type)
 Gable Flat Mansard Monitor sawtooth
 Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other (Specify) _____
(Material)
 Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate
 Asphalt shingle Built up Tile Other (Specify) corrugated metal

11. NUMBER OF STORIES | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
1-2½ | see accompanying sketch of dimensions & layout

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated | Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) | WHEN ? | (Alterations) | IF YES, EXPLAIN
 On original site Moved | | Yes No | later additions and some window replacement

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
 Barn Shed Garage Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
 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
On east side of street, between railroad tracks on west and Quinnipiac River on east. Buildings are in a long row oriented north/south.

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

A large cluster of both interconnected and separate buildings, as follows (the numbers of the buildings are keyed to the attached continuation sheet containing a sketch of their dimensions and layout; the indicated uses for the buildings are those set forth in the town assessor's records):

1. heat treatment building, c.1912(A&V), 1-story brick, with pilasters and stepped end wall with tile coping and steel sash. Gable and monitor roof. [contributing]
2. processing/warehouse, 1957(A&V) [non-contributing]
3. office/storage building, 1940(A&V) [non-contributing]
4. processing/warehouse, c.1920(A&V), 2-story brick, with pilasters, stepped end wall, and aluminum sash. Broad gable roof. [contributing]
5. Forge, c.1912(V), high 1-story, with corrugated metal siding and monitor (go to continuation sheet)

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This complex of buildings is historically significant because it was the home for many years of the Atwater Manufacturing Company and is the site of the town's first grist mill, built by Captain Enos Atwater in 1767. The Atwater Manufacturing Company, organized November 12, 1869, was an important producer of carriage hardware and later of automobile parts. Among the prominent town citizens associated with this concern were Orrin Atwater and Wilson W. Knowles, the founders; James H. Pratt, Merit Woodruff and Bradley H. Barnes.

The structures are architecturally important because they are among the few surviving, and mostly intact in their original condition, complexes of industrial buildings from the 19th and early 20th centuries. At that time, industrial facilities such as this dominated the architectural and economic life of Southington.

SOURCES

Schneidermeyer, The Sequestered Land: An Historical Atlas of Southington, Connecticut (1979), pp. 4,7.
 Atwater, History of Southington, Connecticut(1924), pp.240-245

PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER
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VIEW
 looking north

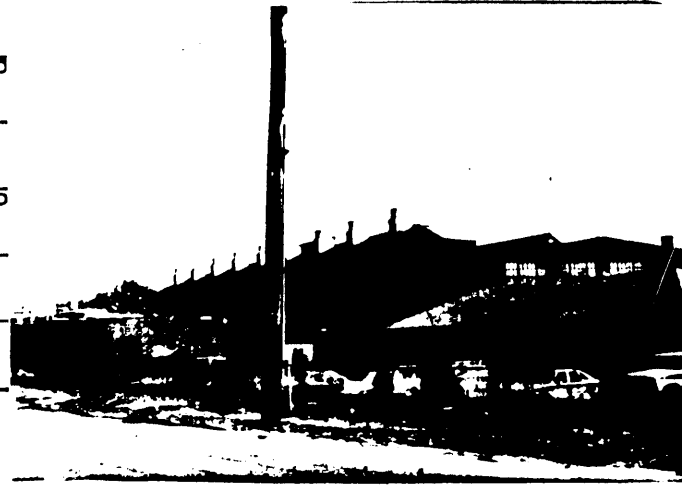
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ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS
 1643 Boulevard, West Hartford, CT 06107



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____
- Natural Private Destruction Zoning Expropriation _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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- roof [contributing]
- 6. Maintenance Shop, c.1912(V), 1-story brick and concrete block, with a stepped end wall and tile coping. [contributing]
- 7. Equipment shed, c.1920, 1-story brick with pilasters, wood sash. Flat roof. **DEMOLISHED**
- 8. Welding shed, c.1920(V), 1-story brick with pilasters, corrugated metal roof. [contributing]
- 9. Shear shop, c.1912(V), 1-story brick and concrete block, wood sash, and asphalt shingle and slate gable roof. **DEMOLISHED**
- 10. Die shop, c.1920(V), 1-story brick with pilasters, steel sash, and flat roof. [contributing]
- 11. 1973 building. [noncontributing]

NOTE: Buildings 7 and 9 replaced by steel-framed building presently (May, 1988) under construction.

Boundary: The portion of parcel 4, map 46 immediately adjacent to the complex is the nominated property. It is defined by a line running from the western boundary to the eastern boundary (Quinnipiac River) 950' north of the southwestern corner on Atwater Street.

Building Count:

Contributing:	6
Noncontributing:	4
Total	10

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Dimensions and Layout of Buildings:

- contributing
- non-contributing

